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LANCASHIRE CUP

FINAL



OLDHAM v WIGAN

ST HELENS R.L.F.C.
SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER
KICK OFF 3PM.

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President's Welcome

GRABBED BY THE GRÜNHALLE'S—no that's not the way to bring down Andy Goodway or Derek Hobbs, it's what happened to this competition after Burtonwood Brewery left the sponsorship scene at the end of last season.

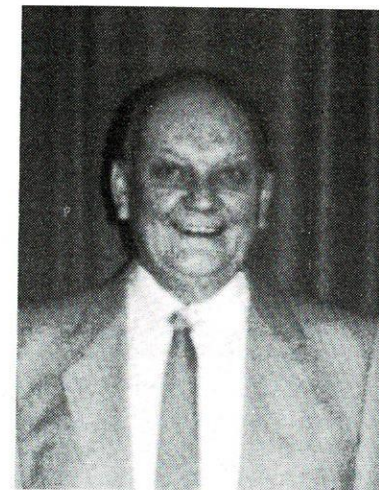
We are delighted that such a prestigious company as Grünhalle Lager International, whose product is brewed under licence by Greenall Whitley have put their faith and sponsorship into this great game of ours and particularly this competition.

Sponsorship has now become the life blood of the game, without it I doubt if Rugby League or in fact most other major sports would still exist in their current format, and I trust that all our spectators, will support the sponsors who support the game.

It is my pleasure to welcome to Knowsley Road this afternoon, as Chief Guest, Mr. Paul Clubb, Managing Director of Grünhalle Lager International, who has travelled from Jersey to be with us today and sincerely trust that he and all the guests of Grünhalle Lager enjoy traditional Lancashire hospitality from all parties.

As President of the Lancashire County Rugby League it is my pleasure and indeed privilege to welcome both Oldham and Wigan clubs to Knowsley Road, for what promises to be an intriguing final. Wigan obviously are firm favourites, possessing a team of star-studded talent and beginning the season in such fine style, having lost to only Warrington and the Australian tourists, and I am sure the 'Aussies' knew they had been in a match after last Sunday's marvellous performance.

Oldham for their part cannot be overlooked, and have progressed steadily for the final and impressed, particularly in the forwards when they disposed of Widnes in the



semi-final at Watersheddings. Coach Frank Myler is an astute character who will have his team at peak fitness and ready to exploit any weakness that Wigan might offer.

My thanks also go to Lawrie Prescott and his St. Helens board of Directors for their kind hospitality in staging today's final and for putting at our disposal so many excellent facilities. Since the Bradford City and Heysel Stadium disasters of 1985, only Wigan and St. Helens can now accommodate crowds of over 14,000 West of the Pennines, and it is hard on so many clubs in the County who have had to spend vast amounts of money to please the authorities, but legislation being what it is, there is no alternative.

To the supporters of both clubs, I welcome you and know without asking it, that the great name of the Rugby League spectator will again be upheld.

Good luck—and may the best team win.

JACK HART
President.
Lancashire County Rugby League.

WELCOME TO KNOWSLEY ROAD

...from the Chairman of St. Helens R.F.C.

Once again I am pleased to welcome you to Knowsley Road for the Final of the Grünhalle Lancashire Cup and to congratulate both Oldham and Wigan on reaching the final.



Our express wish at St. Helens in staging this final is to make it as pleasant and as comfortable to all the games supporters as we have endeavoured to do at all previous representative games we have staged.

I would like to welcome and at the same time thank new sponsors of the Grünhalle Lancashire Cup, Greenall Whitley, for selecting Knowsley Road as the venue for the Final.

I also extend a warm welcome to the Oldham team and officials and the Wigan team and its Board of Directors and all their supporters.

Now what of the Final. It is fair to say that Wigan come to Knowsley Road as firm favourites to retain the trophy so handsomely won here last year when defeating Warrington. Frank Myler and his team I am sure won't mind that at all. They know that a cup tie and particularly a final is all down to how you perform on the day.

Oldham can play Rugby as Widnes experienced in the semi-final, whilst Wigan found it difficult to overcome the Saints in the other semi so I don't expect Wigan to have it all their own way and who knows we may yet see a "turn up for the books".

Whatever the result, however, may this game of ours be the winner, so to both Oldham and Wigan, the best of luck, go out there, play Rugby and entertain us all.

Lawrie Prescott

LANCASHIRE ATTENDANCES UP

The total attendance for the Lancashire County Cup competition is set to crash through the 100,000 barrier for the first time since 1969.

Already a total of 88,596 has seen 14 cup-ties and with another big crowd expected at St. Helens on Sunday for the final between Oldham and Wigan the six-figure mark should be reached.

The aggregate attendance will easily break last year's total of 91,007 to continue the massive increase of support for the Lancashire Cup. In three years the crowds will have more than doubled since a total of 49,200 saw the 1983 competition.

This will be the fifth meeting of Oldham and Wigan in the Final with each having won twice as follows:

- 1908 Wigan 10 v Oldham 9 at Broughton, 20,000, £600
- 1913 Oldham 5 v Wigan 0 at Broughton, 18,000, £610
- 1957 Oldham 13 v Wigan 8 at Swinton, 42,497, £6918
- 1966 Wigan 16 v Oldham 13 at Swinton, 14,193, £3558

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GEORGE LUNN TROPHY FINAL

ST. HELENS v WIGAN

Kick off 1.45 p.m.

TEAMS

ST. HELENS

Blue Jerseys with Red V

1. GARRY HOLDEN (Parr High)
2. MARK LAWSON (Rainford High)
3. SIMON PRITCHARD (St. Cuthberts)
4. CHRIS BENNETT (St. Cuthberts)
5. STEPHEN BENNETT (St. Aelreds)
6. PAUL CHESTER (Parr High)
7. STEVEN MORRIS (St. Cuthberts)
8. NEIL DOLAN (Captain) (St. Cuthberts)
9. ANDREW NOONAN (St. Cuthberts)
10. NICKY CAROLL (St. Aelreds)
11. DAMION LEE (St. Cuthberts)
12. DAVID EDWARDS (St. Cuthberts)
13. DAVID HOUGHTON (St. Cuthberts)
14. JOHN PRINCE (St. Aelreds)
15. WAYNE CREHAN (St. Cuthberts)

Coach: Glyn Griffiths

WIGAN

Cherry & White Hoops

1. DARREN JONES (Deanery)
2. NEIL GREENHALGH (Deanery)
3. SIMON LYON (Deanery)
4. DAVID WHITTAKER (Orrell St. Peters)
5. MARK SWIFT or PAUL BUCKLEY (Deanery) (Golborne)
6. ANDREW FAIRCLOUGH (St. Thomas More)
7. STEPHEN JOHNSON (St. Thomas More)
8. NEIL WILKINSON (Deanery)
9. NEIL DUTSON (St. Thomas More)
10. JOHN MUKROW (Golborne)
11. JIMMY GERRARD (St. Thomas More)
12. CHRIS GREEN (Deanery)
13. IYAN GREEN (Captain) (St. Edmund Arrowsmith)
14. JOHN SHARPLES (St. John Fisher)
15. MATTHEW MOORE (St. John Fisher)

COACH: Mick Johnson

Referee:

Tony Tucker

Touch Judges:

David Heyes and Charlie Fishwick

The trophy will be presented by GEORGE LUNN (Ex President of the Lancashire County R.L.) at the completion of the game.

Sponsor's Message

Grünhalle Lager International, whose top-selling lager is a famous name in the north west, is delighted to be associated with the Lancashire Cup, which is certainly among the most famous titles in rugby league.

Grünhalle has backed the 1986 event to the tune of £17,000, and also agreed a three-year sponsorship for the Grünhalle Lancashire Cup.

Grünhalle is brewed for the north west by Greenall Whitley, which has been at home in the region for more than 200 years. In fact, the company brewed its first beer not far from today's match venue, in St. Helens. And over the years Greenall's has been associated with many important features of the area, from the early canals and the Liverpool-Manchester railway to Pilkington Glass.

Now Grünhalle is delighted to be involved with another traditional aspect of life in the region—the Lancashire Cup, which was first played for in 1895.

In turn, Grünhalle itself—the popular 'Lager Brewed the Bavarian Way'—is already well known to rugby fans. The drink is available at many of the clubs taking part in the contest, and several leading rugby league players, past and present, regularly serve Grünhalle Lager in the pubs they run.

We send our best wishes to today's finalists, and look forward to a splendid Grünhalle Lancashire Cup final, between holders Wigan, who are defending a trophy they've won 17 times, and Oldham—winners nine times before—who are looking for their first triumph in the competition since 1958.

Presentations

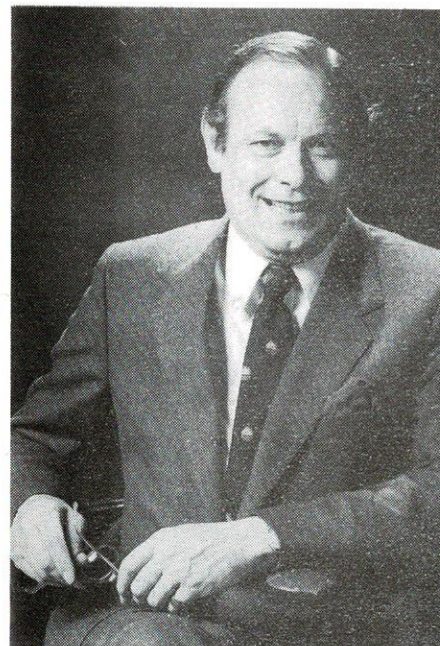
The Trophy will be presented to the Captain of the winning team by Mr. Paul Clubb, Managing Director of Grünhalle Lager.

Medals to the winning and losing teams will be presented by Mrs. Joyce Hart, wife of the Lancashire County President.



If It's A Draw

The replay will take place at Knowsley Road, St. Helens on Wednesday, October 22nd, kick off 7.30 p.m., with the same match officials.



Mr Paul Clubb

Managing Director
Grünhalle Lager International Ltd.

Man of The Match Award

This afternoon's player of the match, selected by members of the press will receive an inscribed decanter and a cash prize of £50, kindly donated by GRÜNHALLE LAGER.

Previous man of the match winners are:—

1974 Mike Coulman Salford (v Widnes)
1975 Mick George Widnes (v Salford)
1976 David Eckersley Widnes (v Workington T)
1977 Arnold Walker Workington T (v Wigan)
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1979 Mick Adams Widnes (v Workington T)
1980 Tony Waller Warrington (v Wigan)
1981 Ray Tabern Leigh (v Widnes)
1982 Steve Hesford Warrington (v St. Helens)
1983 David Cairns Barrow (v Widnes)
1984 Mal Meninga St. Helens (v Wigan)
1985 Steve Ella Wigan (v Warrington)

Lancashire Cup Records:

Number of Final wins:

Wigan 17, St. Helens 10, Oldham 9, Warrington 8, Widnes 6, Salford 5, Leigh 4, Rochdale Hornets 3, Swinton and Barrow 2, Workington Town 1.

Most Successive Final winners:

Six by Wigan (1946-51)

Most Successive Final appearances:

Seven by St. Helens (1958-64); six by Wigan (1946-51)

Highest score in Final:

Wigan 34, Warrington 8 (1985)

Biggest Final attendance:

42,793 St. Helens v Wigan at Swinton, 1953.

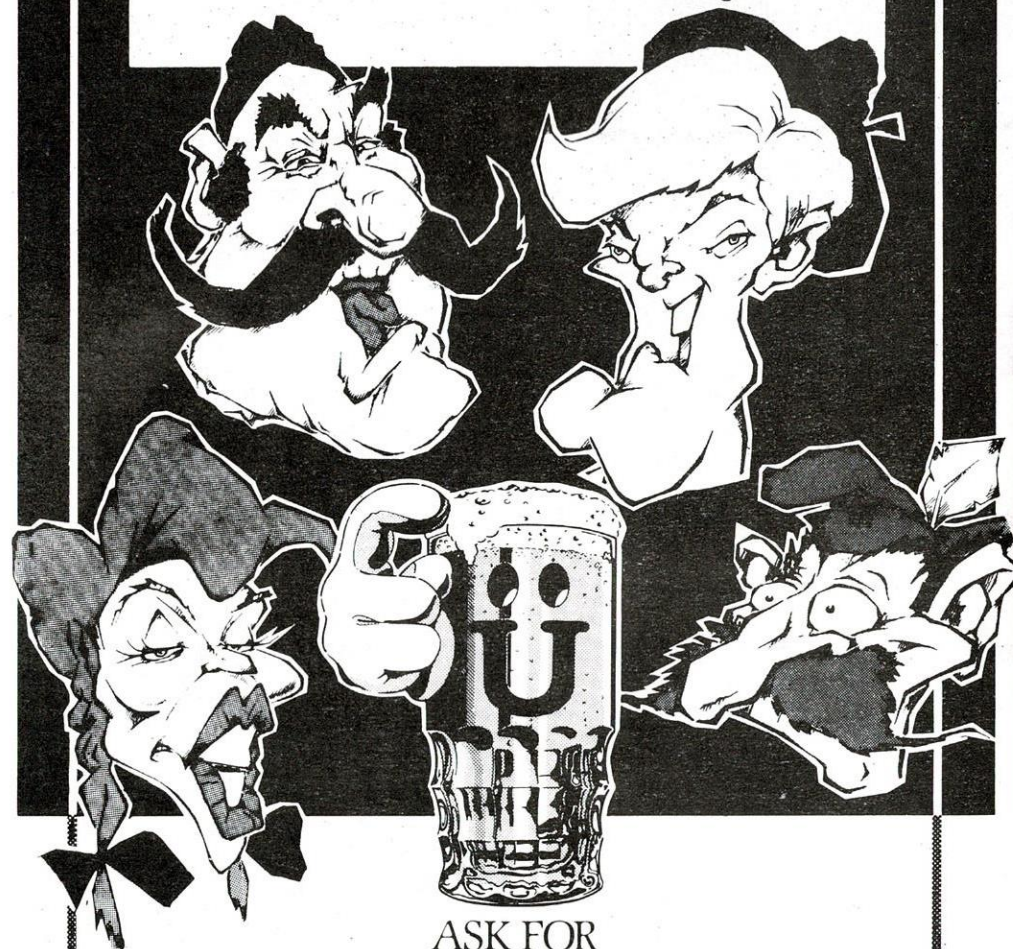
Most tries in Final:

Four by Brian Nordgren (Wigan) v Leigh, 1949.

Most Goals in Final:

Seven by Jim Ledgard (Leigh) v Widnes, 1955; and also by Steve Hesford (Warrington) v Wigan, 1980.

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THE BAVARIAN WAY

Oldham Viewpoint

By Roger Halstead
(Oldham Evening Chronicle)

WIN or lose in today's Grünhalle Lancashire Cup Final, Oldham can perhaps claim with confidence that they are at last getting their act together in knock-out competitions.

During the first three seasons of First Division football, following promotion as Second Division champions in 1981, the emphasis was on survival and then consolidation in the higher division.

Almost by accident, it seemed on reflection, Frank Myler's men reached the semi-final of the John Player Trophy during their Second Division championship season.

The target that season was promotion. When the First Division finally beckoned, everyone at Watersheddings knew that survival was imperative if the club was to have a future.

Trophy hunting was all very well, but in terms of the club's main objective every match was a cup-tie.

Oldham had been yo-yo men too often in the past. This time, they were up to stay. They had to be.

Inevitably, perhaps, the cup competitions were considered to be of lesser importance than the league in the plotting and planning of the club's long-term future.

Five years on, Oldham is well established now in the higher echelon and thoughts are turning naturally to enjoying success in one of the lucrative knock-out tournaments.

Only last March, Oldham reached the semi-finals of the Challenge Cup for the first time since 1964.

Today, they are appearing in their first Lancashire Cup Final since 1968, and they last won the trophy ten years before that in the golden days of Ganley, Davies, Pitchford, Little, Winslade, Stirrup, Turner and many others whose names jump from the pages of scrapbooks and old newspapers in type reserved for champions.

That team took the Lancashire Cup back up the hill out of Oldham in 1956, 1957 and 1958. It also won the league championship by beating Hull in a thriller at Odsal in the spring of '57.

By comparison, today's team still wears its 'L' plates.

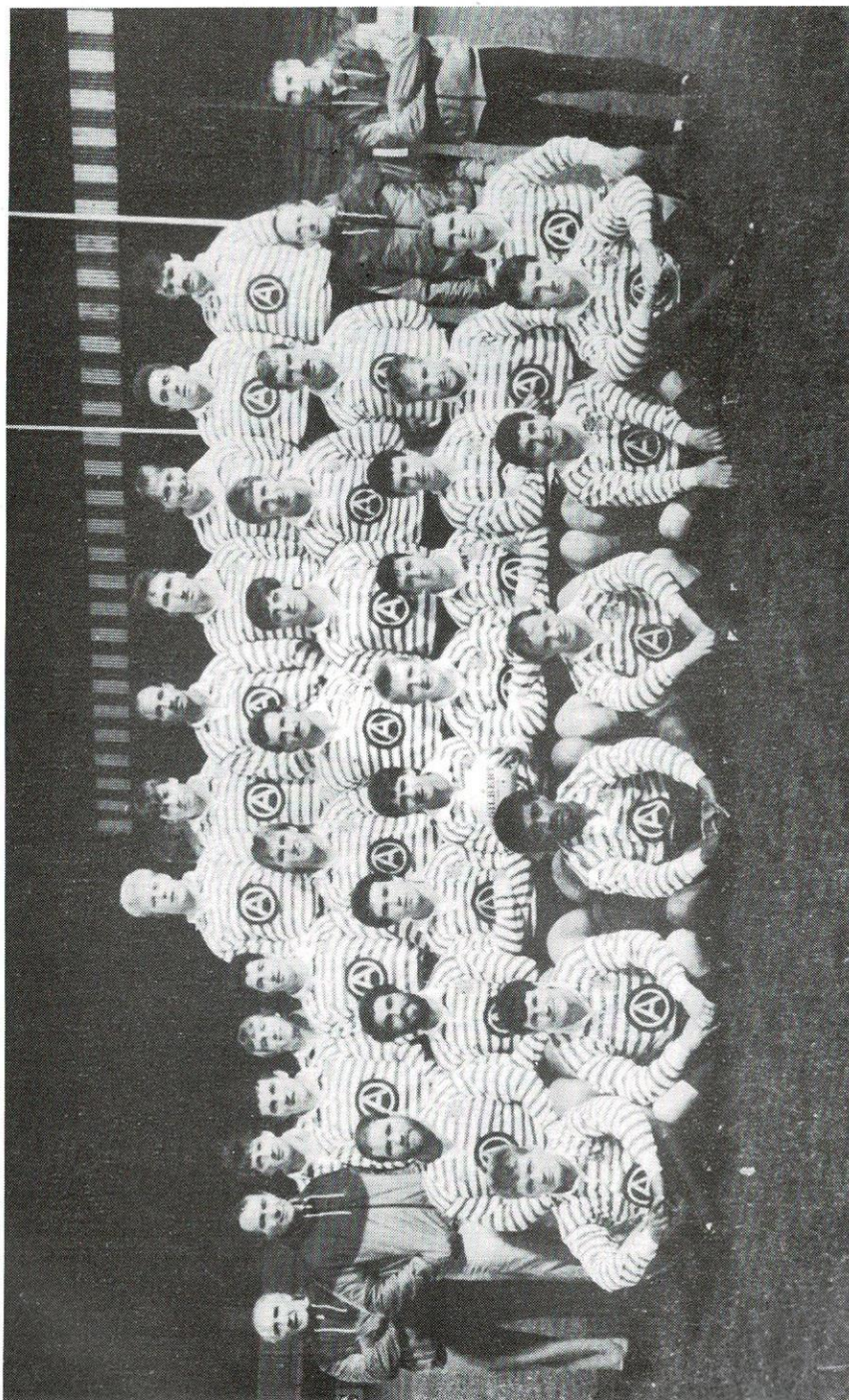
There is the vast experience of skipper David Topliss, of course, but most members of the side will be playing today in their first major final.

It will be a rare experience for Aussies Bruce Clark, Gary Bridge and Stuart Raper, who only arrived in this country for the first time a few weeks ago.

It will be no less important for two overseas men who played in last season's Challenge Cup Semi-Final—Hussein M'Barki and Gary Warnecke—and for home-produced players such as Terry Flanagan, Paddy Kirwan, Ray Ashton and Mick Worrall.

The disappointment of defeat by Castleford to end yet another Wembley dream will have toughened the players mentally and strengthened their resolve to make amends today.

Oldham go into the final as outsiders, but they have the talent, strength and fitness to stretch Wigan all the way and contribute considerably to the success of the 1986 Lancashire Cup Final.



(Photo by courtesy of Oldham Evening Chronicle)

Oldham Pen Pictures—1986/87



Gary Bridge Australian—played last season for Balmain and on his return will join Eastern Suburbs. Equally at home in the centre at stand off, he is a strong runner with a good kicking game.

Gary Warnecke Affectionally known as 'The Gypsy' he played for Oldham last season, and unlike so many of his overseas colleagues never missed a game. Though centre is his natural position, he can fill in more than adequately in any of the back positions. He is a resolute defender and ever dangerous in attack.



Nick Taylor Most improved player at Watersheddings—very strong and direct in attack and a fine tackler in defence. He is a product of the Huddersfield A.R.L.

David Topliss Needs little introduction, previously starring with Wakefield Trinity and then Hull, and appearing at Wembley for both clubs. One of the games all time greats, his experience is proving invaluable to the young Oldham side.



Paddy Kirwan Local lad, who signed from the Oldham colts side—he is a great hearted player with tremendous strength complimented by a good football brain. Turned the semi final tie against Widnes in Oldham's favour with a tremendous second half performance.

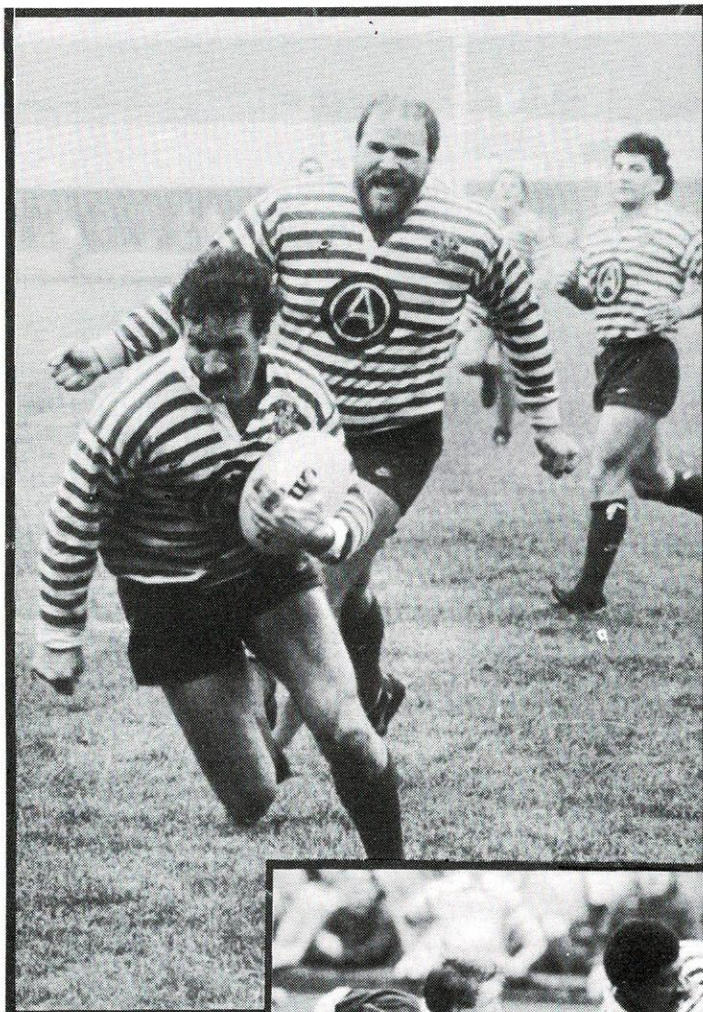
Ray Ashton Born in Widnes and was a member of the successful Oldham Colts side before progressing via the 'A' team into the senior side. Toured Australia in 1984 and often tussles for the No. 7 jersey with Paddy Kirwan.



Stuart Raper Son of the famous Australian tourist John, who tormented Gt. Britain on many occasions in the mid 60's. His father would no doubt be proud of him if he saw the way he has settled into the loose forward role at Watersheddings, as he shows football sense far beyond his young age. Plays his Australian football for Cronulla and under coach Jack Gibson has matured tremendously.

Tom Naidole His father played for Rochdale at the time when Hornets signed a number of Fijians in the early 1960's. Tom signed from Wigan 3 years ago and has been in and out of the side since his arrival, but this year has claimed his own spot. He is very strong and fast for a forward and is proving to be a real tackle breaker.





Watersheddings Action

Gary Warnecke in scoring mood, supported by Bruce Clark.

Tom Nadiol in full flight, powers past a Leigh defender.



(Photos by courtesy of the Oldham Evening Chronicle)

Colin Hawkyard Native of Huddersfield, plays equally well in the centre or in the second row. Always guarantees 100% effort and a great team player with a tremendous heart for the game.



Bruce Clarke Another Australian import who plays with Western Suburbs back home. A strong running prop forward with ball skills to match, he has been known to quickly turn a game into Oldham's advantage.

David Hobbs Has every chance of making the Test side to play the Australians, he is strong in attack and solid in defence. Has a strong kicking game and is one of the leagues better goal-kickers.



Mick Worrall Toured Australia in 1984, and was doing well until he collected a knee injury in the 2nd test. Alongside David Hobbs, makes a more than formidable second row pair.

Wally Jones Great clubman who takes the ball up whenever needed. One of the games under-rated players, and proved to be a real 'bargain buy' when he was snapped up from Rochdale two seasons ago.



Terry Flanagan Played nearly all his career at loose forward, and is the pack leader of the Oldham side, but this season has successfully reverted to the hooking role—a position forced on him because of an injury crisis in the Oldham camp. He too toured Australia with the Gt. Britain party in 1984.

Hussein M'Barki Born in Morocco, and must be the only North African playing Rugby League today. Began his professional career with Fulham in 1981 and then moved on to Warrington, before joining Oldham last season. Originally played all his rugby on the wing, but has took over the full back role with flair and style this season.



Paul Sherman Product of the junior leagues in Widnes and is proving to be a good cover defender, who scores tries when least expected, like the one he bagged in the semi final win over Widnes. Definitely a player who one would expect to improve with experience.

Des Foy Though Oldham born, he began his professional career with Widnes before being signed when still only 17 years old by Oldham. Played for Gt Britain in Australia in 1984, and is a fast attacking centre, who has not yet achieved his full potential.



12 Months Ago

THE 1985 LANCASHIRE CUP FINAL

Wigan 34 Warrington 8



Colin Whitfield (now with Halifax) is well held by his opposite, number two.



Warrington's Aussie full back Brian Johnson beats off Ellery Hanley's challenge to go clear.

(Photos by courtesy of Mike Flynn)

GRÜNHALLE LAGER LANCASHIRE CUP LINE UP

6 OLDHAM

Colours:
Blue & White Hooped Jerseys
White Shorts

Coach: Frank Myler

HUSSEIN M'BARKI

PAUL SHERMAN

GARY BRIDGE

GARY WARNECKE

Keith Atkinson MIKE TAYLOR

DAVID TOPLISS

PADDY KIRWAN

Bruce Clark WALLY JONES

TERRY FLANAGAN

David Hobbs BRUCE CLARK

Mick Worrall DAVID HOBBS

Tom Nadiole MICK WORRALL

STUART RAPER

COLIN HAWKYARD

Neil Clawson TOM NADIOLE

Scrum

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WIGAN 27

Colours:
Cherry & White Hooped Jerseys
White Shorts

Coach: Graham Lowe

1 STEVE HAMPSON *Edwards*

2 DEAN BELL *Lydon*

3 DAVID STEPHENSON

4 JOE LYDON *Bell*

5 HENDERSON GILL

6 SHAUN EDWARDS *Hanley*

7 MICK FORD

8 BRIAN CASE *West*

9 MARTIN DERMOTT

10 GRAEME WEST *Case*

11 IAN ROBERTS

12 IAN POTTER

13 ANDY GOOD WAY

14 — *Hampson*

15 — *Lowe*

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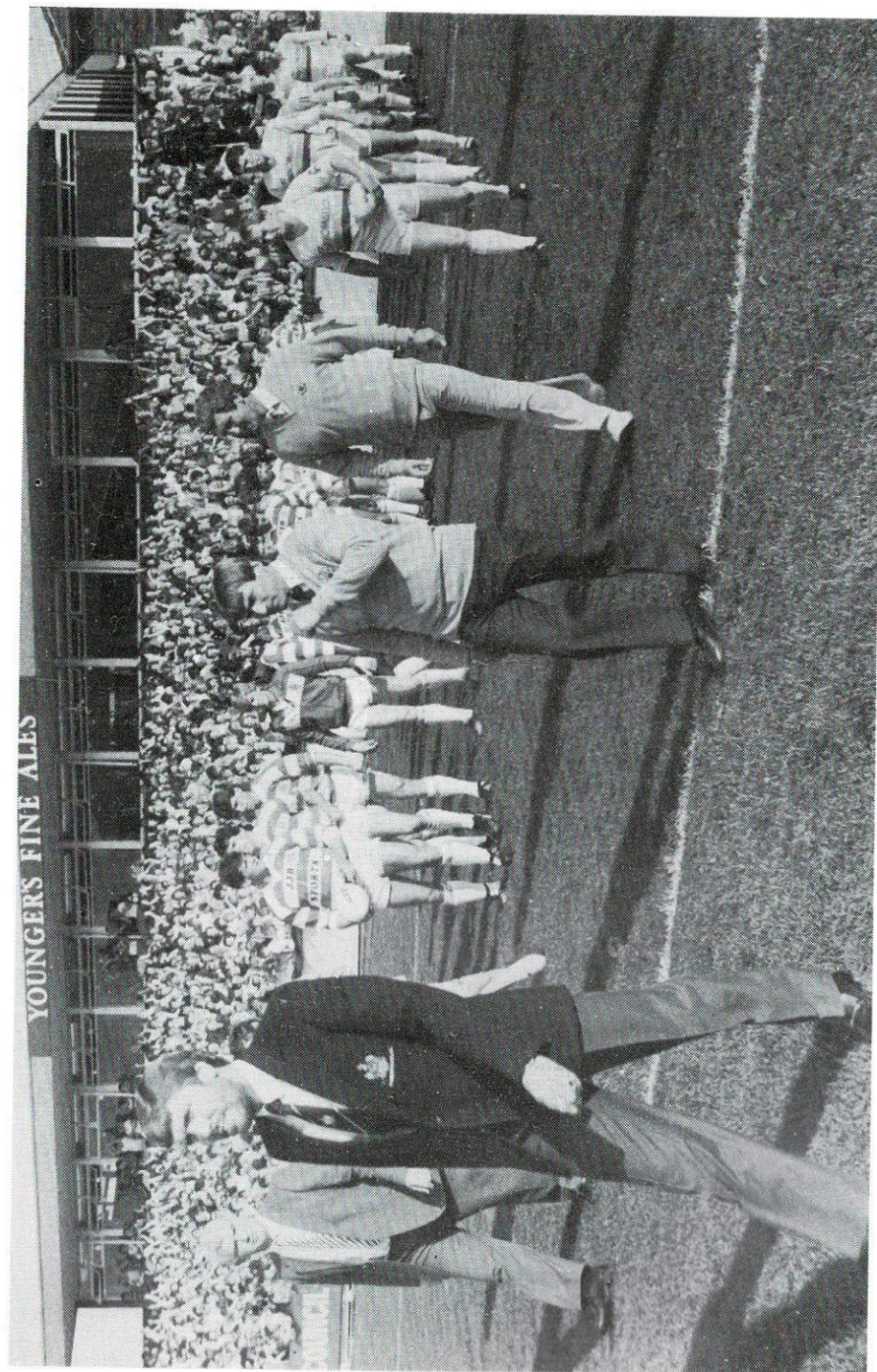
Referee:

Mr. J. E. SMITH (Halifax)

Touch Judges:

MR. A. J. UNSWORTH
(St. Helens)

MR. D. J. BARRETT
(Salford)



The Teams take the field for the start of last seasons Lancashire Cup Final. Wigan lead by captain Andy Goodway and Warrington by Ken Kelly.

Photo M. Flynn

Wigan Pen Pictures



Steve Hampson Full Back, 25. Signed in October 1983 from Vulcan R.U.F.C., after impressing for Wigan 'A' as a trialist. Missed out on a place in the 1984 and 1985 Challenge Cup Final teams due to injury but has forced his way back into the first team.

Dean Bell Winger or Centre, 24. Current Kiwi test star. Rated the best centre in the world by coach Graham Lowe. This is his second spell in England, having represented Carlisle and Leeds during the 1982-83 and 1983-84 seasons. Played for Eastern Suburbs in Australia.



Ray Mordt Winger, 28. Top rate Springbok Rugby Union star who joined Wigan in December of last year, along with fellow countryman Rob Louw. Made a promising debut at home to Swinton but a leg injury limited his first team appearances at the end of the season.

David Stephenson Centre, 27.. This ex-Fylde and England R.U. Under 19 star joined Salford in December 1978 and it soon became obvious that he was a player of great talent. Not surprisingly several teams showed interest when Salford agreed to let him leave but it was Wigan who acquired his services. For a then club record £60,000 in February 1982. Representative appearances: G.B. (2), G.B. Under 25 (5), Lancashire (6). Wigan player of the year last season.



Joe Lydon Utility Back, 22. A cup deadline signing from Widnes in January in a world record £100,000 cash deal, Joe began his R.L. career with Wigan St. Patricks A.R.L.F.C. Joined Widnes in August 1982 and 2 years later picked up the Lance Todd Trophy as his team defeated Wigan at Wembley. The same season he was named 'Man of Steel', Division One Player of the Year and Young Player of the Year. Representative appearances: G.B. (10) (plus sub once), G.B. Under 24 (3), Lancashire (2). Toured Australia and New Zealand in 1984.

Henderson Gill Winger, 25. Began his career with Bradford Northern Colts and turned professional for Bradford in 1978. Soon afterwards though he moved on to Rochdale for £9,000 and he remained at the Athletic Ground until Wigan signed him for £30,000 in October 1981. Scored 3 tries on his G.B. debut versus France and also scored on his England debut versus Wales. Representative appearances: G.B. (5), G.B. Under 24 (1), G.B. Colts (2), England (1), Yorkshire (1). Was the club's top try scorer from 1981-82 to 1984-85 and played in Australia in 1985.



Ellery Hanley Stand off, 25. This £150,000 rated G.B. Star joined Wigan in September last year in a deal that saw Phil Ford and Steve Donlan (plus £85,000) go to Bradford Northern. Representative appearances: G.B. (14) (plus sub once), G.B. Under 24 (2), England (1), Yorkshire (2). Scored no less than 55 tries in the 1984-85 season and is currently rated the best centre in the world by 'Open Rugby' magazine. Toured Australia and New Zealand in 1984 and was Wigan's top try scorer last season.

Shaun Edwards Scrum Half, 20. A former England School's Captain at both codes, he joined Wigan on his 17th birthday in October 1983. In his first season he became the youngest player to appear in a Wembley Challenge Cup Final, the following season he became the youngest player to represent G.B. and last season he was named young player of the year. Representative appearances: G.B. (2) (plus sub once), G.B. Under 21 (2), G.B. Colts (2), Lancashire (1), (plus sub once), Lancashire Colts (1). Also toured Australia with the B.U.S.C.A.R.L.A. squad in 1984. His father, Jackie played for Warrington.



WIGAN IN ACTION



Dean Bell Wigans New Zealand wing flyer halted by Warringtons front row in the recent game at Wilderspool.

(Photo courtesy of Wigan Observer)



Ian Potter attempts to break clear with Andy Gregory in close support.

(Photo courtesy of Wigan Observer)

★ **Mike Ford** Scrum Half, 20. Signed on professional terms for Wigan in August 1983 after touring New Zealand with B.A.R.L.A. Under 19 squad. Previously he had played for the club as an amateur. He also represented Oldham St. Annes A.R.L.F.C. and was on the books of Oldham Athletic soccer club. Representative appearances: G.B. Under 21 (2), G.B. Colts (2), Lancashire Colts (1). Played in Australia in 1985 and was the Halbro super shooting star of 1985.

★ **Graeme West** Prop or 2nd Row, 31. Captain. This 6'5", 15 stone plus giant joined Wigan on a 5 year contract worth around £60,000 in November 1982. Played for Taranaki in New Zealand and made his test debut v Australia in 1975. Captained his country to victory over Australia in 1983 and scored a crucial try. 18 test appearances and Wigan Player of the Year for 1983-84 and 1984-85.

★ **Martin Dermott** Hooker, 18. This hard-working youngster was signed from Wigan St. Patricks A.R.L.F.C. in November 1984. Has represented both G.B. and Lancashire Colts team and looks set for a big future in the game.

★ **Brian Case** Prop, 28. Signed from Warrington just one week before the 1983 John Player Trophy Final and played an important part in Wigan's win. Joined Warrington from amateur club Blackbrook during the 1974-75 season. Representative appearances: G.B. (4), G.B. Under 24 (3) (plus sub once), England (1), Lancashire (2). Toured Australia and New Zealand in 1984.

★ **Ian Roberts** Prop, 21. Tough-tackling London born "Aussie" from South Sydney. Made his Wigan debut as substitute in the Lancashire Cup Semi-Final against St. Helens and took a share of the Man of the Match Award, topping the tackle count.

★ **Rob Louw** 2nd row, 31. Wigan's other big name Springbok Rugby Union signing in December of last year. Has taken to the League game very quickly. Good ball handler and hard tackler.

★ **Ian Potter** 2nd row, 28. International forward signed 3 times during his career by Alex Murphy. Began his professional career at Warrington during the 1975-76 season and stayed there until Leigh paid out a club record £50,000 for him in September 1981. Joined Wigan in February 1984 for a fee of around £20,000. Representative appearances: G.B. (5), G.B. Under 24 (4), England (2), Lancashire (4).

★ **Andy Goodway** Loose Forward, 25. A then club record signing from Oldham in July of last year. Andy toured 'down under' in 1984 and played in Australia in 1985. Joined Oldham from local Featherstone amateur side, Redhill in 1978. Representative appearances: G.B. (14), G.B. Under 24 (2), England (1), Yorkshire (1).

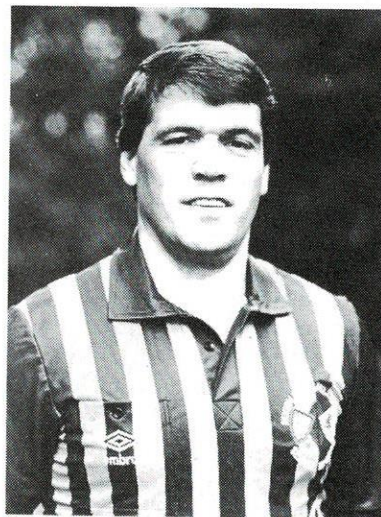
★ **Shaun Wane** Prop, 22. Former Lancashire and England Schools' player who joined Wigan in November 1981 from Wigan St. Patricks A.R.L.F.C. Under 17's. Representative appearances: G.B. (2), G.B. Under 21 (3), G.B. Colts (3), Lancashire (sub once).

★ **Nick du Toit** 2nd Row, 31. This tall South African was signed on by Wigan in November 1984 after a number of trial games for the 'A' team. In his home country he represented Welkom and the Orange Free State in the union code.

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

JIM SMITH
(Halifax)

Date of birth: 2.3.44
Grade Two: 1977 – 78
Grade one: 1983 – 84



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1980	G. Fairbairn (Wigan)	1985	P. Gorley (St. Helens)
1981	I. Ball (Barrow)	1986	D. Pyke (Leigh)

PAUL WILSON OF WIGAN EVENING POST

The BBC made a big mistake in scratching the Lancashire Cup Final from their outside broadcast list in 1984, for after a succession of humdrum or poorly attended games the competition was just about to burst into life again.

It often used to be said that Wigan and the Lancashire Cup Final were synonymous with each other, but through the lean years of the 'seventies and early 'eighties the only connection was that Central Park was the most popular choice of venue!

Now all that has changed, and Wigan are in their third consecutive county final. There's still some way to go to emulate the post-war team's marvellous achievement of reaching seven successive finals between 1945 and 1951 (and winning the last six!) but there's no doubt that now, as before Wigan are lighting up the Lancashire Cup.

When the BBC abandoned that 1984 final against St. Helens (they showed the highlights about a month later), they turned their back on a crowd of 26,074, the biggest since Saints beat Swinton in 1961.

They also failed to do full justice to some of the modern game's most popular favourites, missing some of Mal Meninga's most memorable moments and passing up an early look at John Ferguson.

Last year's Lancashire Cup final was another glittering occasion, watched by 19,202 on a warm October afternoon at Knowsley Road.

The Central park side taken apart by St. Helens in 1984 had gone on, with the addition of Brett Kenny, to triumph at Wembley in that memorable victory over Hull, but little of it survived to meet Warrington in the 1985 county cup final.

In the short space of a year, Wigan had undergone a remarkable transformation. Kenny and Ferguson were replaced by Steve Ella and Greg Dowling, two more top drawer Australians, and in Ellery Hanley and Andy Goodway Wigan had got their hands on two of the biggest names in British rugby. The side was further stiffened by the presence in the pack of South African forward Nick du Toit, who showed he meant business by dumping Les Boyd on his backside in the first minute.

Two-try Steve Ella won the man of the match award in Wigan's 34 – 8 victory, and David Stephenson scored seven goals.

Wigan played some of the most sparkling football seen all season in the second half, and if they can produce more of the same today, Oldham will have their work cut out.

Wigan have once again been team strengthening in the last 12 months, players likely to be on show today who weren't around last time include Kiwi Dean Bell, Springboks Rob Louw and Ray Mordt, London born Australian Ian Roberts and Wigan born Englishman Joe Lydon. Skipper Graeme West and Henderson Gill are also up for their first county winner's medals, having missed out last year through injury.

LANCASHIRE CUP ROLL OF HONOUR

Season	Winners	Runners-up	Venue	Attendance	Receipts
1905-06	Wigan	0 Leigh	0 Broughton	16,000	£400
(replay)	Wigan	8 Leigh	0 Broughton	10,000	£200
1906-07	Broughton R.	15 Warrington	6 Wigan	14,048	£392
1907-08	Oldham	16 Broughton R.	9 Rochdale	14,000	£340
1908-09	Wigan	10 Oldham	9 Broughton	20,000	£600
1909-10	Wigan	22 Leigh	5 Broughton	14,000	£296
1910-11	Oldham	4 Swinton	3 Broughton	14,000	£418
1911-12	Rochdale H.	12 Oldham	5 Broughton	20,000	£630
1912-13	Wigan	21 Rochdale H.	5 Salford	6,000	£200
1913-14	Oldham	5 Wigan	0 Broughton	18,000	£610
1914-15	Rochdale H.	3 Wigan	2 Salford	4,000	£475
1915-16 to 1917-18 Competition suspended					
1918-19	Rochdale H.	22 Oldham	0 Salford	18,617	£1,365
1919-20	Oldham	7 Rochdale H.	0 Salford	19,000	£1,615
1920-21	Broughton R.	6 Leigh	3 Salford	25,000	£1,800
1921-22	Warrington	7 Oldham	5 Broughton	18,000	£1,200
1922-23	Wigan	20 Leigh	2 Salford	15,000	£1,200
1923-24	St. Helens Recs.	17 Swinton	0 Wigan	25,656	£1,450
1924-25	Oldham	10 St. Helens Recs.	0 Salford	15,000	£1,116
1925-26	Swinton	15 Wigan	11 Broughton	17,000	£1,115
1926-27	St. Helens	10 St. Helens Recs.	2 Warrington	19,439	£1,192
1927-28	Swinton	5 Wigan	2 Oldham	22,000	£1,275
1928-29	Wigan	5 Widnes	4 Warrington	19,000	£1,150
1929-30	Warrington	15 Salford	2 Wigan	21,012	£1,250
1930-31	St. Helens Recs.	18 Wigan	3 Swinton	16,710	£1,030
1931-32	Salford	10 Swinton	8 Broughton	26,471	£1,654
1932-33	Warrington	10 St. Helens	9 Wigan	28,500	£1,675
1933-34	Oldham	12 St. Helens Recs.	0 Swinton	9,085	£516
1934-35	Salford	21 Wigan	12 Swinton	33,544	£2,191
1935-36	Salford	15 Wigan	7 Warrington	16,500	£950
1936-37	Salford	5 Wigan	2 Warrington	17,500	£1,160
1937-38	Warrington	8 Barrow	4 Wigan	14,000	£800
1938-39	Wigan	10 Salford	7 Swinton	27,940	£1,708
1939-40*	Swinton	5 Widnes	4 Widnes	5,500	£269
	Swinton	16 Widnes	11 Swinton	9,000	£446
Swinton won on aggregate 21-15					
1940-41 to 1944-45 Competition suspended during war-time.					
1945-46	Widnes	7 Wigan	3 Warrington	28,184	£2,600
1946-47	Wigan	9 Belle Vue R.	3 Swinton	21,618	£2,658
1947-48	Wigan	10 Belle Vue R.	7 Warrington	23,110	£3,043
1948-49	Wigan	14 Warrington	8 Swinton	39,015	£5,518
1949-50	Wigan	20 Leigh	7 Warrington	35,000	£4,751
1950-51	Wigan	28 Warrington	5 Swinton	42,541	£6,222
1951-52	Wigan	14 Leigh	6 Swinton	33,230	£5,432
1952-53	Leigh	22 St. Helens	5 Swinton	34,785	£5,793
1953-54	St. Helens	16 Wigan	8 Swinton	42,793	£6,918
1954-55	Barrow	12 Oldham	2 Swinton	25,204	£4,603
1955-56	Leigh	26 Widnes	9 Wigan	26,507	£4,090
1956-57	Oldham	10 St. Helens	3 Wigan	39,544	£6,274
1957-58	Oldham	13 Wigan	8 Swinton	42,497	£6,918
1958-59	Oldham	12 St. Helens	2 Swinton	38,780	£6,933
1959-60	Warrington	5 St. Helens	4 Wigan	39,237	£6,424
1960-61	St. Helens	15 Swinton	9 Wigan	31,755	£5,337
1961-62	St. Helens	25 Swinton	9 Wigan	30,000	£4,850
1962-63	St. Helens	7 Swinton	4 Wigan	23,523	£4,122
1963-64	St. Helens	15 Leigh	4 Swinton	21,231	£3,857

* Emergency War-time competition.

Season	Winners	Runners-up	Venue	Attendance	Receipts
1964-65	St. Helens	12 Swinton	4 Wigan	17,383	£3,393
1965-66	Warrington	16 Rochdale H.	5 St. Helens	21,360	£3,800
1966-67	Wigan	16 Oldham	13 Swinton	14,193	£3,558
1967-68	St. Helens	2 Warrington	2 Wigan	16,897	£3,886
(replay)	St. Helens	13 Warrington	10 Swinton	7,577	£2,485
1968-69	St. Helens	30 Oldham	2 Wigan	17,008	£4,644
1969-70	Swinton	11 Leigh	2 Wigan	13,532	£3,651
1970-71	Leigh	7 St. Helens	4 Swinton	10,776	£3,136
1971-72	Wigan	15 Widnes	8 St. Helens	6,970	£2,204
1972-73	Salford	25 Swinton	11 Warrington	6,865	£3,321
1973-74	Wigan	19 Salford	9 Warrington	8,012	£2,750
1974-75	Widnes	6 Salford	2 Wigan	7,403	£2,833
1975-76	Widnes	16 Salford	7 Wigan	7,566	£3,880
1976-77	Widnes	16 Workington T.	11 Wigan	8,498	£6,414
1977-78	Workington T.	16 Wigan	13 Warrington	9,548	£5,038
1978-79	Widnes	15 Workington T.	13 Wigan	10,020	£6,261
1979-80	Widnes	11 Workington T.	0 Salford	6,887	£7,100
1980-81	Warrington	26 Wigan	10 St. Helens	6,442	£8,629
1981-82	Leigh	8 Widnes	3 Wigan	9,011	£14,029
1982-83	Warrington	16 St. Helens	0 Wigan	6,462	£11,732
1983-84	Barrow	12 Widnes	8 Wigan	7,007	£13,160
1984-85	St. Helens	26 Wigan	18 Wigan	26,074	£62,139
1985-86	Wigan	34 Warrington	8 St. Helens	19,202	£56,030

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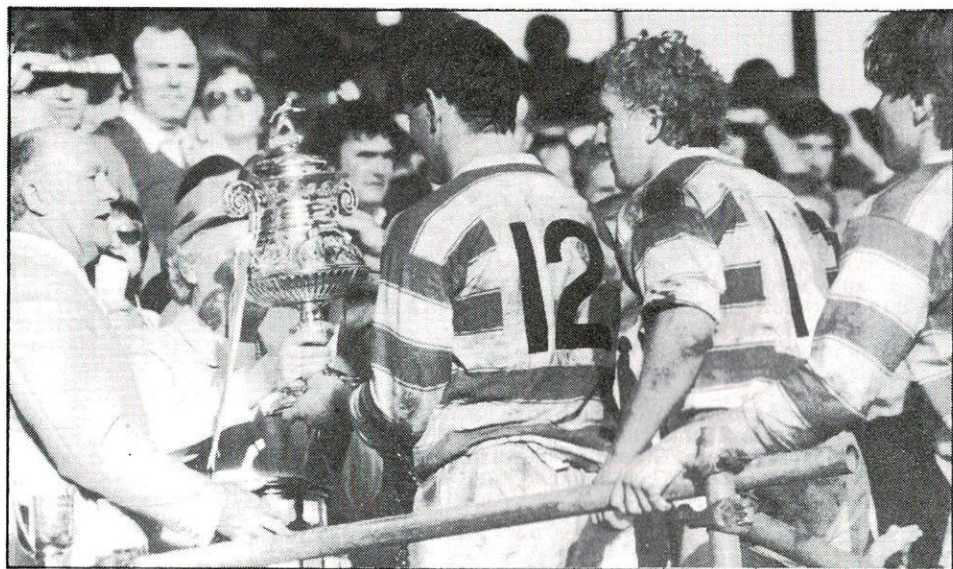
(By Mike Flynn)

THE St. Helens club have the honour once again, and for the second consecutive season, of staging the County Cup Final. The fifth occasion at Knowsley Road, today's final is the second major cup event of the new season, the trophy renamed, The Grünhülle Lager Lancashire Cup is the prize the two contestants in today's final will do battle for, and certainly will be worthy of the occasion. The Lancashire County Committee express their thanks to the new sponsors for the financial support and are sure it will be a worthwhile and rewarding association for all parties concerned.

Last seasons winners of the trophy Wigan, will be making their 32nd appearance in a county final (a R.L. record) winning the cup a record 17 times. In this seasons run up to the final Wigan brushed aside second division Rochdale Hornets 52-0, scoring ten tries and six goals to go through to the second round and another tie at Central

Park. Second division Whitehaven were next to feel the Wigan blast with a 74 points to 6 hammering, made up of 14 tries and nine goals. With their luck still holding out the draw produced a breathtaking home semi-final against today's host, Alex Murphy's Saints, who before a 28,000 Central Park crowd made them pull out all the stops to claim the right to contest this afternoons final, beating Saints 22-16.

Opponents Oldham appear in the final for the first time since 1968-69, St. Helens recording a county record beating them 30 points to two and Oldham coach Frank Myler was in the Saints line up on that occasion. Oldham started this cup campaign beating Leigh 29-22 at Watersheddings, the result went their way 46-13 against second division Workington again on their home ground in the second round. Completing the hat-trick of home ties, they beat Widnes in the semi-final after a close game 16-14.



Wigan Captain Andy Goodway is presented with the Lancashire Cup, after his teams success over the wire.

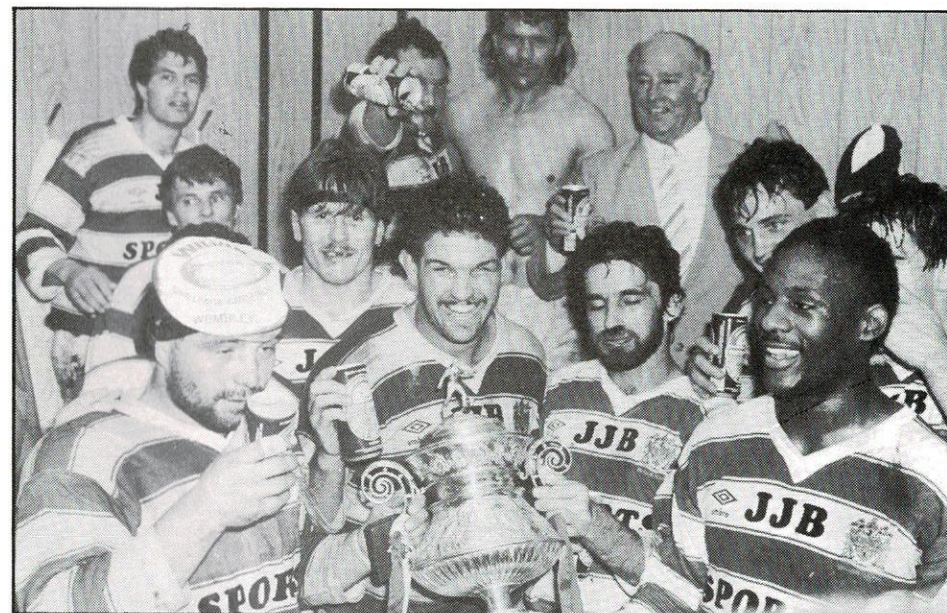
(Photo M. Flynn)

Their first county final was three years after Wigan's first success in the final in 1905-06, beating Leigh in the replay 8-0, after a nil-nil drawn game. Oldham beat Broughton Rangers 16-9 to win the 1907-08 final. The following season, they met Wigan for the first time in a county final, going down by the odd point 10-9, before a record 20,000 gate. They won the trophy for the second time in 1910-11, pipping Swinton 4-3, to clinch success. Their fourth final appearance attracted another 20,000 crowd to Broughton in 1911-12, but it turned out to be a disappointing affair for them, Rochdale winning the trophy 12-5. Oldham met Wigan again in the final in 1913-14 and avenged that first defeat beating the cherry and white 5-0. Another defeat by Rochdale followed in 1918-19 by 22 points to nil, but they pulled it back the following season 1919-20 in the final beating Rochdale 7-0 to win the trophy for the fourth time. They lost the final against Warrington in 1921-22, after a close game 7-5, success for them in 1924-25 when they

beat St. Helens Recs at Salford 10-0, they then had to wait until 1933-34 before they appeared in a County Final again, but it was worth it for they again beat St. Helens Recs 12-0 to take the trophy. Another long wait followed before they reached the final in 1954-55 only to go down to Barrow 12-2, but a hat trick of successive triumphs came. First they beat Saints in the 1956-57 final 10-3, then Wigan went the same way in 1957-58 (13-8) and 12-2.

Wigan and Oldham contested the 1966-67 final, Wigan winning 16-13, both clubs have met in four previous finals with the record standing at two wins each. So we can look forward to a great contest this afternoon from two of the in form sides in the game.

Widnes were the first side to win the trophy after the war, before Wigan had that remarkable run of six victories in the county final from 1946/47 to 1951/52. Both sides in today's final are all square with two victories each from previous finals in which they have met. Who will go in front after this afternoon's match?



It's cheers all round in the Wigan dressing room after the defeat of the Wire. Note Aussie Greg Dowling he is getting a cooling off from Brian Case.

(Photo by M. Flynn)

Grünhalle Lancashire Cup 1986

THE WAY TO THE FINAL

FIRST ROUND	SECOND ROUND	SEMI-FINALS	FINAL-TIE
<div> <div> <div>29 Oldham</div> <div>22 Leigh (att 4566)</div> </div> <div> <div>25 Workington</div> <div>16 Swinton (att 711)</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>46 Oldham</div> <div>13 Workington (att 3412)</div> </div>		
<div> <div>6 Blackpool</div> <div>30 Barrow (att 1112)</div> </div> <div> <div>10 Runcorn</div> <div>48 Widnes (att 2300)</div> </div>	<div> <div>12 Barrow</div> <div>14 Widnes (att 3315)</div> </div>	<div> <div>Oldham</div> <div>Widnes (att 5601)</div> </div>	<div> <div>16 OLDHAM</div> <div>14</div> </div>
<div> <div>58 Wigan</div> <div>0 Rochdale (att 10,230)</div> </div> <div> <div>72 Whitehaven</div> <div>6 Fulham (att 1602)</div> </div>	<div> <div>74 Wigan</div> <div>6 Whitehaven (att 9,099)</div> </div>	<div> <div>Wigan</div> <div>St. Helens (att 28,252)</div> </div>	<div> <div>22 WIGAN</div> <div>16</div> </div>
<div> <div>112 St. Helens</div> <div>0 Carlisle (att 4333)</div> </div> <div> <div>28 Warrington</div> <div>20 Salford (att 3617)</div> </div>	<div> <div>19 St. Helens</div> <div>15 Warrington (att 9750)</div> </div>		

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TWENTY YEARS AGO

Lancashire Cup 1966-67

First Round

Leigh 4
Rochdale 16
Warrington 29
Whitehaven 2
Workington T. 9
Oldham 16
Widnes 26

Wigan 18
St. Helens 18
Liverpool City 12
Blackpool B. 5
Salford 17
Swinton 13
Barrow 13

Second Round

Blackpool B. 19
Wigan 11
Salford 2
Bye:— Warrington

Widnes 7
St. Helens 9
Oldham 7

Semi Finals

Blackpool B. 5
Wigan 16

Oldham 15
Warrington 7

FINAL TIE

WIGAN

R. Ashby

W. Boston

E. Ashton

K. Holden

T. Lake

C. Hill

F. Parr

D. Gardiner

C. Clarke

J. Stephens

L. Gilfedder

G. Lyon

H. Major

Subs: A. Stephens

D. Stephens

OLDHAM

S. McLeod

T. Dolly

J. McCormack

J. Donovan

T. Simms

T. Warburton

T. Canning

K. Wilson

K. Taylor

G. Fletcher

P. Smethurst

R. Irving

M. Mooney

Subs: P. Holroyd

A. Ogden

Result: Wigan 16 Oldham 13 (Half Time 11-4)


Scorers: Wigan—Tries: Boston, Ashton.

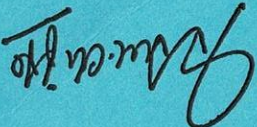
Goals: Gilfedder (5)

Oldham—Try: Donovan.

Goals: Warburton (5)

Attendance: 14,193. Receipts: £3,550. Referee: P. Geraghty (York)

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