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Highfield 6 Whitehaven 86 20/1/95

WORST DEFEAT

Hull KR 92 Whitehaven 10 18/3/90

HIGHEST ATTENDANCE AT THE RECREATION GROUND

18,500 v Wakefield Trinity 19/3/60

MOST TRIES IN A MATCH

6 Vince Gribbin v Doncaster 18/11/84

MOST GOALS IN A MATCH

13 Lee Anderson v Highfield 20/1/95

MOST POINTS IN A MATCH

30 Lee Anderson v Highfield 20/1/95

MOST TRIES IN A SEASON

34 Mike Pechey 1994/95 Season

MOST GOALS IN A SEASON

141 J. J. McKeown 1956/57

MOST POINTS IN A SEASON

291 J. J. McKeown 1956/57

MOST TRIES IN A CAREER

148 Bill Smith 1950/1962

MOST GOALS IN A CAREER

1050 J. J. McKeown 1948/1961

MOST POINTS IN A CAREER

2133 J. J. McKeown 1948/1961

MOST APPEARANCES IN A CAREER

417 J. J. McKeown 1948/1961

Club Honours

1956 TOUR MATCH WINNERS

WHITEHAVEN 14 AUSTRALIA 11

1965 TOUR MATCH WINNERS

WHITEHAVEN 12 NEW ZEALAND 7

RUGBY LEAGUE CUP

SEMI - FINALISTS 1956-57

JOHN PLAYER TROPHY

SEMI - FINALISTS 1974-75

LANCASHIRE CUP

SEMI - FINALISTS 1959-60

1973-74

PROMOTION TO DIVISION ONE

1973-74, 1980-81, 1982-83

LANCASHIRE SHIELD WINNERS

1955-56, 1970-71

DIVISION TWO ALLIANCE WINNERS

1987-88

DIVISION TWO ACADEMY WINNERS

1996

CUMBRIA DIV. PREMIERSHIP WINNERS

1997

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Good afternoon to all our supporters and a warm welcome to our friends from Oldham.

We came so close last week to beating Rochdale in what was an exciting game of rugby league, down to the last minute again, but this time we didn't win the points. The Rochdale man of the match said we were the best team they had played this season - quite a compliment.

Can we still get to the play-offs? That's the question in everyones thoughts. It is still possible but we need other results to go our way. Paul has created an incredible team spirit from the youngest to the oldest and it is so frustrating that the season is drawing to a close so soon.

We still need your continued support and it was great to see so many of you at Rochdale - please keep it up.

Today's match will be a tough encounter, Oldham are second in the league and will be out to show why they are a top side. We too are a top side, just a little off track, the effort and commitment shown recently should have placed us in the top four.

Next season, with a similar side, will pay dividends and for years to come. Youth has to be the future of the game.

We are sure you will have read the speculation in the press of Paul going to Warrington as coach, but at this time there is no truth in the matter and Paul is still committed to the club, a true professional, one of the few in the game.

However, should Paul wish to go to a Super League club he will get our support.

Enjoy your afternoon, and keep your fingers crossed!

Enjoy the game.

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HAVEN WEBSITE

Our internet site has had a face-lift. Brighter and better and now including a message board for supporters to send out their own messages. It also has an easier to remember web address. Full details of Haven shirts and present ideas also included.

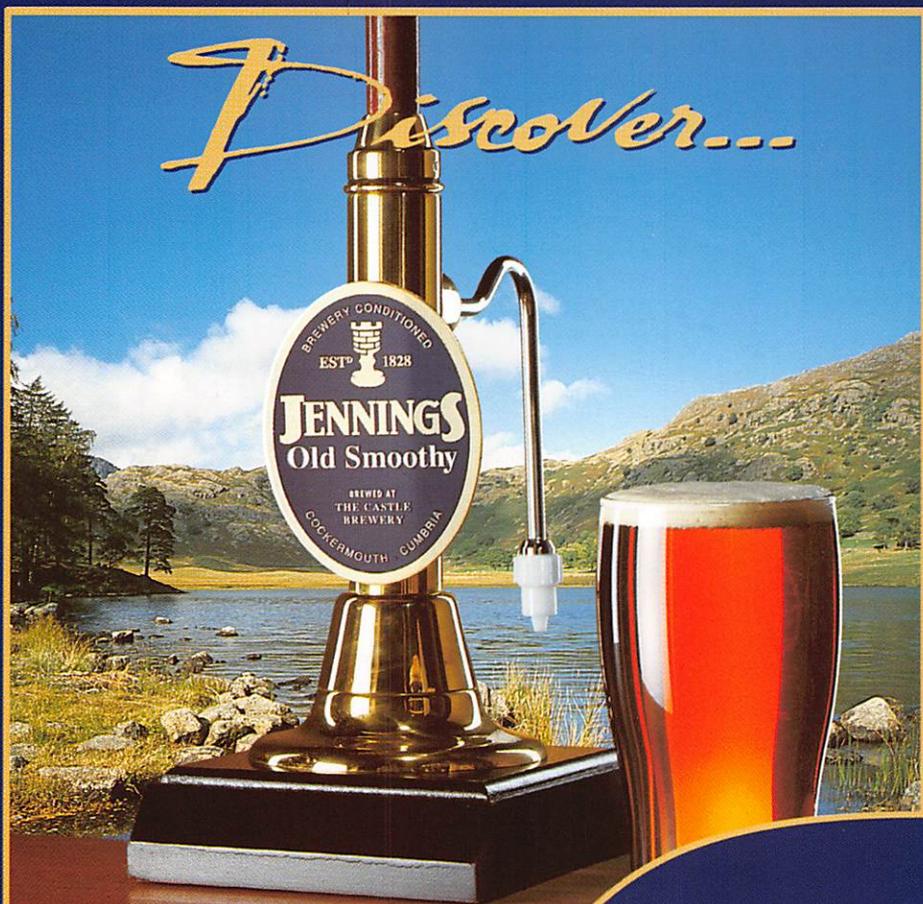
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Our Wednesday night win at Oldham in March was a turning point of our season.

We answered many questions that night against a well-drilled and well-coached side, who we welcome today to the Recreation Ground.

It was a searching examination - without Aaron Lester and Wesley Wilson - and the players gained an awful lot from it.

The fact that Marc Jackson popped over a drop-goal was almost symbolic of the night.

Oldham have had to do it tough this season because of problems with their pitch and the fact that they have had to play a lot of games back-to-back, winning a significant number.

They have a genuine chance to take the NFP title. If you look at the results from last weekend - when Leigh struggled to beat Workington - they indicated that anyone from one to 11 could win it.

It was good to see Howard Hill and Marc Jackson get more game time than recently at Rochdale on Sunday. Jacko had announced his intention to everyone concerned with a fantastic performance against a very experienced Oldham pack in March

and we missed him for 10 weeks after that.

Bryan Henare has been a significant addition to the Oldham pack. He played well in the St Helens first-team and exceptionally well for their very strong A-team. He always led the go-forward for them.

Enjoy the game
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SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

A warm welcome to the Recreation Ground to today's visitors from Oldham.

The big Lottery jackpot has finally been won since our last home game. Mr. Peter Brough from Rannerdale, Whitehaven was the only winner and scooped £3105.

We started all over again last Thursday with prize money estimated to be around £300.

If you would like a ticket please call in at the shop. Litebites in the Market Place are now also helping us sell tickets during the week. Thanks to them.

Our last away game of this season is on Sunday July 1st against Featherstone

Transport can be booked for this game now by contacting Steve Shepherd on 07740867495 for prices and pick up points or alternatively leave your name and phone number in the shop.

We have now had a delivery of enamel badges, key rings, pens and pencils into the shop. Please call in and have a look at the ever-growing range of merchandise.

Whitehaven merchandise is also now available from two new outlets in town. Chas Kendalls on King Street (see shop window display for what's available) and Unique Sports on Queen Street. Thanks to both these shops for helping us out. Remember the support group shop is also open on Saturdays and Sundays 11-1pm
Support group newsletters are now being

delivered, if you haven't received yours yet please call into the shop.

The player's presentation night has now been confirmed for the 28th of July at the St.Benedicts club. More details hopefully by next week.

This week's replica club jersey for the junior supporters free half- time draw has been kindly donated by . Due to shortage of HOME shirts this week's prize will be a replica AWAY shirt. All junior supporter's members will automatically have their name entered into the free draw at half time. So listen out for the name and if it's yours please call into the shop to claim your prize. Congratulations to Daniel Brew for winning last weeks draw.

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MARK SIBSON - Former Loughborough Student who had had spells at Castleford and Bramley. Very elusive runner from full back capable of scoring from long range.

JOEY HAYES - A firm favourite with the Oldham crowd this former super league star with St Helens and Salford is always likely to get on the scoresheet.

ANTHONY GIBBONS - former Leeds and Bramley player with a good step off either foot. Also one of the best defensive centres in the NFP.

PAT RICH - Geordie Law Graduate who was previously with Keithley. A very reliable goal kicker he represented the England students in the Student World Cup Final.

DANNY ARNOLD - Another player with Super league experience playing at St Helens and Huddersfield. A prolific try scorer who can play wing, centre or full back.

DAVE GIBSON - Twin brother of Anthony he too played at Bramley and Leeds. Very pacey with an eye for the opening. He is an aggressive defender, he also has a good kicking game.

NEIL RODEN - A product of the Wigan Academy set up he joined the club last year. Has grown in stature ever since. He is a scrum half with good hands and a sound kicking game.

JASON CLEGG - A massive prop with deceptive agility. He gives the team a big go forward and a quick play the ball.

JOHN HOUGH - The clubs first ever signing this Oldham born hooker was the clubs player of the season last year. Very fast out of the dummy half is a regular try scorer.

ANDY PROCTER - Club captain and a prop with a big workrate. Formerly with Wakefield and Bramley.

LEO CASEY - Now reaching the veteran stage an Irish international prop with a wealth of experience. Former clubs include Rochdale Hornets.

DANNY GUEST - Huge young prop former with Keighley and Chorley. Has started to push through this season and big things are expected from him.

PHILLIP FARRELL - Second row who joined the club along with Neil Roden.

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Brother of England captain Andrew he is probably the most exciting young second row in the NFP. A massive workrate and a great pair of hands.

PAUL NORTON - Signed in the off season from Chorley. Knocker has been one of the clubs most consistent performers. Very strong defender who can play prop or second row.

IAN SINFIELD - Oldham born player equally at home at loose forward or second row. An aggressive defender with pace running out wide.

KEVIN MANNION - Former Student international player loose forward with good hands. Wigan born and another former Rochdale player,

GARETH BARBER - Young stand off born in Oldham and signed in the summer from Warrington. A player with huge potential he has already played a number of first team games.

DARYL LACEY - Young

winger or full back with great pace. A regular try scorer.

CHRIS FARRELL - Twin brother of Phil and another summer signing from Wigan. A loose forward with great vision.

GAVIN DODD - Young full back or winger and a former student international. A very elusive runner with great pace.

LES DORAN - Teenage prop who has been starring with clubs alliance teams. A very exciting prospect.

KEITH BRENNAN - Reserve team scrum half coming back after a serious knee injury. Expected to push strongly for a first team place when back to full fitness.

WARREN BARROW - Big winger signed from St Helens. A regular try scorer last season and strong finisher.

MIKE FORD - Player / Coach with a wealth of experience with Wigan, Leigh, Castleford and Warrington amongst his former clubs.



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Alan McCurrie

The former Haven hooker a Wembley finalist with Wakefield Trinity who now coaches Oldham amateurs Waterhead

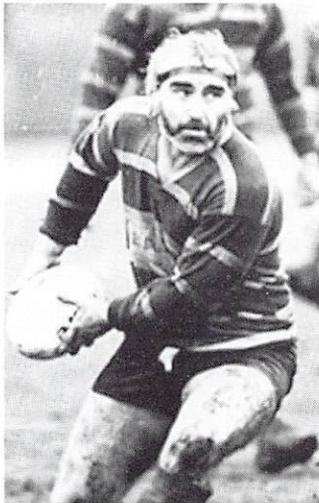
Alan became the latest in the long list of fine hookers to wear the no 9 shirt for Haven, when he signed from the Hensingham amateur club as a 19yr old in 1972. Haven had dispensed with their A team in the 71-72 season, and despite having represented both Cumbria and GB at amateur level, the presence of veteran Eddie 'Tally' Thompson in the hooking role meant that opportunities in those early days were limited to a handful of appearances. By the start of the 74-75 season however, Alan had made the no 9 shirt his own, one which he would occupy for the next four seasons.

"It was after a cup game at Central Park in 1978 that Wigan expressed an interest in me recalled Alan. The Wigan interest didn't go any further but I thought I was playing well enough to give it a go at a higher level, and when Wakefield came in with an offer it was an opportunity I couldn't turn down."

Alan was transferred to Trinity in Sept 78 for £10,000 and in his first season went on to play in the 79 cup final versus Widnes, at Wembley. A dour game, with one of the few highlights an 80-yard try from Widnes's Stuart Wright, who ran out winners by 12-3. Lance Todd trophy winner that day was Trinity captain Dave Topliss who Alan describes as,

"One of the classiest players I have ever played with, a man who played with courage far above his size in days when half-backs were frequently the victims of some dubious off the ball tackles."

Alan, a proud Cumbrian, represented the



Cumbria team that won the county championship in 79 & 80 and he was privileged he says, to play with two of the most underrated players of the 70's in Tom Gainford and Gordon Cottier, who he feels, would have achieved International recognition with a more fashionable club.

After leaving Trinity, Alan had a spell with Oldham before re-signing for Haven at the start of the 86-87 season where he saw out his pro career. "When I had finished playing at professional level I was keen to have a go at coaching explained Alan and had a reasonable amount of success with firstly Maryport and then Lowca amateurs."

Alan was postmaster at Hensingham post office when son Steve signed for Widnes, and he himself was offered the job of coaching the academy side. Alan was later appointed assistant coach at Widnes to Frank Myler which included another disappointing visit to Wembley, ending in a

20-14 defeat by Wigan in the 93 cup final, a game incidentally, in which Kurt Sorensen made a final try scoring appearance in a Widnes shirt before moving to Haven as player-coach.

Alan furthered his coaching career when he joined Andy Goodway as assistant coach at Oldham in the inaugural super league season of 96.

"We did reasonably well in that first season, recalled Alan we finished fifth from the bottom, but above Castleford and Leeds. The following season, however was a different tale when we finished bottom of the table and the club went into liquidation. We lost quite a few games by the odd points games that if the luck had been with us we may have won."

These days Alan, aged 48 and his wife Judy, still live in Oldham where he coaches amateur club Waterhead who are presently in the 1st division of the national conference league. An indifferent season has seen the loss of several key players but, nevertheless resulted in a third consecutive appearance in the Oldham cup final

Alan is now a self-employed driving instructor, and any spare time he has after his driving and rugby commitments, is devoted to the breeding of parrots, a hobby which must be a first for an ex Rugby League forward! He always keeps a check on Haven's progress and in particular Howard Hill, who Alan was responsible for signing during his spell with Oldham.

Tom Hill, John McKinnell and present incumbent Aaron Lester have provided Haven with a wealth of talent at no 9 over the years, Alan McCurrie was certainly no exception.

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TODAYS TEAMS

WHITEHAVEN

WESLEY WILSON	1
JASON ROACH	2
DAVID SEEDS	3
JASON CRITCHLEY	4
MARK WALLACE	5
ROBERT PURDHAM	6
STEVEN KIRKBRIDE	7
MARK COX	8
AARON LESTER	9
DEAN VAUGHAN	10
SPENCER MILLER	11
PHIL SHERWEN	12
GARY PURDHAM	13
PAUL O'NEILL	14
MARC JACKSON	15
IAN DEVLIN	16
GARY SMITH	17

OLDHAM

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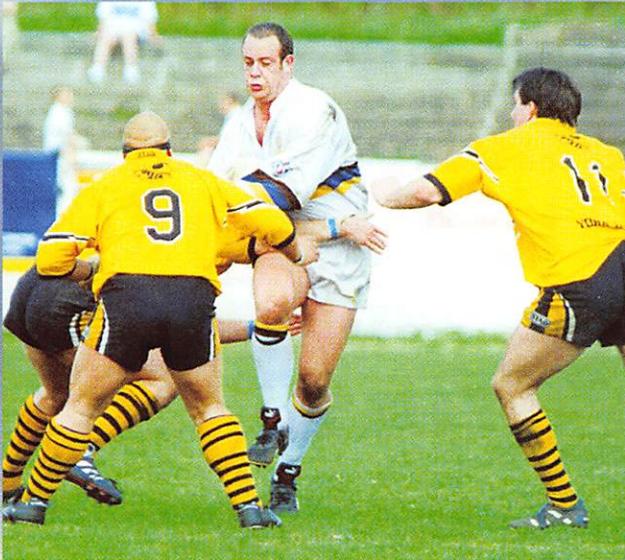
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Haven played their final home game in the Alliance and went down by 14 - 20, but the scoreline did not reflect the game. Haven put in a much better performance than of late, and should have gone in at the break in front, but the visitors scored a converted try on half time to go in 4pts - 8pt to the good. In the second half the home side continued their good work and they locked the score at 14 pts all with ten minutes to play. However Rochdale scored the winning try four minutes from time, which was converted, to give Rochdale a 14 - 20 win. Tony Cunningham, Ryan Campbell and George Suofa all played well for the home side

HAVEN 14 ROCHDALE 20

1. ROSS McBRIDE;
 2. ANDREW NELSON;
 3. ANTHONY HILL;
 4. DEAN BURGESS;
 5. TRIALIST;
 6. PAUL GRAHAM (2,2,2);
 7. STEVEN McCOURT;
 8. GEORGE SUOFA;
 9. DARREN KING;
 10. LEE RUTHERFORD;
 11. TONY CUNNINGHAM (4,4);
 12. ALAN McGUINNESS;
 13. RYAN CAMPBELL.
- Subs:
14. Trialist
 15. Trialist
 16. Trialist
 17. Mark Blackwell

Alliance Fixtures....

<u>December</u>			F	A
23rd	Workington Town	(H)	17	8
<u>January</u>				
6th	Doncaster Dragons	(H)	38	10
20th	Rochdale Hornets	(A)		
27th	Featherstone Rovers	(A)		
<u>February</u>				
24th	Keighley Cougars	(H)	3	6
<u>March</u>				
10th	Widnes Vikings	(H)	4	16
17th	Oldham	(H)	20	28
31st	Batley Bulldogs	(H)	18	0
<u>April</u>				
7th	Keighley Cougars	(A)		
14th	Widnes Vikings	(A)	2	68
28th	Blank weekend (S.C.C.C. Final)			
<u>May</u>				
2nd	Workington Town	(A)	12	30
5th	Batley Bulldogs	(A)		
12th	Featherstone Rovers	(H)		
19th	Leigh Centurions	(H)	0	48
26th	Oldham	(A)	64	10
<u>June</u>				
2nd	Hunslet Hawks	(A)		
9th	Rochdale Hornets	(H)		
16th	Doncaster	(A)		
23rd	Top Five Play Offs			
<u>July</u>				
July 14	First Division Grand Final.			
TBA -	Leigh Centurions	(A)		
	Hunslett Hawks	(H)		

All 2.30 kick-off

ALLIANCE DIVISION ONE 2001

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pts
Widnes Vikings	16	13	1	2	500	253	247	27
Keighley Cougars	15	12	1	2	426	220	206	25
Oldham	16	12	0	4	513	346	167	24
Leigh Centurions	15	10	1	4	456	209	247	21
Rochdale Hornets	16	8	0	8	354	369	-15	16

Featherstone R	17	6	1	10	279	412	-133	13
Doncaster D	16	5	0	11	358	452	-94	10
Batley Bulldogs	15	4	1	10	207	388	-181	9
Whitehaven	16	4	0	12	181	471	-290	8
Workington Town	16	2	1	13	276	430	-154	5

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Bottom Right: JASON CRITCHLEY

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with **MARTYN SADLER**

LEAGUE EXPRESS Editor MARTYN SADLER looks forward to the culmination of the NFP league season with relish, and pays tribute to Widnes star Phil Cantillon

AS we move into the final three weekends of the league campaign, the Northern Ford Premiership continues to throw up surprises.

The biggest one last weekend was Keighley Cougars' complete demolition of a Doncaster side still very much in the play-offs race. Despite the defection of the majority of their first team squad mid-way through the campaign,

Cougars' coach Steve Deakin has managed to quickly rebuild, and his side is now in an excellent position to make the top eight play-offs.

Elsewhere, Cumbrians Workington and Whitehaven were both unlucky not to have recorded wins against Leigh and Rochdale respectively. Both Town and 'Haven were ahead going into the final five minutes, but late tries from the Centurions and Hornets condemned them to defeat. However, Town and 'Haven still have very realistic chances of pushing for a top eight place, although Paul Cullen's side won't be able to lose another game and must beat Oldham this afternoon.

At the Auto Quest Stadium last weekend, Widnes hooker Phil Cantillon wrote himself into the record books by taking his try scoring tally for the season to 42 - the highest ever for a forward in British Rugby League, overtaking Ellery Hanley's previous record of 41. The lightning quick Cantillon has consistently been a shining light for the Vikings during his three-year stint at the club, and was nominated for the NFP Player of the Year award in 2000. After his phenomenal achievements this season, he could be

set to go one better this time around.

And Leigh fullback Neil Turley must be looking over his shoulder now in his battle to remain as the competition's top try scorer.

Meanwhile the NFP clubs still haven't decided when they want next season to begin. The good news for advocates of promotion and relegation is that the clubs did reverse their decision to move the season back to September, with just three clubs supporting that motion at a recent Rugby League Council vote. They have now pencilled in a December 9 start, but will wait until the recently established Strategic Planning Committee gives its verdict on what would be best for the competition.

They may recommend a return to an NFP season running alongside Super League in summer. In the meantime the uncertainty cannot be good for the game, and needs to be sorted out quickly. Forward-thinking clubs already looking towards next year must be finding it difficult to offer their players new deals, not knowing when the new season will begin.

Amid all this indecision, it seems as though the only people not being listened to are the supporters. One outlet for your views is the totalrl.com Fans Forum, where you can join in with an ongoing debate or start your own. Visited by fans from all over the country, it is a platform from which to put your view across. What month do you think the next NFP season should start in next season? Would a December start be more beneficial than a February one?

One thing's for sure, the action on the field in this competition continues to warrant better organisation off it.

FARRELL AIMS FOR 1,000 GOALS

ANDREW FARRELL of Wigan Warriors needs three goals for a career total of 1,000 in British club and representative matches. The loose forward's 997 goals include nine drop goals in 301 appearances. He has kicked 932 for Wigan and 65 in representative matches, including 28 in Tests for Great Britain.

Farrell holds the Super League records for goals in a season with 151 in 2000 and goals in a career with 648.

He has been the leading goal scorer (all club, cup and representative matches) in three seasons with 163 in 1997, 164 in 1998 and 183 in 2000. His best match feat is 15. He has also kicked 11 in a match twice and 10 six times. A former Orrell St. James amateur, Farrell made his senior debut for Wigan as a substitute in a 32-8 Regal Trophy second round home win against Keighley Cougars on 24 November 1991. He made seven more substitute appearances before starting in the second row in a 27-14 League win at Warrington on 12 April 1993, scoring a try.

Wigan legend Jim Sullivan holds the record for most goals in British club and representative rugby league with 2,867 from 1921 to 1946. Farrell is still some way behind the top 20.

LEIGH GO FOR RECORD WINNING RUN

LEIGH CENTURIIONS will equal the club record winning run in all matches of 14 if they win their next game. Their current run of 13 wins consists of 12 Northern Ford Premiership matches plus the Trans-Pennine Cup final. Their last defeat was 16-11 at Doncaster Dragons on March 25.

The club record of 14 has been achieved twice. It was set in 1981-82 from November to February when they won 12 in the old First

Division (Slalom Lager Championship) plus two RL Challenge Cup-ties. The record was equalled in 1985-86 when they won 14 successive old Second Division matches from March to May.

HUDDERSFIELD FACE ANOTHER RECORD RUN OF DEFEATS

HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS will equal the Super League record run of 17 defeats if they lose their next match. Huddersfield set the unwanted record with 17 successive defeats from June 1998 to April 1999.

Their current run of defeats began with two at the end of last season and their opening run of 14 defeats this year is also a record for the start of a Super League season.

Huddersfield's last Super League win was 16-14 at home to Wakefield Trinity Wildcats on 3 September 2000. The losing run began with Tony Smith's first match officially in charge as coach, so the Australian has yet to win a Super League match. Huddersfield had lost two and won one while he was awaiting a work permit. Huddersfield's last victory in any competition was a 38-24 Silk Cut Challenge Cup fifth round home defeat of Doncaster Dragons on 25 February. They have since lost 15 successive Cup and League matches.

TURLEY SEEKS LEIGH TRY RECORD

NEIL TURLEY of Leigh Centurions needs four tries to equal the club record of 49 in a season. This is the 21-year-old's first season as a senior player after being signed from Wigan Warriors in January 2000.

The Leigh record was set by English-born centre Steve Halliwell in 1985-86 in his first season of English rugby league after being brought up in Australia. Halliwell played in 38 of Leigh's 43 matches and all but one of his tries were scored



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in League matches to give him a record old Division Two total of 48. Turley's 45 tries are already a record for a full back in a season and have come in only 26 match-

es. His total includes a club record-equaling six in a match, against Workington Town. He has also scored five and four tries in a match plus four other hat-tricks. He has failed to touch down in only four matches in which he has played.

Turley has scored 42 tries in the Northern Ford Premiership, two in the Trans-Pennine Cup Final and one in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup. He has also scored one try for Lancashire against Yorkshire.

CANTILLON BREAKS FORWARD TRY RECORD
PHIL CANTILLON, the Widnes Vikings hooker, broke the record for tries in a season by a forward with three in the 72-18 Northern Ford Premiership home defeat of Chorley Lynx taking his total to 42.

The previous record was held by Ellery Hanley with 41 tries at loose forward for Leeds in 1994-95. Hanley played in 34 of Leeds' 42 matches and also played one match each for Yorkshire and Great Britain without scoring. He scored 29 tries in the old Division One plus 12 in Cup-ties. Cantillon has been hooker in all 28 matches for Widnes this season and has scored 38 tries in the Northern Ford Premiership plus four in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup. His total includes a club record seven against York, which is also a match record for a hooker. He has also scored five tries in a match this season, four tries twice and one other hat-trick.

His 42 tries, of course, is also a record total for

a hooker in a season, having set the previous record with 30 last season. The 24-year-old has had spells at Wigan, Keighley, Leeds, Bramley and Whitehaven.

MILESTONES

TOMMY MARTYN of St. Helens needs two tries for a career century of touchdowns for the club.

GARY MERCER of Warrington Wolves needs one try for a career century of touchdowns in British club rugby league. The New Zealander has scored 17 for Bradford, 17 Warrington, 43 Leeds and 22 Halifax.

GRAHAM HOLROYD of Salford City Reds needs one goal for a career total of 500, including drop goals. He has scored 387 for Leeds, 92 Halifax, 17 Salford and three for Emerging England.

ROBBIE PAUL of Bradford Bulls needs three tries for a career century of touchdowns for the club.

(as at 14th June 2001)

NORTHERN FORD PREMIERSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pts
Leigh Centurions	25	24	0	1	1013	267	746	48
Widnes Vikings	26	19	1	6	853	362	491	39
Oldham	25	19	0	6	734	361	373	38
Featherstone R	25	16	2	7	696	337	359	34
Rochdale Hornets	24	17	0	7	731	387	344	34
Hull K R	26	15	2	9	517	428	89	32
Keighley Cougars	25	15	1	9	720	446	274	31
Dewsbury Rams	24	15	0	9	690	358	332	30
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Doncaster Dragons	24	14	0	10	556	419	137	28
Workington Town	25	14	0	11	587	508	79	28
Whitehaven	25	13	1	11	517	361	156	27
Sheffield Eagles	25	12	0	13	571	465	106	24
Batley Bulldogs	25	12	0	13	414	528	-114	24
Barrow B Raiders	24	9	1	14	489	607	-118	19
Swinton Lions	25	8	0	17	456	641	-185	16
Hunslet Hawks	25	5	1	19	314	863	-549	11
Gateshead T	26	2	0	24	310	894	-584	4
Chorley Lynx	25	2	0	23	351	1209	-858	4
York Wasps	25	1	1	23	179	1257	-1078	3

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IT'S good to see that coach, Paul Cullen seems intent to stay at The Recreation Ground.

He has brought the best out of the players at his disposal and, despite all the injury problems he has had to face this season, Whitehaven are in a healthy position in the league and still challenging for a play-off position.

But this could be last chance saloon for them, against Oldham. They desperately need the two points from this home fixture to stand a chance of making it into the top eight.

However, even if this does not materialise, they must now look to next season, when they stand a very good chance of going for the top four, if the team stays together.

And by team I don't just mean the players but also the coaching staff. There have been a lot of rumours linking Paul Cullen with the vacant Warrington hot seat but he has expressed no desire to leave Haven — and that is definitely the best news of the season.

He has been the best coach for some time to lead

Whitehaven and hopefully he will continue to do so.

Whitehaven's injury situation has been terrible this season, culminating recently with the news that Lee Kiddie may not be able to resume his playing career, sad news for a talented half-back and everyone hopes that this will not be true.

Yet over the past two weeks no serious injuries have been added to the list, so let's see now if Paul Cullen's vision for Whitehaven can come true and Haven can make it into that last top eight.

Then the only thing missing from The Recreation Ground would be the crowds, who should be here to appreciate some of the rugby league that has been on show.

So fans, get off your bums, put your money through the turnstiles and help build up this club for a brighter future.

**By Helen Graham,
The Whitehaven News**



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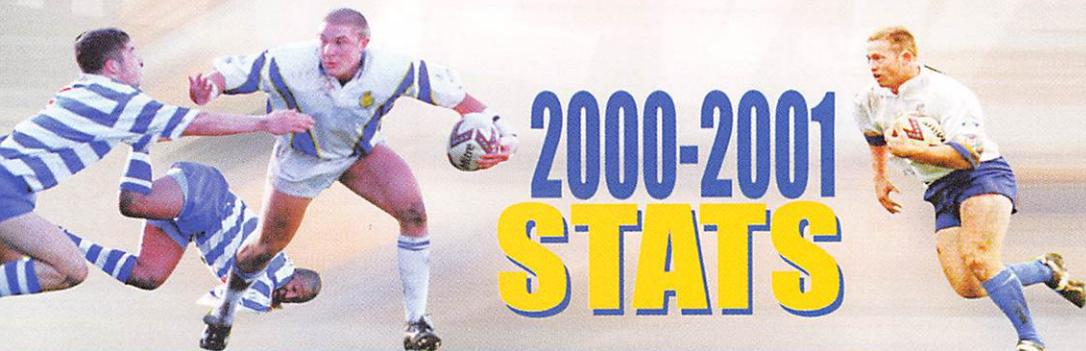
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Dec 3rd	Widnes Vikings	A	3.00	14	22	Seeds, Kiddie	O'Neill 3	
10th	Swinton Lions	H	3.00	4	8	Walsh		
17th	Leigh Centurions	H	3.00	8	30	Miller	O'Neill 2	
Jan 4th	Workington Town	A	7.00	10	31	Wignall	Kirkbride 3	
7th	Barrow Border Raiders	A	3.00	4	5	Walsh		
10th	Chorley Lynx	H	7.30	28	4	Campbell, Morton, Kiddie, Lester, Seeds	Kirkbride 3, Wilson	
21st	Rochdale Hornets	H	3.00	13	4	Morton, Seeds	Kirkbride 2	Kirkbride
28th	Oldham St Annes (SCCC 3rd)	H	3.00	34	14	Miller 2, Hill, Walsh, Morton, Seeds, Campbell	Kirkbride 3	
14th	Gateshead (SCCC 4th)	A	7.30	0	56	Seeds 4, Jackson 2, Campbell, Morton, Joe, Nelson	Kirkbride 8	
18th	Hull Kingston Rovers	A	3.00	10	10	Miller	Kirkbride 3	
25th	St Helens (SCCC 5th)	H	3.00	22	34	Cox, Lester, O'Neill	Kirkbride 5	
Mar 7th	Featherstone Rovers	H	7.30	19	10	Jackson 2, Wignall	Jackson 3	Jackson
11th	Gateshead Thunder	A	3.30	23	4	Wignall, Lester 2, Joe	Jackson 3	Joe
14th	Oldham	A	7.30	19	10	O'Neill, Seeds, Hill	Jackson 3	Jackson
18th	Batley Bulldogs	A	3.00	14	18	Wignall, Hill, Joe	O'Neill	
25th	Sheffield Eagles	H	3.00	12	18	Seeds 2	O'Neill 2	
Apr 1st	Doncaster Dragons	A	3.00	24	28	Seeds, C Campbell, Joe, Devlin	O'Neill 3	Kiddie, Joe
8th	Keighley Cougars	H	3.00	17	4	Wignall, Lester, Devlin	Kirkbride 2	Kirkbride
13th	Workington Town	H	3.00	38	18	Hill 3, Miller 2, O'Neill, Lester	Kirkbride 5	
16th	Chorley Lynx	A	3.00	42	10	Seeds 2, Joe 2, Hill, Kiddie, Devlin, Kirkbride	O'Neill 4, Kirkbride	
22nd	Hunslet Hawks	H	3.00	50	10	Joe 2, Hill 2, Lester 3, O'Neill, Wallace	O'Neill 7	
29th	York	A	3.00	54	6	Lester 2, Wallace 2, Kirkbride 2, Purdham, Seeds, Sharwen, O'Neil	O'Neill 7	
May 6th	Widnes Vikings	H	3.00					
9th	Keighley Cougars	A	7.30					
20th	Leigh Centurions	A	3.00	42	2	G Purdham		
27th	Barrow Border Raiders	H	3.00	24	0	Devlin, Lester, O'Neill, Seeds	Kirkbride 4	
June 3rd	Dewsbury Rams	H	3.00	18	17	Lester, G. Purdham, Sherwen	Kirkbride 3	
10th	Rochdale Hornets	A	3.00	24	34	R. Purdham, Seeds, Wallace, Hill	Kirkbride 4	
17th	Oldham	H	3.00					
24th	Gateshead Thunder	H	3.00					
July 1st	Featherstone Rovers	A	3.00					



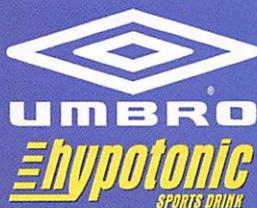
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