

WARRINGTON RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL  
CLUB

( Founded 1923 )

President

N. S. J. Devonald

Ground

Bridge Lane, Appleton, Cheshire

Club Telephone No.

Warrington 64591

---

SEASON - 1976-77

---

Club Captain

Colin Graham

\* \* \* \*

Today we take pleasure in welcoming St. Edwards O.B. to the Club for what we hope will be an exciting game in the first round of the Lancashire Cup. St. Edwards have a very high reputation in schools rugby and although many players graduate to the senior Liverpool clubs, St. Edwards have retained the services of some good players including Alan Catterson who is a former English Schools player at hooker. We acknowledge the involvement of Gerry Birchall at St. Edwards, and appreciate what he did achieve at Warrington not too long ago.

Today's Warrington team comprises little change from a settled side which has only suffered one defeat in the first six games of the season - an away defeat at Wirralians. The team's performance to date reads: 143 points for, 59 against. It is hoped that the return of Alan Hulme, who missed last weeks victory over Oldham, will add extra pace to the backs so that we will be able to enjoy a high scoring game - Warrington being aware of St. Edwards recent victory over Halton, winning 4-3 with a try in the last minute.

Social Calendar

- Sat. 30th Oct. - CLUB DANCE
- Sat. 6th Nov. - CHILDRENS' BONFIRE & FIREWORKS  
6.30 - 8.30 (+ DARTS K.O. FINAL)  
followed by - TRAMPS BONFIRE DANCE

The Club welcome all the spectators to today's game and hope that you all have an enjoyable afternoon. We express our wish to have the pleasure of your support at Saturday matches throughout the season and at our many social events.

P.S. The Club is grateful to Mr. Bill Medland who recently donated his old wallet to the Club to enable us to re-roof the Clubhouse.

## FIRST ROUND - LANCASHIRE CUP

WARRINGTON v. ST. EDWARDS O.B.

J. Greaves	Full Back	R. Wynn
A. Norton	Wing	R. Reilly
D. Broadbent	Centre	J. Sowdon
A. Hulme	Centre	M. Ashcroft
M. Eardley	Wing	D. Hardiman
P. Stansfield	Stand Off	(Capt.) R. Bryne
S. Hennessey	Scrum Half	M. Cooper
S. Roy	Prop	D. Reil
G. Parke	Hooker	S. Murphy
G. Howells	Prop	D. Phenix
F. Armitage	Second Row	K. Roach
D. Smith	Second Row	T. Mason
R. Giles	W/Forward	L. Dinnell
J. O'Dwyer	M/Back	M. Sloane
C. Graham (Capt.)	W/Forward	A. Catterson
K. Fance	Subs	P. O'Brien
G. Doyle		S. McCabe

Comment from the Stands T. Critchley

Today sees the first round of the Lancashire Cup, which is a relative newcomer to the English R.U. scene. The competition in the past has allowed the "minnows" to play the "sharks" and produce some shock results and some high class rugby.

There is no doubt that the honest competition is good for the game, but I question the opinion of some that Cup competitions are good per se. The last few years have seen a disturbing tendency for Clubs to field 2nd XV's in senior fixtures on Saturday to rest the first XV in the Cup. This attachment of a greater importance to Cup rugby rather than to Club rugby is to be deplored.

The game of R.U. revolves around Club rugby and not Cup ties (or Internationals for that matter). If Cup games are to be part of the game, then they should occupy a place in the Club fixture list and not compete with Club fixtures as they seem to do at present. Let us play, watch and enjoy this Cup game today, but let us keep a sense of perspective and not treat the part as greater than the whole.

FIXTURES19761977

Date	Opponents	F	A	Rslt	Date	Opponents	F	A	Rslt
<b>September</b>					<b>January</b>				
4	Skipton	9	-	4 W	1	Leigh			
11	ROCKCLIFF	52	-	7 W	8	Caldy			
15					15	SEFTON			
18	Wirralians	7	-	18 L	22	ROCHDALE			
25	SKIPTON	45	-	7 W	29	KERSAL			
<b>October</b>					<b>February</b>				
2	WEST PARK	10	-	10 D	5	Southport			
9	OLDHAM	25	-	13 W	12	Shrewsbury			
16	Kersal				19	WINNINGTON			
23	Blackburn				26	FURNESS			
30	Sefton								
<b>November</b>					<b>March</b>				
6					5	TYLDESLEY			
13	SHREWSBURY				12	Bury			
20	Winnington				19	WIGAN			
27	CALDY				26				
<b>December</b>					<b>April</b>				
4	MACCLESFIELD				2	Wolves			
11	NEWBOLD				8				
18	Rochdale				9				
25					11	KENILWORTH			
27	Tyldesley				16	KENDAL			
					23	Castleford			
					27				
					30	Ruthin			



