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To-day we welcome one of the league's most improved teams—Oldham—and offer them sincere greetings.

Standing ninth in the league table with 10 points from eight games, Oldham seem to be nicely placed, with ordinary luck, to be making a serious challenge for Championship honours this season, and although they have been defeated in three of their four away games to date, the margin in each case has been slight.

During last season and more recently they have been quietly team-building, with the result that they have at the present time a good many very talented players around them.

Notable amongst these are the two young threequarters O'Grady and Davies. Both under 20 years of age they have already made their mark in representative football, and O'Grady has had the unique distinction of playing for England this season, although not being able to command a regular place in his own side. He is, undoubtedly, one of the game's future "stars."

Full back Ganley has improved tremendously since being discovered in Leigh junior football last season. A most accurate goal kicker, he is credited with 35 successful shots to date.

Perhaps the biggest factor in the Oldham revival has been the form of half-backs Daley and Stirrup. Both former Leigh players, a perfect understanding has developed between them and they must figure amongst the best club half-backs in the game.

Again, at forward, Oldham are well equipped. The front row of Ogden, Keith and Anthony, can be expected to hold its own in any company, whilst our former player, Bryn Day, and loose forward Goldswain are playing first-class football, as their selection for the Welsh side to play France on October 25th indicates. The other member of the pack is the former Harlequin Rugby Union forward, Little, now being freely tipped as a future England player.

Altogether a most formidable side.

Seriously weakened by the absence of Bath, Bevan, Ryder and Ryan on international duty, a tremendous effort will be needed to-day if we are to consolidate our top four position. With Oldham striving their utmost to regain lost ground a tense struggle should be witnessed to-day.

Prior to to-day's game a curtain raiser, kick-off 1.45, will be played between Warrington Schoolboys and Oldham Schoolboys. A collection will be taken in aid of the Warrington Schoolboys' Rugby League.

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NEXT MATCH AT WILDERSPOOL STADIUM

WARRINGTON "A" v. OLDHAM "A", Saturday, 25th October.

Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

SIGNING

Satisfactory terms having been arranged, we have now signed on professional forms Jim Challinor who has completed a number of trials with our "A" team. Challinor, a right wing threequarter, is 6ft., 12 stone, and age 18. He has this season scored eight tries whilst assisting the "A" team.

Programme Prize

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THE TESTIMONIAL FUND

A meeting of this committee has recently been held. It comprises at the moment: Messrs. F. W. Davies, R. F. Anderton, J.P., B. Oxley, R. K. Barnes, P. L. Rigby, J. Craik, W. L. Challinor, C. R. Mountford, L. Hockenhull, W. Lewis, C. Briggs, — Laverick, J. O'Day, T. Plumpton, with Mr. F. Berry as treasurer, and myself as chairman.

We have arranged for a Collection to be taken at the Wigan game on November 1st.

An Autographed Ball will shortly be ready for disposal. Tickets are now on sale.

The Popular Dance at the Baths Hall on January 2nd has been finalised, and at the moment I am to specially call your attention to the Dance at the Parr Hall on December 2nd.

We hope to make this an Annual Club Dance, and the committee will spare no effort to ensure its success. The tickets are nearly ready and will be priced 21/-. We invite you to make up your parties and apply for them as early as possible.

The subscription list is open, and I am pleased to say that donations are already being received.

The Committee have set a target of £1,500. A "Barometer" showing the progress of the fund will be shown in the case at The Sports Centre. I feel confident that with your support we shall exceed the target set.

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PAPER READ TO THE RUGBY LEAGUE COUNCIL at the 1952 Conference held at Blackpool, by Mr. B. Manson

The Council

The Council of the Rugby League should not be comprised of a mandated body of delegates. One appreciates the fact that members are sent by their respective clubs or organisations, but once there they should become an integral whole—with the sole duty of conducting and controlling the Rugby League.

The Governing Bodies

As time goes on, the dividing line between the Rugby League—the ruling body—and the Northern Rugby League is being narrowed almost to the point of extinction. Certainly, there should be a committee to control the destinies of the Club professional section of the Rugby League, but in its autonomous sphere it should not be so cut off from the controlling body as to make it appear that the two are opposites when, in reality, both are aiming at identical results. The same officials are engaged to act for both bodies; club representatives are identical, except in numbers, and all rules of the game and most byelaws cover both and in effect coincide.

Players and their Methods

So long as the Disciplinary Committee has work to do, so long do we find players not "playing the game." By far the vast majority of players give of the best and play fairly; the person we must root out of the game is the one who, often surreptitiously, engages himself in questionable tactics. Close physical contact with his opponent gives him the opportunity of employing methods which we deplore. We are bound to take strong steps to eradicate that type of play and, if necessary, go so far as to expel such individual from the game. The French Rugby League have taken steps in this direction which we might emulate. So long as officials will see to it that the wishes of the ruling bodies are carried out, then, and then only, shall we be able to claim that our game is being played in a true sporting spirit. A tackle on a

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player where vigour is the predominant instrument should be abolished, as should the so-called "second tackle"—the latter a feature which has crept in for the purpose of making one's opponent realise he has been truly halted in his progress.

Referees

This aspect of our game is still giving the controlling bodies much to think about and much, unfortunately, yet to be desired. Referees should be brought up with the game, should have special training and **should also be recruited from other sources than from those at present employed.** There is a body of men who would welcome gladly the opportunity of becoming referees, and who would, incidentally, be the means of introducing our game in quarters non-existent at the moment.

A coaching scheme should be instituted, and particular emphasis should be made on identical interpretations which leave no doubt or loophole.

Moreover, such words or sentences in the French language as are needed to control a game should be made known to English referees (and vice-versa for French referees) and only the men capable of making themselves clearly understood, not relying on gesticulation, should be listed for International matches.

Press

The Press generally are most helpful in the matter of sport, and every consideration should be given to their representatives, not only in regard to information supplied, but also in regard to accommodation and facilities.

Two items of criticism may be listed, one from the Rugby League and the other from the Pressmen. As to the latter, it is essential that all members of the Press should be afforded information at the same time, to enable simultaneous publication. As regards the former, Pressmen could be more helpful if they really fulfilled their mission in presenting a general picture of the game rather than an undiluted criticism of individual players and of those in control of the code.

(To be continued)

1st TEAM FIXTURES

for Season 1952-53

Date	Opponents	Ground	Result
			F. A.
Aug. 16	Wigan ('Wardonia' Cup)	home	9 13
" 23	Workington	home	26 2
" 28	Bramley	away	11 6
" 30	Salford (Lancashire Cup)	away	19 17
Sept. 3	Salford (Lancashire Cup)	home	30 8
" 6	Dewsbury	away	19 11
" 13	Belle Vue	away	47 18
" 20	Leeds	home	29 22
" 27	Huddersfield	away	13 32
Oct. 4	Bradford	home	12 9
" 11	AUSTRALIA	home	10 34
" 14	St. Helens (Lancs. Cup Semi-final)	home	10 17
" 18	Oldham	home	.....
" 25	Oldham	away	.....
Nov. 1	Wigan	home	.....
" 8	Liverpool	away	.....
" 15	Rochdale	away	.....
" 19	LANCASHIRE v. AUSTRALIA	.....	.....
" 22	St. Helens	home	.....
" 29	Salford	home	.....
Dec. 6	Leeds	away	.....
" 13	Dewsbury	home	.....
" 20	Workington	away	.....
" 25	Widnes	away	.....
" 26	Leigh	home	.....
" 27	Liverpool	home	.....
1953			
Jan. 1	Wigan	away	.....
" 3	Huddersfield	home	.....
" 10	Swinton	away	.....
" 17	Belle Vue	home	.....
" 24	St. Helens	away	.....
" 31	Swinton	home	.....
Feb. 7 & 14	Challenge Cup.	.....	.....
" 21	Whitehaven	away	.....
" 28	Challenge Cup.	.....	.....
Mar. 7	Rochdale	home	.....
" 14	Barrow	home	.....
" 21	Barrow	away	.....
" 28	Bradford	away	.....
Apl. 3	Widnes	home	.....
" 4	Whitehaven	home	
" 6	Leigh	away	
" 13	Salford	away	
" 22	Bramley	home	

Kick-Off Times

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