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SATURDAY, 2nd OCTOBER, 1954. Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE VISITORS

It is a proud Oldham team which pays a call at The Stadium to-day, for, having only sustained one defeat in eight League games, they are sharing top position in the League with Leigh, Wigan and Bradford Northern, while in addition they appear likely to play an important part in the Lancashire County Challenge Cup tourney this year.

To many, the bright start which the men from Watersheddings have made will not come as a surprise, for there is a wealth of talent available, and now it would appear that the right blend, allied to the necessary enthusiasm, is being secured, and if consistency can be maintained our visitors should be among the season's honours.

Full-back Bernard Ganley, son of a famous father, "Bert," of Leigh and Huddersfield fame, is consolidating his position as Lancashire County custodian also, and a continuance of this form could bring him even higher honours in the game, for, in addition to having few peers as a goal-kicker, he is a sterling defender, and knows the value of turning defence into attack.

Among the three-quarters will be players, who, while young in years, are players of much experience.

Right-wing Dick Cracknell, the former Huddersfield player, and another son of a famous father, was not so long ago first choice for England, and now, after a comparatively lean spell, he is apparently again displaying the skill which earned him his previous honours.

In the centre there is Alan Davies, a Leigh boy, and yet another whose father made a mark in the game. Alan has been honoured by his country as well as county, and just now is playing no small part in the success of Oldham.

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His wing partner, Terry O'Grady, seems destined, with ordinary luck, to add many more caps to his collection. He will have benefited from the recent Australian Tour, on which he was an outstanding success, and a great favourite with the Australian crowds. And a British player has to be good to earn popularity "down under."

The fourth member of the line has recently been the young local boy, Phillip Barrow, a powerfully-built player with the right ideas, and very rich in promise.

After a long lay-off through injury, Johnny Feather, the former Leeds player, returned to First Team duty at stand-off half last Saturday, and he would find his partner, young Pitchford, a greatly-improved player. This Leigh youngster has been playing grand football this season at scrum half, and his selection for the Lancashire County "shadow" side is well merited.

On their day the visiting pack can hold its own with the best. Strong scrummagers, mobile in the loose, Bryn Goldswain and his colleagues can provide effective collaboration with their backs.

As their high League position indicates, Oldham have been playing excellent football this term, and we hope our patrons will be privileged to see them at their best, with our own boys matching their efforts to give us an afternoon of first-class entertainment.

CURTAIN RAISER

In addition to seeing the Oldham Senior Team to-day, we also have the opportunity of seeing the youth of Oldham showing their skill, for, as a curtain-raiser, two teams drawn from the Oldham Continuation League will oppose each other. The ages of these boys range from 15 to 18 years, and they are reported to be playing excellent open football.

Permission has been granted to them to take a collection after their game, to assist them to defray their travelling expenses, and we trust you will feel able to show your appreciation for the entertainment these boys have provided, by making a generous contribution.

REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S GAME . . .

Our boys came very near to creating the surprise of the day at Warrington, and put to confusion those who had predicted a runaway victory for the triple cup holders. Certainly it was easily the best display which our team has given to date, and no injustice would have been done had they shared the points.

Oldham's first game against B.P.

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How much the Australians, Bevan and Bath, meant to the "Wires" is reflected in the fact that they shared 19 of the 22 points scored, and perhaps we may be forgiven for believing that, without the assistance of these two extraordinary players, Warrington might have proved our first victims.

The defence of our boys was a revelation to everyone and, having shown us that they can do it, there must be no going back.



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. . . AND WHAT THE CRITICS SAID

" Sunday Dispatch."

" 'Warrington Old Boys'—for half the Blackpool side formerly played for Warrington—showed the men from Warrington a thing or two. If they improve at this rate, the 'chips of the old block' will not be the 'chopping block' for long for other clubs."

" Empire News."

" Had they shared the spoils, no one could have quibbled, because they had equally as much of the play as Warrington, their team work was better, and they were 100 per cent. triers . . . if they continue on this note, they will soon be away from the bottom of the table."

" People."

" It was in defence that Blackpool showed their new strength ; their tackling was for the most part swift and sure."

" News of the World."

" The Blackpool 'babes' gave a gallant display and amazed even their opponents with their occasional brilliance."

PERSONAL PARS

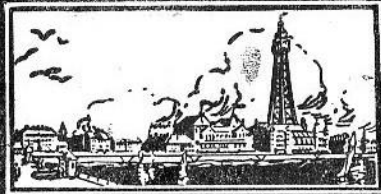
His many friends will be glad to know that our Chairman, Councillor J. H. Shoemith, had made sufficient progress from his recent collapse to be allowed to leave the nursing home this week, but he will still need careful nursing for some time yet.

Ray Perkins was on hand at Warrington to greet his colleagues, with his leg encased in plaster. How he came to sustain the fracture still remains unsolved, for Ray cannot recall any incident during the Castleford game which may have been the cause, and he left the ground after the game fit and well . . . or so he thought.

Matt Campbell, the former Rochdale loose forward, and Wilson Hall, the New Zealand scrum-half, who saw service with both Hull and Castleford in the 1930's, and who now have charge of our "A" Team, received considerable encouragement for their efforts when their team triumphed over Warrington "A" last Saturday by 16 points to 13.

The match was a personal triumph for front-row forward John Hill, the former Amateur International, for this fast-improving youngster claimed 13 of the 16 points.

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Last week's Prize-winner : Mr. C. H. Pickles, 21 Fernhill Road, Shipley.

NEXT HOME MATCH

SATURDAY NEXT, 9th OCTOBER

BLACKPOOL BOROUGH "A"

v.

SWINTON "A"

Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

OFFICIAL FIXTURES, SEASON 1954-5

FIRST TEAM

1954			Points
Aug. 14—Salford	.....	Away	F. A. 3—40
„ 17—(Tues.) Batley.	Kick-off 6.30 p.m.	Home	7—10
„ 21—St. Helens	.....	Home	2—34
„ 23—(Mon.) Liverpool C.	Kick-off 7.0 p.m.	Away	7—32
„ 28—Rochdale H.	.....	Away	8—37
Sept. 4—Leigh	.....	Home	17—44
„ 11—Belle Vue R.	First Round Lancs. Cup	Home	5—9
„ 18—Castleford	.....	Home	12—45
„ 25—Warrington	.....	Away	15—22
Oct. 2—Oldham	.....	Home	
„ 9—Swinton	.....	Away	
„ 16—Belle Vue R.	.....	Home	
„ 23—Wigan	.....	Away	
„ 30—Barrow	.....	Home	
Nov. 6—Oldham	.....	Away	
„ 13—Workington T.	.....	Home	
„ 20—Castleford	.....	Away	
„ 27—Hull K. R.	.....	Home	
Dec. 4—Workington T.	.....	Away	
„ 11—Warrington	.....	Home	
„ 18—Batley	.....	Away	
„ 25—Whitehaven	.....	Away	
„ 27—Hull K. R.	.....	Away	

1955			
Jan. 1—Liverpool C.	.....	Home	
„ 8—Whitehaven	.....	Home	
„ 15—	.....		
„ 22—Widnes	.....	Home	
„ 29—St. Helens	.....	Away	
Feb. 5—Leigh	.....	Away	
„ 12—First Round Challenge Cup	.....		
„ 19—Salford	.....	Home	
„ 26—Swinton	.....	Home	
Mar. 5—Second Round Challenge Cup	.....		
„ 12—Widnes	.....	Away	
„ 19—Barrow	.....	Away	
„ 26—Doncaster	.....	Home	
Apl. 2—Rochdale H.	.....	Home	
„ 8—Belle Vue R.	.....	Away	
„ 9—	.....		
„ 11—Doncaster	.....	Away	
„ 16—Wigan	.....	Home	

SUPPORTERS' SNIPPINGS

The occasion of the Castleford visit was to have heralded our entry into these pages, but unfortunately, as this page goes to print earlier than had been anticipated, our notes did not appear.

That which was written then is, of course, now out of date, and if the accident could be called an omen, then it is a good one, because fortunes seem to have improved since those notes were written.

We are deeply grateful to the Board of Directors for the privilege of providing a regular contribution to the programme. We now have a medium for notifying you of most of our activities.

The first amenity we have been able to provide on the ground has come about through the generosity of our Vice-Chairman and his good lady, Mr. and Mrs. J. Heaton. This worthy couple have purchased a supply of rexine cushions for hire to stand patrons. When the colder weather arrives, stand patrons will no doubt breathe a silent tribute to their generosity.

Your Supporters' Club has, during the past two weeks, been able to give some financial assistance to the parent club. However, we won't dwell on that subject, because for the next year or so it is our primary object in life.

But financial assistance is not the only assistance that can be given. Your team is fighting hard to achieve victory. The harder the fight the sweeter the fruits of victory, and you can fertilize that fruit.

Remember, in the cold grey of an October afternoon on a strange ground, there will be nothing more inspiring to the team than to hear "Up the Borough" ring out lustily and true.

We are running trips to away matches. So far they have not been well supported. If you are in any doubt, call at one of our kiosks at the ground entrances, or write to the Secretary.

SNIPPETS

Good Wishes

To Ike Fishwick, Charlie Taylor and Ray Perkins. May their return to fitness be a speedy one.

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Bouquet

To the team in general for their magnificent display at Warrington last Saturday. We have every confidence in every one of our players.

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Oscar

To Chris. Brockbank for devotion to his Club, and above all for his friendly smile.

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Brickbats

To all those who say "When are you going to win a match." Rome wasn't built in a day, and we haven't seen a bad match at The Stadium yet!

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Team Telegram

Our hearts are with you, lads. We'll shout like mad for you this afternoon. Go out and win. We know you can. Congratulations to the "A" Team, who obtained their second victory on Saturday.

F.W.G.