

Telephone : MAn 2972

Haigh's Marine Stores Limited

Registered Office : 21 CROSS STREET, OLDHAM

IRON AND STEEL MERCHANTS

Bulk Buyers of

MIXED RAGS, SCRAP LEAD, COPPER, BRASS, COPPER WIRE, Etc.

DRAWING ROPES, STRING, HEMP, TWINE,
COTTON, ROLLER CLOTH, CLEARER CLOTH,
PAPER, TYRES, TUBES

All goods collected

Terms : CASH

Distance no object

CROFTBANK MILL . . . OLDHAM

Fixtures for the Season

1954-55	Opponents	Venue	K.O.
Aug. 7—	Rochdale (Charity)	Home	3-0
14—	Wakefield T.	Away	
21—	Batley	Home	3-0
25—	Salford (Wed.)	Away	7-0
28—	St. Helens	Away	
Sept. 4—	Barrow	Away	
11—	1st Round Lanes. Cup		
14—	Liverpool (Tues.)	Home	7-0
18—	Batley	Away	
25—	Wakefield T.	Home	3-0
Oct. 2—	Blackpool	Away	
9—	Workington	Home	3-0
16—	Rochdale Hornets	Away	
23—	Hull	Home	3-0
30—	Liverpool S.	Away	
Nov. 6—	Blackpool	Home	3-0
13—	Widnes	Away	
20—	Whitehaven	Home	2-30
27—	Wigan	Away	
Dec. 4—	Salford	Home	2-30
11—	Whitehaven	Away	

1954-55	Opponents	Venue	K.O.
Dec. 18—	Keighley	Away	
25—	Swinton	Home	2-30
27—			
Jan. 1—	Belle Vue R.	Home	2-30
8—	Leigh	Away	
15—	Warrington	Home	2-30
22—	Workington	Away	
29—	Rochdale Hornets	Home	3-0
Feb. 5—	Barrow	Home	3-0
12—	First Round R.L. Cup		
19—	St. Helens	Home	3-0
26—			
Mar. 5—	Second Round R.L. Cup		
12—	Belle Vue Rangers	Away	
19—	Widnes	Home	3-0
26—	Warrington	Away	
Apl. 2—	Wigan	Home	3-0
8—	Swinton (Friday)	Away	
9—	Hull	Away	
11—	Keighley (Mon.)	Home	3-0
16—	Leigh	Home	3-0

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB



PROGRAMME . . . THREEPENCE

... For good food



Shops & Restaurants

You'll do better at a U.C.P. Restaurant
in fact "A WINNER EVERY TIME"

19 HIGH STREET, OLDHAM

And many Shops and Restaurants
in Manchester and throughout the North



OFFICIALS

President : W. HOWARD, M.B.E., J.P.

Vice-President : J. COULTHARD, Esq.

Hon. Treasurer : A. CORDWELL, Esq.

Committee :

Messrs. F. W. Ashworth, A. F. Campbell, F. S. Holt, T. Hurtley, F. Knowles,
J. W. Lewthwaite, F. Ridgway, E. Thomas, E. Watkins

Club Doctor : Dr. JOHN OLIVER

Secretary : Mr. H. SUMMERSCALES

Pavilion Telephone No. : MAIn 4865

THIS SPACE TO LET

apply to

THE SECRETARY,

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB,

PAVILION,

WATERSHEDDINGS,

OLDHAM, Lancs.

No. 14—Saturday, January 1st, 1955

Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

OLDHAM v. BELLE VUE RANGERS

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

From a playing point of view and, may we also say, from a financial outlook, we consider that we have had 'A Merry Christmas' at Watersheddings. In our matches against Swinton and Salford, we collected the maximum points, but in the match against Swinton we consider that the game did not come up to the standard we expected, both from playing and finance. However, the match was won, and only just, to keep us in the top flight of the League. On Tuesday last we entertained Salford in a postponed league match, we had good luck with the weather, and recorded the best gate of the season with £1,257, rather a splendid return for a holiday fixture, especially when one reflects on the Saturday fixture with Salford last January, the gate receipts then were £564. Our team appeared to be in better form on this occasion, and excelled in the finer points of the game, we also had the complete measure of our opponents in the second half. It was a pleasure to see our team return to its try scoring activities, and seven tries cleverly scored, is an encouragement for the future.

We hate to individualize, as all the team played as a unit, but we must give praise to our scrum-half, Frank Pitchford, who is in the peak of form, and who appears to be all over the field, but in the right place when wanted. This player must surely be destined for honours on his play all through the season. When they come, they will have been richly and deservedly earned.

OUR VISITORS

A welcome, to-day, to our visitors, Belle Vue Rangers, who, although down in the League table, are capable of playing good football and bringing off a surprise or two.

A famous club who commenced with the name of Broughton Rangers, but such has been the circumstances of finance, that they transferred to Belle Vue Gardens, and the name was changed to Belle Vue Rangers. Many famous players have passed through their ranks.

They still carry on, and we hope for a long time to keep the flag of Rugby League flying in the Manchester district.

Their Secretary-Manager, in a honorary capacity, is Mr. Tom Spedding, ex-tour manager, and much credit is due to him for his efforts, along with his co-directors and the Supporters' Club, in keeping the Club going.

BRIEFS

Do you know that our first team matches are privately broadcast to the three local hospitals: Boundary Park, Royal Infirmary, and Strinesdale. These broadcasts are much appreciated by the staff and the patients, and we are only too pleased to allow the broadcasts, just to let the patients know they are not forgotten in their hour of indisposition.

Telephone: BLA 6985

H. C. COOKE

(SPORTS) LTD.

LEADING SPORTS OUTFITTERS TO THE R.L.

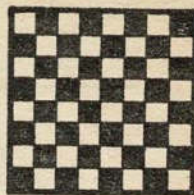
26 JOHN DALTON ST., &
68 CORPORATION ST., MANCHESTER

RUGBY JERSEYS at last season's prices from 16/6
STOCKINGS in hooped designs from 4/11 per pair
R. L. PATTERN SHORTS from 11/6 per pair
All sizes of Cotton Oxford and
Elmer Cotton Rugby Boots in stock

COOKE'S of MANCHESTER

Suppliers of the 1952 Finalists' complete Kit

*There's a
Wilson's Ale
to suit
every taste*



**THE SIGN OF
QUALITY**



WILSON'S BREWERY LTD., MANCHESTER, 10

G. Barlow & Sons LIMITED

Saloon Coaches for away matches
Land Cruises and Pleasure Trips
Weddings and Tours arranged
also Complete Funeral Furnishers

PERSONAL ATTENTION TO ALL ORDERS

Telephone: MAIN 4301

**UNION STREET WEST GARAGE,
OLDHAM**

Tom Shaw & Son (Oldham) Ltd.

Luxury Coaches for all occasions
Operators of 'Pleasureways Tours'

151 UNION ST., OLDHAM

Telephone: MAIN 5033/4

You cannot do better than...
book your next Cup Final Party,
Day Outing or Holiday Tour
at...

STANTON'S

TRAVEL AGENCY

Official Travel Agents to the Oldham F.C.

112 UNION ST., OLDHAM

ESTABLISHED OVER FIFTY YEARS

Wellington Inn

T. W. HURTLEY (Tommy)

What you want...

Good Company, Wilson's Fine Beers
and Stouts, Sporty Chatter,
Wines and Spirits

Ripponden Road - Oldham

Telephone: MAIN 1939

INSIST ON THE GREEN FINAL

ALL
THE
RESULTS

OLDHAM

Red and White

1. Ganley, W. B./Stirrup, F.
2. Cracknell, R.
3. Feather, J. A./Mitchell, W. S.
4. Davies, A. (Captain)
5. O'Grady, T.
6. Daley, F.
7. Pitchford, F.
8. Ogden, H.
9. Keith, J.
10. Jackson, K.
11. Winslade, C.
12. Little, S./Tomlinson, A.
13. Goldswain, B. V.

BELLE VUE RANGERS

Blue and White

1. Morgan
2. Lambert
3. Brown, R.
4. Jones
5. Day
6. Rees
7. Tynan
8. Welsby
9. Dutton
10. Pugsley
11. Jennings
12. Brown, J.
13. Tierney

Referee: Mr. G. S. Phillips, Widnes

Touch Judges:

Mr. E. Bleasdale, Warrington (Blue).

Mr. A. Early, Whitehaven (Red).

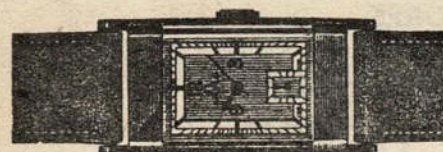
OLDHAM'S OWN SPORTS PAPER

**ANYWHERE
ANYHOW
ANYTIME**



BY LAND, SEA OR AIR.
For your next holiday, day
outing, or journey of any
kind, consult...

STANTON—Travel Agency
112 UNION STREET, OLDHAM



You can depend on a watch
bought at

JOSEPH HOWELL & SONS

THE JEWELLERS DOWN MUMPS

8-10 MUMPS, OLDHAM MAIN 4804

FOOTBALL
MATCHES

PRIVATE PARTIES
specially catered for

SANDY'S TOURIST AGENCY

Proprietor: A. F. Campbell

Official Agents for
AUTY'S - ARROWSMITH'S - BATTY-HOLY
SMITH'S CONTINENTAL & BRITISH
and SHEARING'S TOURS

Agent for all BUTLIN'S HOLIDAY CAMPS

5 ABBEY HILLS ROAD
OLDHAM

'Phone: MAIN 6912

Our next five league matches will be a testing time for our team, we meet Leigh and Workington away, and Warrington, Rochdale and Barrow at Watersheddings. So we may be in for a feast of good football, and we hope, victories.

The draw for the Rugby League Challenge Cup will be made early in January. This season, the first and other rounds of the cup will be of one match only, so we hope for a little luck in a home fixture to be on our Wembley way. The first round of the Cup will be played on Saturday, 12th February, 1955, and the kick-off will be at 3-0 p.m.

Standing tickets, price 3/- each for the Challenge Cup Final at Wembley, on April 30th next, can be obtained from the Secretary's office in the Pavilion. All other tickets have been disposed of.

PAST EVENTS

We often receive queries from several quarters, and the following items, selected at random from old records of the club, may be of interest to older members and supporters, and perhaps help to settle one or two arguments.

Reg. Farrar signed for this club on October 7th, 1920, but was struck off the list in June 1929. He however signed on again a second time on January 26th, 1931, and eventually retired from the game at the end of the 1931 season.

Albert Brough was signed on transfer from Barrow F.C. on July 31st, 1923, and retired from football in April 1931. The transfer fee paid for Brough to Barrow was £500, a rather large sum of money in those days.

Ambrose Baker signed from Neath R.U. on January 8th, 1924. His connection with the club ceased on March 4th, 1932.

REFEREE APPOINTMENTS

January 8th—Leigh v. Oldham. Mr. N. T. Railton, Wigan.
 „ 15th—Oldham v. Warrington. Mr. A. Howgate, Dewsbury.
 „ 22nd—Workington v. Oldham. Mr. J. W. Jackson, Barrow.
 „ 29th—Oldham v. Rochdale. Mr. C. F. Appleton, Warrington.
 February 5th—Oldham v. Barrow. Mr. S. Abram, Wigan.

HALF-TIME SCORES

The Half-time Scores of the Matches given below will be shown on the Score Board immediately they are received

A BRADFORD C. ATHLETIC	D HALIFAX LEEDS
B WIGAN WARRINGTON	E SWINTON SALFORD
C ST. HELENS LEIGH	F HULL K. R. ROCHDALE

Keep dry with . . .

"STONE-DRI" (Registered) WEATHERWEAR

Branches at WAKEFIELD, ROCHDALE,
ASHTON, BRADFORD, LEIGH, Etc.

Direct Raincoat Co.
102, YORKSHIRE ST., OLDHAM

SHOP & OFFICE FITTER — POLISHING

WALTER MILLS

(Proprietor: A. Mills)

Joiner, Cabinet Maker, Etc.

Repairs and Alterations a Speciality

5 GARFITT STREET, OLDHAM
off ROCK STREET

Terms: MONTHLY — Phone: MAIn 3574

R. Boardman & Co.

ALE & STOUT BOTTLERS
Mineral Water Manufacturers

Try our . . .

"SPECIAL" GRAPE FRUIT CRUSH
Obtainable in the Pavilion

ASHTON - U - LYNE

Telephone: ASHTon 2310

Brands of Petrol for Sale
NATIONAL BENZOLE, ESSO EXTRA, CLEVECOL
SHELL, DOMINION and POWER

Telephone - MAIn 3404

DIESEL FUEL SUPPLIERS

Oldham Service Station

Proprietors: William Leigh Ltd.

BOTTOM O'TH' MOOR, OLDHAM

Our Motto—"Service to the Public"

ALL GRADES OF OIL &
ACCESSORIES IN STOCK

Hours of Business:
Weekdays: 7-30 a.m. to 9-0 p.m.
Sundays: 8-30 a.m. to 9-0 p.m.