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SATURDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1958 Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

Another great day in the short history of our club has arrived. Having won through to the Second Round of the Challenge Cup as a result of our narrow win at Dewsbury, we could not have wished for more attractive visitors than we have to-day. Oldham, apart from being strong favourites to win the Cup, won the Rugby League Championship last season and have already won the Lancashire Cup this season. All those Rugby League followers who are not blinded by club bias generally concede that not only are Oldham the strongest team in the League today, but they are also the most attractive to watch. Five of the team are members of the present Great Britain Test side: Bernard Ganley, Alan Davies, Ken Jackson, Sid Little and Derek Turner and several of the others are knocking at the door. Wonderful players and great sportsmen, these boys, and a credit to Oldham and to our great game. Obviously few people will give us much of a chance against this star-studded team, but then no one gave us any chance at all against Wakefield Trinity in the Second Round last year.

League form very often goes haywire in Cup-ties and, knowing what our own boys are capable of on their best days, we do not view our prospects as entirely hopeless, as many people no doubt would like to think they are. Having said that, then let us say that if Oldham do emerge successful to-day, then the best wishes of all at Blackpool will go with them in future rounds and, perhaps, who knows? we shall see them on Saturday, 10th May, running out on to that wonderful Wembley turf to demonstrate before a national audience the type of Rugby which is Oldham's speciality these days. Let us take this opportunity also, before battle commences, of thanking the Oldham committee-men, and their coach, Griff Jenkins, for the real and practical help they have

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given our struggling club. It is due mainly to their interest and assistance that we have players such as Dennis Morgan, Jim Mundy and Harry Standish in our team to-day.

So consistent have the Oldham team been in the past three seasons that there is little new that we can say about their personnel.

However, in view of the fact that it is Cup Day, and there are likely to be a few strangers present, we give herewith brief details of our visitors:

Bernard Ganley (*Full Back*).—Captain. Came to Oldham from Leigh junior football. Has played for Lancashire County and is the present Great Britain full back. Age 28, 5 ft. 9 ins., 12 st. 9 lb.

Dick Cracknell (*Right Wing*).—Signed from Huddersfield in 1953 at a record fee. Has played for Great Britain and Yorkshire County. Age 27, 5 ft. 10 ins., 13 st. 7 lb.

Dennis Ayres (*Centre*).—Another great player in the making. Signed from Oldham R.U. Club.

Alan Davies (*Centre*).—Native of Leigh and at one time played with Tyldesley R.U. Club. Has played for Lancashire County, R.L. World Cup Team and is the present Great Britain centre. Age 25, 5 ft. 9 ins., 13 st. 7 lb.

John Etty (*Left Wing*).—Signed from Batley in 1955. Has played for Yorkshire County and British Empire Teams. Age 29, 6 ft., 13 st.

Frank Daley (*Out Half*).—Signed from Leigh in 1949. One of the most devastating tacklers in the game. Age 29, 5 ft. 9 ins., 13 st.

Frank Pitchford (*Scrum Half*).—Signed from Leigh junior football. Has played for Lancashire County and International XIII. Age 24, 5 ft. 4 ins., 11 st. 7 lb.

Ken Jackson (*Forward*).—A local player. Member of the present Great Britain team. Age 26, 6 ft., 14 st. 7 lb.

Jack Keith (*Hooker*).—Signed from junior football in Leeds. Age 30, 5 ft. 11 ins., 12 st.

Don Vines (*Forward*).—A former Welsh R.U. Schoolboy International. Monmouthshire and Welsh R.U. trialist. Age 24, 5 ft. 10 ins., 15 st.

Charlie Winslade (*Forward*).—Born at Maesteg. Welsh R.L. International. Age 26, 6 ft. 1 in., 15 st. 7 lb.

Sid Little (*Forward*).—A Cumbrian signed from Harlequins R.U. Club. Played for Cumberland County and is present member of the Great Britain team. Age 26, 6 ft., 14 st. 7 lb.

Derek Turner (*Loose Forward*).—Signed from Hull K.R. Present member of the Great Britain team. Age 24, 5 ft. 11 ins., 14 st.

A great team—the finest Oldham have ever had—and we hope our lads will give them a rousing tussle to-day.

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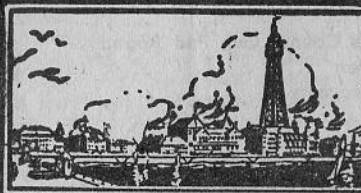
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OFFICIAL FIXTURES, SEASON 1957-58 FIRST TEAM

						Points	
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1957							
Aug.	17—	Rochdale Hornets			Home	12	17
	19—	Leeds			Away	6	68
	24—	Batley			Away	19	12
	31—	Widnes County Cup, 1st Round	....	....	Home	9	4
Sept.	3—	Leigh	....	....	Home	9	15
	7—	Doncaster	....	....	Away	24	11
Sept.	12—	St. Helens County Cup 2nd Round	....	....	Home	12	28
	14—	Whitehaven	....	....	Home	13	18
	21—	Rochdale Hornets	....	....	Away	20	28
	28—	Batley	....	....	Home	18	10
Oct.	5—	Warrington	....	....	Away	6	19
	12—	Swinton	....	....	Home	5	13
	19—	Whitehaven	....	....	Away	17	38
	26—	Oldham	....	....	Home	5	34
Nov.	2—	Barrow	....	....	Away	16	19
	9—	Leeds	....	....	Home	16	9
	16—	Castleford	....	....	Away	26	15
	23—	Widnes	....	....	Home	9	12
	30—	Dewsbury	....	....	Away	17	7
Dec.	7—	Warrington	....	....	Home	14	18
	14—	Hull Kingston Rovers	....	....	Home	37	10
	21—	Salford	....	....	Away	9	10
	25—	Liverpool City	....	....	Away	8	33
	26—	Doncaster	....	....	Home	17	6
	28—	Wigan	....	....	Away	13	30
1958							
Jan.	1—	Liverpool City	....	....	Home	15	8
	4—	Workington Town	....	....	Away	P	
	11—	St. Helens	....	....	Home		
	18—	Swinton	....	....	Away		
	25—	Dewsbury	....	....	Home		
Feb.	1—	Widnes	....	....	Away		
	11—	Rugby League Cup, Round 1	Dewsbury	....	Away	4	2
	15—	Salford	....	....	Home	5	14
	22—	Rugby League Cup, Round 2	Oldham	....	Home		
Mar.	1—	Oldham	....	....	Away		
	8—	Hull Kingston Rovers (Rugby League Cup, Rd. 3)		....	Away		
	15—	Wigan	....	....	Home		
	22—						
	29—	St. Helens (Rugby League Cup Semi-finals)		....	Away		
April	4—	Leigh	....	....	Away		
	5—	Barrow	....	....	Home		
	12—	Castleford	....	....	Home		
	19—	Workington Town	....	....	Home		

CLUB GOSSIP

We were delighted to see back in training this week our former Captain Syl Lannon. Since his accident in August, 1956, Syl had a rough time until his shoulder was wired. Now the old urge to play football again has got into Syl and we may yet see him turn out before the season's end.

Will somebody from Salford tell us why? At half-time last Saturday, in spite of being without Walsh, Brennan and Foden, we turned round after facing a gale and heavy rain, only 9 points in arrears, and we all looked forward to a good, exciting second half. What happened? Salford decided to put the shutters up and for most of the second half all we saw was a weary procession of Salford forwards playing the ball and being tackled. One can understand a team which has lost a player or two and want to hang on to a point or so lead adopting these tactics, but is it necessary when a team is 9 points in front? Another very strong argument for revision of the present play the ball rule.

SUPPORTERS' SNIPPINGS

The great day arrives! To-day we play Oldham, the "Manchester United" of the Rugby League, in the Second Round of the R.L. Challenge Cup. Great though the feeling for our Supporters, there is a curious admixture of pride, despondency and bewilderment amongst our numbers!

Pride for the fact that we possess a team which, in the short span of its life, has twice reached the Second Round of this famous Tournament. Pride also for the knowledge that our team cannot be considered as a "write-off" against our distinguished visitors, and pride for our town, which can still boast a team that is on the Wembley Way!

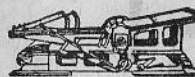
Despondency arises because we have not a ground suitably equipped to stage properly an event of this magnitude.

Mr. Gordon Emery, Chairman of our Parent Club, has to-day issued to Supporters a personal letter, urging them to join our Weekly Football Lottery. Please read the letter that he has issued. Upon this "Pool" or Lottery depends, for the immediate present, the future of Blackpool Borough. Since June, 1957, this venture has given the "Borough" £2,400 and, before next June, at the present rate of progress, a further £2,000 will be handed over. With new investors and new agents, there is no reason why an additional £1,000 should not be raised.

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