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GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 27th, 1959.

Our annual Good Friday match with Oldham, is always looked forward to by supporters of both clubs, and this season, with both fighting for a place in the top four, it is certain that the interest will be higher than ever. Oldham have had a very similar season to Swinton in many ways, for their best form was prior to the end of December. Up to then they had 35 points from 22 matches to give them second place, whilst we were third with 34 points from 21 games.

From their last seven matches Oldham have collected six points, and from nine games we have ten points.

Meanwhile some of our rivals have done better, and Hunslet, Wigan, Hull and Wakefield Trinity are now quite well placed.

As it will be of interest to supporters of both clubs, we give the outstanding fixtures of the eight teams concerned in the struggle for the top four.

ST. HELENS : Played 29. Points, 51.

Home (4) Workington T., Blackpool B., Hull, Liverpool C.
Away (5) Wigan, Liverpool C., Halifax, Swinton, Oldham.

HUNSLET : Played 30. Points, 44.

Home (3) Bradford N., Bramley, Halifax.
Away (5) Leeds, Castleford, Batley, Hull, Oldham.

SWINTON : Played 30. Points, 44.

Home (4) Oldham, Salford, Bramley, St. Helens.
Away (4) Rochdale H., Whitehaven, Liverpool C., Castleford.

WIGAN : Played 30. Points, 42.

Home (3) St. Helens, Workington T., Rochdale H.
Away (5) Widnes, Workington T., Wakefield T., Blackpool B., Salford.

OLDHAM : Played 29. Points 41

Home (6) Hunslet, St. Helens, Hull, Liverpool C., Salford, Whitehaven.

Away (3) Swinton, Barrow, Widnes.

HULL : Played 29 Points, 39.

Home (4) Dewsbury, Hunslet, Halifax, Castleford.
Away (5) Hull K.R., St. Helens, Oldham, Batley, Bramley.

WAKEFIELD TRINITY : Played 27. Points, 39.

Home (6) Hull K.R., Wigan, Bramley, Keighley, Castleford, Featherstone R.

Away (5) Keighley, Doncaster, Bradford N., York, Dewsbury.

WIDNES : Played 29. Points, 38.

Home (5) Wigan, Whitehaven, Liverpool C., Oldham, Leigh.
Away (4) Warrington, Leeds, Bradford N., Salford.

In eleven of the remaining matches, clubs who are concerned with the top four meet one of the others. These will be key matches and of course our game today is one of them. In the match at Oldham on Christmas Day, we were unfortunate to lose by 4 goals 8 points to 2 goals 1 try 7 points. Goal kicking was also the winning factor in the game last Good Friday, when the result was Oldham 8 goals 4 tries, 28 points ; Swinton 3 goals 4 tries 18 points.

Albert Blan Testimonial Fund.

The collection this afternoon is in aid of the Albert Blan Testimonial Fund. Albert joined us in July, 1948 at the age of 18. He challenged for a first team position very quickly, although at that time Ralph Morgan was first choice at full-back. Albert was elected Captain in 1951, and has remained in that position ever since. He has represented Lancashire and England at full back, and has also played for Lancashire at stand off-half. One of the most loyal club men in the game, Albert has been willing to play in any position to help the team, and has played with distinction at full back, centre three quarter, stand off half and loose forward. During his career, Albert has suffered several serious injuries, and has had three operations on the knee, an operation on his wrist following a bad fracture, and in addition to many minor injuries, has this season lost four teeth, and a portion of his upper jaw. We ask for your generous contribution in appreciation of Albert's eleven years' loyal service to the club, and the game.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS.

HOME	Barrow	Blackpool	Leeds	Leigh	Liverpool	Oldham	Rochdale	Salford	St. Helens	SWINTON	Warrington	Whitehaven	Widnes	Wigan	Workington
Barrow	.....	13-9	.....	21-14	.....	21-9	28-8	5-7	10-5	.....	2-7	2-9	17-23	25-4	.....
Blackpool	9-17	.....	6-19	8-7	.....	12-34	10-20	.....	19-26	9-17	21-20	23-20	9-21	.....	.....
Leeds	16-13	32-20	.....	59-20	18-15	12-23	.....	12-11	12-16	17-47	18-12	.....	17-8	.....	.....
Leigh	27-5	25-26	11-16	.....	11-7	21-5	15-20	6-10	9-22	.....	20-3	13-7	15-25	20-15	.....
Liverpool	12-11	13-14	16-20	20-16	.....	13-28	19-12	7-18	.....	8-44	22-16	11-26	18-36	10-32	.....
Oldham	39-13	44-3	13-12	19-16	.....	22-18	.....	8-7	19-8	.....	44-8	21-18	30-4	.....	.....
Rochdale	7-11	20-10	5-21	10-5	.....	13-14	.....	16-26	5-15	.....	5-13	16-15	16-23	10-18	.....
Salford	19-10	44-5	17-22	12-16	18-6	14-9	16-4	.....	12-28	10-3	16-22	19-15	.....	.....	.....
St. Helens	71-15	.....	38-12	9-6	.....	22-6	42-12	44-4	.....	32-3	15-7	27-3	38-4	13-9	.....
SWINTON	13-6	27-15	3-26	10-18	35-10	.....	23-11	.....	.....	.....	22-18	25-10	6-0	7-22	25-3
Warrington	.....	25-8	32-15	35-13	23-26	13-20	19-0	.....	15-29	5-15	.....	42-8	.....	5-18	30-4
Whitehaven	.....	43-7	18-0	18-17	24-15	14-3	.....	19-10	2-25	.....	19-2	.....	2-14	24-12	0-2
Widnes	17-8	46-7	5-16	.....	.....	34-11	35-10	25-16	17-5	13-17	.....	.....	.....	21-15	.....
Wigan	49-16	29-11	32-3	26-12	45-5	19-7		31-14		24-8	24-16	39-16	7-11		
Workington	21-2	12-0	16-8	19-4		0-23		19-12	10-10	9-10	32-15	17-9	14-34		

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4. BLAN
5. MATHER
6. PARKINSON
7. CARTWRIGHT
8. McGOWAN
9. LEECE
10. MOSES
11. SMITH
12. ROBERTS, K.
13. LAMB

OLDHAM

(Red & White)

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2. SOUTHWARD
3. DAVIES
4. NESTOR
5. SIMS
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7. PITCHFORD
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APPEARANCE AND SCORERS

(Including Charity Match)

(Up to and including 21st March, 1959)

	Played	Goals	Tries	Points
BERRY	20	—	17	51
BILLINGTON	2	—	—	—
BLAN	27	11	8	46
CARTWRIGHT	28	—	5	15
CRITCHLEY	15	—	4	12
DOUGHTY	29	—	18	54
*GOWERS	32	96	2	198
HAYNES	23	—	1	3
HOPE	5	—	3	9
LAMB	32	—	7	21
McGOWAN	4	—	—	—
McMAHON	1	—	2	6
MATHER	28	—	8	24
MOSES	26	—	2	6
NORBURN	10	—	2	6
PARKINSON	28	—	16	48
ROBERTS, K.	13	2	6	22
ROBERTS, T.	29	—	1	3
SMETHURST, P. ...	5	—	2	6
SMITH	20	—	3	9
STOPFORD	10	—	5	15
THOMPSON	22	—	1	3
WORSLEY	5	—	4	12
CUMMINGS	2	—	—	—
MADDOCK	3	—	3	9
ARMSTRONG	4	—	—	—
LEECE	4	—	—	—
JACKSON	2	—	—	—

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FIXTURES AND RESULTS

First Team

1958		F.	A.
Aug.	9—Salford	A	23 18
	16—Dewsbury	A	32 22
	20—Barrow 6-30	H	13 6
	23—Widnes	H	6 0
	30—Wigan	H	12 31
Sept.	6—Castleford	H	37 3
	13—Leigh	A	22 9
	20—Whitehaven	H	25 10
	27—Wigan	A	8 24
Oct.	4—Bramley	A	29 15
	11—Batley	H	26 12
	18—Doncaster	A	35 9
Nov.	1—Workington	A	10 9
	8—Doncaster	H	26 6
	15—Blackpool	A	17 9
	22—Dewsbury	H	37 8
	29—Leeds	A	16 12
Dec.	6—Wigan	H	7 22
	13—St. Helens	A	3 32
	20—Blackpool	H	27 15
	25—Oldham	A	7 8
	26—Rochdale H.	H	23 11
	27—Warrington	A	15 5
1959			
Jan.	1—Salford	A	3 0
	3—Workington	H	25 3
	10—		
	17—		
	24—Batley	A	12 7
	31—Widnes	A	5 17
Feb.	7—Leeds	H	3 26
	14—		
	21—R.L. Cup 1st Rd		2 18
	28—Leigh	H	10 18
Mar.	7—Liverpool	H	35 10
	14—Barrow	A	5 10
	21—Warrington	H	22 18
	27—Oldham	H	
	28—Salford	H	
	30—Rochdale H.	A	
Apr.	4—Whitehaven	A	
	8—Bramley	H	
	11—Liverpool C.	A	
	18—St. Helens	H	
	25—Castleford	A	

'A' Team

1958		F.	A.
Aug.	9—		
	16—Oldham	H	27 5
	20—		
	23—Widnes	A	10 15
	27—Leigh	A	21 33
	(L.C.C.S.) 7-0 p.m.		
Sept.	6—Oldham	A	21 21
	13—Leigh	H	19 21
	20—Whitehaven	A	22 18
	27—Wigan	H	29 8
Oct.	4—Salford (F)	H	10 10
	11—		
	18—Salford	H	2 10
	25—		
Nov.	1—Workington	H	18 13
	8—		
	15—Blackpool	H	15 16
	22—Rochdale H.	A	11 7
	29—Leigh (F)	A	18 51
Dec.	6—Wigan	A	19 36
	13—St. Helens	H	11 38
	20—Blackpool B.	A	11 15
	25—		
	26—		
	27—Warrington	H	10 0
1959			
Jan.	1—		
	3—Workington	A	5 15
	10—		
	17—		
	24—		
	31—Widnes	H	23 3
Feb.	7—Salford	A	19 10
	14—		
	21—Barrow	A	8 12
	28—Leigh	A	8 15
Mar.	7—Liverpool C.	A	21 18
	14—Barrow	H	48 0
	21—Warrington	A	23 24
	27—		
	28—		
	30—		
Apr.	4—Whitehaven	H	
	11—Liverpool	H	
	18—St. Helens	A	
	25—Rochdale H.	H	

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