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Sports Chat

TODAY'S VISITORS.

OLDHAM.

Without question today's match should be our outstanding attraction of the season to date. Apart from being near neighbours, it is so easy to get from Oldham to Halifax, the League positions of the two teams are practically identical. Only a slight disparity in the scoring records distinguish the two clubs. Whoever gets on top today will more or less put paid to the other's Championship aspirations.

It is no wonder therefore that we as the home club are hopeful of a fine day in order that those numerous Oldham fans may make the journey across the Pennines. We have always had a good gate when Oldham have been our visitors and today's gate should not be an exception to the rule. In fact we expect a much better attendance than usual because our match with Oldham is the only real attraction in Yorkshire this afternoon.

The personalities in the Watersheddings side are numerous. At full-back they have the League's ace goal-kicker, Bernard Ganley, who however looks like being replaced by centre threequarter Noon. In Kellett and Pitchford they have a potential Test half-back pairing while the two centre positions are in the capable hands of Test star Alan Davies and Holden, recently signed at a £6,000 fee from Wigan. If Southward has settled his differences with Oldham then the Watersheddings side will be stronger still with this Tourist wing threequarter on the right flank, and opposite to our in-form Johnny Freeman.

With so many backs of Test standard it is essential that they be given plenty of the ball to show their paces. The Oldham pack, however, has shed some of its lustre and cannot be compared in stature with the men behind the scrum. Efforts have been made to strengthen the forwards. Robinson was signed from Whitehaven at a big fee, Payne from Liverpool City, and Dave Parker is a recent signing from Lancashire Rugby Union, while Parker, T. was signed from Lock Lane. The forwards have plenty of potentiality but they need experience and blending together before they can become the force that's required for a Top Four team.

After losing three matches in a row against Leigh, Swinton and Barrow, Oldham came back to devastating form with a grand win against Workington on Monday last. They gave a very poor display against Barrow but looked like world-beaters against Workington.

Today we can expect anything from this Watersheddings side. They could produce the scintillating form displayed against Workington or they could sink to mediocrity as they did against Barrow. But I am going to predict that this afternoon we shall have a match that will be in the nature of a "Derby" and one that will thrill us from the start to the finish.

It is with the utmost pleasure, under circumstances as propitious as they could be, that we welcome the Oldham team, officials and supporters to Thrum Hall.

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SUPPORTERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRAW.

The winning number for the above Draw on the occasion of our last home match with Bramley was : No. 6, and the winner was Mr. C. J. Durkin, 12 Grove Square, Ovenden, Halifax.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The Rugby League home fans got a very lean time on New Year's Day. Of the four matches played on this day only one home team won. St. Helens beat Leigh, but Wigan, Salford and Workington all lost at home. The winners of these matches—Warrington, Oldham and Swinton—by their victories strengthened their Top Four claims and these three clubs are now hot on our trail.

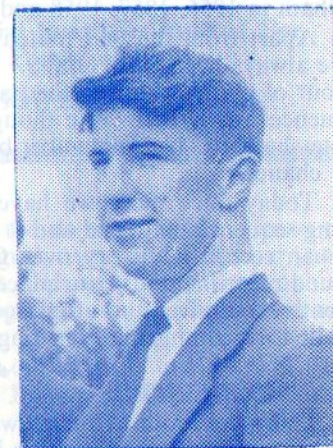
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LONG SEQUENCE.

There is no team in the Rugby League other than Oldham who have managed to beat us more consistently over the past eight years. We have to go back to the 8th December, 1951, to find our last win over Oldham. Since this date we have lost ten consecutive matches to the Watersheddings side. We conceded the double to Oldham in 1956, 1957, 1958 and 1959.

Apart from the odd match the games between the two clubs have always been close affairs. The bounce of the ball has run in favour of Oldham during the past eight years. It is time that this sequence was halted. We thought we were winning the match at Watersheddings last September but an apparent forward pass ruined our chances.

Today once more we have the opportunity of bringing this losing sequence to an end and it will be a joyful day for us if at last we can record a victory over Oldham and thereby preserve our ground record and also our place in the Top Four. We have every incentive to do well this afternoon and I am confident that the effort will be forthcoming and this long losing sequence will go.

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TRANSFER-LISTED.

This week both at their own requests, we have transfer-listed two players who joined us from local clubs. Malcolm Brooks who has played everywhere in the backs for our "A" team is on the list at £200, while Alan Martin who until recently was our First Team loose forward is on at £2,000.

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LATE NEWS.

It looks as though Oldham have not settled their differences with Southward. He is unlikely to play against us today. His place will be taken by Lord, a young local junior Rugby League player, who was amongst the tries at Workington on Monday last.

On Oldham's left flank will be another young local, Patterson. He however has played in this position practically all season and does not lack experience.

The only forward in the Oldham pack from the good old days is Charlie Winslade. All the others apart from hooker Goddard who is a local, have been recruited in the last two years.

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CUP DRAW.

The draw for the First Round Proper of the Rugby League Challenge Cup will take place on B.B.C. Television at 5-53 p.m. on Saturday, January 14th, 1961. When this happens, like all other clubs, all we wish for is a home draw.

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BREAK.

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Our "A" team will be at home on this date to Hull K.R.

We shall be at home again on January 1st when we entertain the greatly improved Leigh side.

THE POOLS.

The Christmas Holidays slowed down the rate of new members joining our Pools. We had aimed at 10,000 members for Christmas but we fell short of our target by 1,400 members.

To keep in line with other Clubs Pools we must have a membership of at least 12,000. It should be possible for us to reach this membership by the Cup-Ties if all our supporters joined.

To join all you have to do is to contact any member of the Pools Committee at 42 Gibbet Street on any Friday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. or on any Saturday morning from 9 to 12. Any member of the Supporters Club will tell you what you have to do or you can contact me at the Secretary's Office. For 1/- a week you can win £72 or more on a Saturday and £25 or more on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week. The more members that join the greater will be the prizes.

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T	1.—OWEN	1.—NOON	I
O	2.—SNOWDEN	2.—LORD	D
N	3.—BURNETT	3.—DAVIES	I
E	4.—PALMER	4.—HOLDEN	N
T	5.—FREEMAN	5.—PATTERSON	G
R	6.—FAZACKERLEY	6.—KELLETT	A
O	7.—ROBINSON	7.—PITCHFORD	L
U	8.—FOX	8.—PAYNE	E
G	9.—SHAW	9.—GODDARD	
H	10.—CRABTREE	10.—ROBINSON	
	11.—SPARKS	11.—WINSLADE	
	12.—TURNBULL	12.—PARKER, T.	
	14.—SCROBY.	13.—PARKER, D.	
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BIG TEST.

All the critics were unanimous that our new half-back pairing of Keith Fazackerley and Barrie Robinson acquitted themselves with distinction against Bramley last Saturday.

Undoubtedly our threequarters moved much more smoothly in the second half against Bramley than they have done for a considerable time and we saw Johnny Freeman with more of the ball with the result that he scored three tries in brilliant fashion.

Today these two young lads will be up against much stiffer opposition than they met last week. Kellett and Pitchford are the best club half-back pair playing Rugby League football. Both are in Test class. Pitchford has toured Australia and it will not be long before Kellett gains the same distinction.

No stiffer opposition will be met than these two. If Fazackerley and Robinson come through today's match with credit then we can say that the gap left by the retirement of Dean and Kieley is well on the way to being filled.

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SHUFFLE.

One change only is made in our team to face Oldham this afternoon and one positional change, from the team that beat Bramley. Snowden now fit after his toe injury resumes on the right wing. Sparks goes back to his second row position while Scroby takes over at loose forward. Our six forwards are the same as played last Saturday with the formation having been just shuffled slightly.

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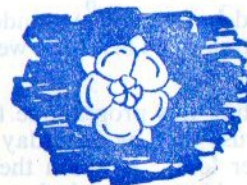
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THE WEATHER.

It was fine overhead but very heavy under foot for last Saturday's match against Bramley. This week we have had more rain, a little snow and some frost.

At the time of writing this programme the ground conditions have improved. We trust that by Saturday it will again be fine overhead and firm under foot. Between the two twenty-fives the ground has been like a glue-pot but drying winds on Wednesday improved matters. Now the ground looks more like normal and we hope it will remain so until today's match is over.



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PLAYERS RECORDS, SEASON 1960/61.

First Team League and Cup Games.

Player	Appearances	Goals	Tries	Points
OWEN	23	76	—	152
SNOWDEN	20	—	7	21
BURNETT	22	—	6	18
PALMER	21	—	3	9
FREEMAN	21	—	15	45
WILLIAMS	11	—	3	9
JONES	9	—	3	9
MARCHANT	11	—	2	6
FOX	22	—	1	3
SHAW	20	—	4	12
CRABTREE	21	—	—	0
SPARKS	23	—	1	3
SCROBY	19	—	1	3
MARTIN	17	1	2	8
CRITCHLEY	9	—	3	9
TAYLOR	3	—	—	0
ROBINSON	5	—	2	6
JACKSON	2	—	—	0
ECKERSLEY	6	—	—	0
LANGHORN	1	—	—	0
PHILLIPS	3	—	1	3
RENILSON	2	—	—	0
TURNBULL	5	—	1	3
BROADBENT	2	—	—	0
FAZACKERLEY	1	—	—	0
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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES, 1960-61.

1960.			
Aug.	6-HUDDERSFIELD	 home	
	(6-30 p.m.)		
	13-BRAMLEY	 away	
	15-(Mon.) BATLEY (7-0 p.m.)	home	
	20-WORKINGTON	 home	
	23-(Tues.) LIVERPOOL	 away	
	(6-45 p.m.)		
	27-WAKEFIELD (Y.C.)	 away	
Sept.	3-KEIGHLEY	 home	
	10-OLDHAM	 away	
	17-SALFORD	 away	
	19-(Mon.) WARRINGTON	 home	
	(6-0 p.m.)		
	26-ST. HELENS	 away	
Oct.	15-ROCHDALE	 away	
	22-WHITEHAVEN	 home	
	29-BLACKPOOL	 away	
Nov.	5-ROCHDALE	 home	
	12-LEIGH	 away	
	19-WIDNES	 home	
	26-SWINTON	 away	
Dec.	3-LIVERPOOL	 home	
	10-KEIGHLEY	 away	
	17-WIDNES	 away	
	26-HUDDERSFIELD	 home	
	27-HUDDERSFIELD	 away	
	31-BRAMLEY	 home	
1961.			
Jan.	7-OLDHAM	 home	
	14-		
	21-LEIGH	 home	
	28-WORKINGTON	 away	
Feb.	4-SWINTON	 home	
	11-1st Rd. R.L. Cup.		
	18-WIGAN	 home	
	25-2nd Rd. R.L. Cup.		
Mar.	4-BARROW	 away	
	11-3rd Rd. R.L. Cup.		
	18-ST. HELENS	 home	
	25-BATLEY	 away	
	31-(Fri.) WHITEHAVEN	 away	
Apl.	1-BLACKPOOL	 home	
	3-BARROW	 home	
	8-WIGAN	 away	
	15-R.L. Cup Semi-Finals.		
	22-WARRINGTON	 away	
	29-SALFORD	 home	

SECOND TEAM FIXTURES, 1960-61.

1960.			
Aug.	13-BRAMLEY	 home	
	20-HUDDERSFIELD	 away	
	27-WAKEFIELD	 home	
Sept.	3-BRADFORD	 away	
	10-LEIGH	 home	
	17-ST. HELENS	 home	
	24-FEATHERSTONE	 away	
Oct.	1-BRADFORD	 home	
	8-BATLEY	 away	
	15-DONCASTER	 home	
	22-DEWSBURY	 away	
	29-ROCHDALE	 home	
Nov.	5-LEIGH	 away	
	12-HUDDERSFIELD	 home	
	19-HULL	 away	
	26-LEEDS	 home	
Dec.	3-WAKEFIELD	 away	
	10-DEWSBURY	 home	
	17-CASTLEFORD	 home	
	24-ST. HELENS	 away	
	31-BRAMLEY	 away	
1961.			
Jan.	7-KEIGHLEY	 away	
	14-HULL K.R.	 home	
	21-HULL K.R.	 away	
	28-FEATHERSTONE	 home	
Feb.	4-ROCHDALE	 away	
	18-CASTLEFORD	 away	
Mar.	4-FEATHERSTONE	 away	
	(Y.S.C. Cup)		
	25-BATLEY	 home	
Apl.	1-DONCASTER	 away	
	4-HULL	 home	
	8-KEIGHLEY	 home	
	15-YORK	 home	
	22-YORK	 away	
	29-LEEDS	 away	

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