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Sports Chat

Whenever Oldham and ourselves have clashed over the years it is not often that the meeting between these two clubs could be termed as a match between the lowly. That unfortunately is the case for this afternoon's game.

Oldham are at the foot of Division One and only Bramley come between Oldham and ourselves. Two points only separate the two sides and Oldham have played one match less than Halifax. There is therefore very little to choose between the two sides, and today's tussle will result in the gap between them being increased or decreased, and could mean that one club could climb to safety and the other go deeper into the depths. This match is a most vital one and it is to be hoped that the intensity of the struggle to steer clear of the relegation zone will not produce too much keenness and spoil the standard of play.

We have always looked forward to the visit of our nearest Lancashire neighbours and do so again this afternoon. The standard of play has always been high whenever we have met in contest. We look forward to the same standard again this afternoon and welcome with pleasure our Oldham friends and neighbours, and trust that the circumstances under which we meet will not detract from the pleasure we anticipate from the meeting of Halifax and Oldham.

Oldham are captained by Don Platt, the former Wigan, Leigh and Batley player. When at Wigan he played in the full-back position, but nowadays he operates with distinction at loose forward.

Centre threequarter Holden was stated in the Press this week to have said that he would not play again for Oldham. He has however been chosen to play this afternoon and in all probability he will turn out for the Watersheddings side.

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Oldham seem to have a liking for converting wing threequarters into full-backs. Their full-back was Sime who joined the club as a wing threequarter. Now he has been displaced by Patterson another wing threequarter.

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LONG LAY-OFF.

Alan Kellett, the Oldham stand-off half, broke his arm last August and has not played since. Today he plays with the Oldham "A" team. Oldham have sadly missed Kellett's presence and they will be watching his form very apprehensively this afternoon. They badly need a man of his calibre back in the side.

Also playing in the Oldham "A" team today is Dave Parker, the Oldham loose forward who has been out of action for two months with a leg injury.

When we play our return match with Oldham at Water-sheddings on January 12th it could mean that we shall face a stronger Oldham team than the one we meet this afternoon if these two injured players pass their fitness tests.

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Bryn Day, their former forward, is the Oldham coach.

A newcomer to Thrum Hall will be Elliott, a coloured lad from Blaina, South Wales. He is only seventeen years of age and already is being hailed as another Billy Boston. He signed for Oldham this season.

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SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES.

The Halifax Rugby League Supporters Club are running coaches to Huddersfield on December 29th. The coaches will leave the Plummet Line Hotel at 1-45 p.m. Book at the Supporters Club Office.

The Half-time Draw Prize of £3-6-0 for the Workington match on November 24th is still unclaimed. This prize can be claimed from the Secretary at the Supporters Club Office, the winning number was 001893.

The CHRISTMAS DRAW winning numbers were : 1st Prize, 4419; 2nd Prize, 11568; 3rd Prize, 6587, and the 4th Prize, 1227. Prizes can be claimed at the Supporters Club Office.

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All the points we have gained in Division One have been at the expense of Lancashire Clubs and clubs whose name begin with W—Wigan, Workington and Warrington. Not a single solitary point has been won from a Yorkshire club.

Holden and Fisher, the present Oldham centre threequarters, played together at Leigh at the same time as also did Don Platt.

Simms on Oldham's left wing was signed this season at a substantial fee from Rochdale.

Oldham have figured very much in the transfer market over the past few years. Some of their former players are now playing with distinction with other clubs. Davies and Pitchford are with Wigan. Southward has returned to Workington. Vines and Turner are with Wakefield Trinity and Winslade and O'Grady play for Warrington.

Oldham's best performance of the season was their away win at Wakefield on December 1st. Their other points in Division One were gained at the expense of Huddersfield (home) and a draw against Wigan away.

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- 4.—FISHER
- 5.—SIMMS
- 6.—NESTOR
- 7.—PYECROFT
- 8.—MUMBERSON
- 9.—McINTYRE
- 10.—GODDARD
- 11.—BOTT
- 12.—ROBINSON
- 13.—PLATT

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Touch-Judges : F. G. Smart (Derise); W. Walmsley (Lemon).



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DEBUT.

Stuart Kelley plays his first match in senior football this afternoon. He takes John Shaw's place at No. 9. Stuart is 21 years of age and joined Halifax two years ago from the Shaw Cross club. He is 6ft. tall and weighs 13st. He commenced his career as a loose forward. He deserves his promotion following his fine "A" team displays.

John Shaw, whom Kelley displaces, plays with the "A" team and is now transfer-listed at a fee of £3,500.

Terry Fogerty plays against his home town this afternoon. Terry, who still lives in Oldham, attracted the attention of the Watersheddings officials before he signed for us.

Only Johnny Freeman and Ronnie James have played in every match for us this season.

Duncan Jackson will be presented with his County Cap and Championship medal after today's game. The presentation will be made by the Mayor of Halifax, Councillor Tom Berry, who this afternoon, attends this match in his official capacity, as the chief citizen of Halifax.

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OLDHAM'S RECORD SO FAR.

WESTERN LEAGUE.

Aug. 18	Away—Whitehaven	Lost	8—18
21	Home—Barrow	WON	17—0
25	Home—Leigh	WON	16—10
28	Away—Rochdale	Lost	2—10
31	Home—Whitehaven	WON	40—9
Sept. 15	Away—Barrow	WON	15—13
22	Home—Rochdale	WON	22—7
29	Away—Leigh	Lost	17—24

LANCASHIRE CUP.

First Round :	Whitehaven (away)	WON	11—2
Second Round :	Rochdale (home)	WON	14—3
Semi-Final :	St. Helens (home)	Lost	8—10

DIVISION ONE.

Oct. 6	Away—Workington	Lost	15—44
13	Home—Huddersfield	WON	9—8
20	Away—Leeds	Lost	5—23
27	Home—Wakefield	Lost	3—15
Nov. 3	Away—Wigan	Draw	14—14
17	Away—Huddersfield	Lost	5—6
24	Home—Leeds	Lost	8—10
Dec. 1	Away—Wakefield	WON	19—12
8	Home—Wigan	Lost	0—19
15	Home—Castleford	Lost	2—10

OLDHAM'S SCORERS.

Goals : G. Sims 34; Patterson 6; T. Simms 1; Jones 1; Platt 1.

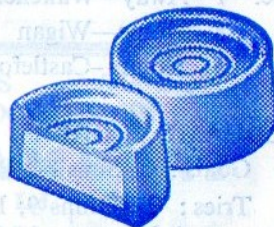
Tries : T. Simms 9; Lord 7; Noon 6; Holden and Parker 5; Patterson 4; Nestor and Mumberson 3; G. Sims and Bott 2; Price, Pycroft Gaskell, and McIntyre 1.

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Player	Appearances	Goals	Tries	Pts.
JAMES	23	76	3	161
JACKSON	20	—	9	27
JONES	7	—	1	3
RHODES	10	—	4	12
FREEMAN	23	—	13	39
ROBINSON	21	—	8	24
MARCHANT	16	—	6	18
DALEY	6	—	—	—
FOX	14	—	—	—
TAYLOR	11	—	1	3
PHILLIPS	14	—	1	3
SCROBY	19	—	—	—
TURNBULL	20	—	4	12
RENILSON	16	—	3	9
DUFFY	17	—	—	—
DIXON	10	—	4	12
WILLIAMS, K.	5	—	—	—
BURNETT	12	—	5	15
CRABTREE	4	—	—	—
SHAW	12	—	2	6
STANDRING	1	—	—	—
HARDCASTLE	2	—	—	—
SCOTT	7	—	—	—
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1962	Opponents	Gd.
Aug. 18—HULL	...	away
20—KEIGHLEY (Mon., 7 p.m.)	...	home
25—HUNSLET	...	home
29—YORK (Wed.)	...	away
Sept. 1—KEIGHLEY	...	away
8—Yorkshire Cup.	...	...
15—HULL	...	home
22—HUNSLET	...	away
29—YORK	...	home

DIVISION 1.

Oct. 6—CASTLEFORD	...	away
13—HULL K.R.	...	home
20—WORKINGTON	...	away
27—WIGAN	...	home
Nov. 3—WARRINGTON	...	away
10—CASTLEFORD	...	home
17—HULL K.R.	...	away
24—WORKINGTON	...	home
Dec. 1—WIGAN	...	away
8—WARRINGTON	...	home
15—HULL	...	away
22—OLDHAM	...	home
26—WIDNES	...	home
29—HUDDERSFIELD	...	away

1963				
Jan.	5—BRAMLEY	...	...	home
	12—OLDHAM	...	...	away
	19—LEEDS	...	...	away
	26—SWINTON	...	...	away

Feb. 2—ST. HELENS	...	home
9—R.L. CUP. First Round.	...	...
16—FEATHERSTONE	...	home
23—WAKEFIELD	...	away

Mar. 2—R.L. CUP. Second Round.	...	...
9—LEEDS	...	home
16—ST. HELENS	...	away
23—HULL	...	home
30—BRAMLEY	...	away

Apl. 6—	...	...
12—WAKEFIELD (Good Friday)	...	home
13—WIDNES	...	away
16—HUDDERSFIELD (East. T.)	...	home
20—SWINTON	...	home
27—FEATHERSTONE	...	away

YORKSHIRE SENIOR COMPETITION.

"A" TEAM FIXTURES, 1962-63.

1962	Opponents	Gd.
Aug. 18—HULL	...	home
25—HUNSLET	...	away
Sept. 1—KEIGHLEY	...	home
8—DEWSBURY	...	away
15—HULL	...	away
22—HUNSLET	...	home
29—YORK	...	away

Oct. 6—HULL K.R.	...	home
13—DONCASTER	...	away
20—CASTLEFORD	...	home
27—HUDDERSFIELD	...	away

Nov. 3—DONCASTER	...	home
10—LEEDS	...	away
17—WAKEFIELD	...	home
24—KEIGHLEY	...	away

Dec. 1—LEEDS	...	home
8—WAKEFIELD	...	away
15—DEWSBURY	...	home
22—BRAMLEY	...	away
29—YORK	...	home

1963			
Jan. 5—CASTLEFORD	...	...	away
12—HUDDERSFIELD	...	...	home
19—BRADFORD	...	...	home
26—BRAMLEY	...	...	home

Feb. 2—BRADFORD	...	away
16—	...	...
23—FEATHERSTONE	...	home

Mar. 9—BATLEY	...	away
16—BATLEY	...	home
23—	...	...
30—	...	...

Apl. 6—FEATHERSTONE	...	away
13—HULL K.R.	...	away



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