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# LEIGH

## Football Club Limited

### LEIGH v. OLDHAM

SATURDAY, 2nd MARCH, 1963

Kick-Off 3-00 p.m.

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## AT LAST - A CUP TIE

If today's game is played then you can thank a lot of workers who have striven might and main to get the pitch in condition.

It has not been an easy task to clear even a square yard of the playing area, but much sweat and tears have gone into the job. We are indebted (as all spectators should be) to everyone concerned.

They deserve thanks all round. They are the real supporters of R.L.

This season will go down in history as the most exceptional for many years. Scores and scores of games have had to be postponed and there is a record back log of fixtures.

To start with, today was scheduled for the second round, but to date only two fixtures have been played.

|                  |    |   |   |   |    |
|------------------|----|---|---|---|----|
| Hull K.R. ....   | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 10 |
| Huddersfield ... | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 10 |
| Swinton ....     | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 10 |
| Halifax ....     | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 9  |
| Hull ....        | 11 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 7  |
| Bramley ....     | 11 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 6  |
| OLDHAM ....      | 12 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 5  |

### DIVISION TWO

|                  | P  | W  | D | L  | Pts. |
|------------------|----|----|---|----|------|
| Keighley ....    | 11 | 10 | 0 | 1  | 20   |
| Whitehaven ...   | 13 | 9  | 1 | 3  | 19   |
| Hunslet ....     | 10 | 8  | 0 | 2  | 16   |
| Barrow ....      | 13 | 8  | 0 | 5  | 16   |
| York ....        | 12 | 6  | 1 | 5  | 13   |
| Liverpool C. ... | 11 | 6  | 1 | 4  | 13   |
| Rochdale H. ...  | 11 | 5  | 0 | 6  | 10   |
| Doncaster ....   | 12 | 5  | 0 | 7  | 10   |
| Blackpool ....   | 11 | 5  | 0 | 6  | 10   |
| Batley ....      | 10 | 4  | 1 | 5  | 9    |
| LEIGH ....       | 12 | 4  | 0 | 8  | 8    |
| Salford ....     | 11 | 4  | 0 | 7  | 8    |
| Dewsbury ....    | 12 | 3  | 0 | 9  | 6    |
| Bradford N. ...  | 13 | 2  | 0 | 11 | 4    |

Below are the respective positions of today's teams—

### DIVISION ONE

|                  | P  | W  | D | L | Pts. |
|------------------|----|----|---|---|------|
| Widnes ....      | 13 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 22   |
| Wigan ....       | 12 | 7  | 1 | 4 | 15   |
| Castleford ...   | 12 | 7  | 1 | 4 | 15   |
| Wakefield ....   | 11 | 6  | 1 | 4 | 13   |
| Warrington ...   | 12 | 6  | 1 | 5 | 13   |
| Workington T. 8  |    | 5  | 1 | 2 | 11   |
| St. Helens ....  | 11 | 5  | 1 | 5 | 11   |
| Featherstone ... | 10 | 5  | 1 | 4 | 11   |
| Leeds ....       | 10 | 5  | 0 | 5 | 10   |

### TESTED LEADERS

Oldham are not by any means a bottom of the league club, in fact quite recently, with quite a lot of new players, and men who were re-appearing after a long break, they took the league leaders to a try and Widnes, to all accounts, were fortunate to win that engagement. It was not until the late stages that Widnes won and even then there were claims for offside.

Oldham almost did the trick on two or three occasions, but luck was against them that day.

So it will seem that we have a big job on our hands today, but there is a lot of confidence in our dressing room and also in the Boardroom that we can pass into round two.

*Neither Oldham or ourselves have been to Wembley, but have been past winners. Both have come close to getting there.*

They have some grand players in their midst. Off-half Alan Kellett is certainly among the top flight, and is particularly fast, so we will have to watch him.

Harry Major is their new capture from Warrington. He is a fine scrummager and hard worker in the loose. He is the brother of Bill Major, the St. Helens forward.

Of course, we are all hoping to see Ray Fisher, our former centre three-quarter and Don Platt, the ex Hilton Park scrummager in action.

*This pair, together with Harry Major did very well against Widnes.*

#### SMART OPERATORS

Johnny Noon, Brian Lord, John Donovan, Trevor Simms and Jimmy Gaskell are smart operators behind the scrum. Donovan was recently transferred from St. Helens and Gaskell was with Blackpool for a spell.

Len McIntyre is among the leading hookers. He was previously with St. Helens and Barrow. Geoff Robinson was once one of Whitehaven stars.

The pack is completed by Alf Mumberson and Dave Parker. So we have a lot on. One thing is certain - it is bound to be a cracking cup tie.

#### FIRST TEAM SCORERS

|                  | G. | T. | Pts |
|------------------|----|----|-----|
| Rhodes .....     | 36 | —  | 72  |
| Risman .....     | 8  | 4  | 28  |
| Hodgkiss .....   | —  | 9  | 27  |
| Martyn .....     | —  | 8  | 24  |
| Evans .....      | —  | 4  | 12  |
| Large .....      | —  | 4  | 12  |
| Hosking .....    | 5  | —  | 10  |
| Hurt .....       | —  | 3  | 9   |
| Fisher .....     | —  | 2  | 6   |
| Lewis .....      | —  | 2  | 6   |
| Gregory .....    | —  | 2  | 6   |
| Tyrer .....      | 2  | —  | 4   |
| Brooks .....     | —  | 1  | 3   |
| Newall .....     | —  | 1  | 3   |
| Fletcher .....   | —  | 1  | 3   |
| Leadbetter ..... | —  | 1  | 3   |

(This list includes the A. & B. Motors Cup game against Widnes)

#### CUP DETAILS

Two matches in the first round of the Cup have already been decided. Leeds beat Castleford at Castleford, while Liverpool City defeated Roose, the Barrow amateur side. This game took place at Naughton Park, Widnes, by kind permission of the Widnes Officials.

In the case of the Moldgreen (Huddersfield) and York Imperial Athletic final qualifying round, this was held at the Naughton Park ground, Widnes, last Saturday, York winning by nine points to nil.

Again the Widnes Committee came to the rescue by allowing the game to be played in the morning - there was a reserve team game in the afternoon.

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Featherstone Rovers v. Batley.

Barrow v. Workington Town.

Leigh v. Oldham.

Swinton v. Widnes.

Bradford N. v. Wakefield T.

Huddersfield v. Whitehaven.

Imperial Athletic (York) v.  
Bramley.

Halifax v. St. Helens.

Salford v. York.

Blackpool Borough v. Dewsbury.

Rochdale H. v. Hunslet.

Warrington v. Doncaster.

Hull K.R. v. Keighley.

Hull v. Wigan.

#### WORLD RECORD RECEIPTS

Structural alterations to the Wembley Stadium necessitated a review of the prices for seating ticket sales already total £35,550 so world record receipts for any

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Many ground enclosure tickets are still available for sale. Altogether there are 50,197 ground enclosure tickets so it can be seen that if the attendance once again reaches the capacity mark of 95,000 then the total receipts could reach approximately £46,000.

#### LOCAL TOPICS

We understand that a communication has been sent to the League concerning our fine but unavailing efforts to stage a game against Hunslet last week.

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We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Jack Wilcock, who for over ten years was the driver of the Leigh Football Club official team coach. Jack died suddenly in Leigh Infirmary. He was a most popular man and we have sent a letter of condolence to his widow.

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Recently Alan Prescott had an unfortunate experience. He travelled hundreds of miles to watch a well recommended Rugby Union player, but his visit to South Wales was fruitless. This is what happens many times to official "scouts." Sometimes the player is not on view. On other occasions the game is "off." Who would be a R.L. "scout?"

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The Shaw Cup Competition which was revived last season and was such a success, is to be played again this season. Matches will be staged on the practice ground on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and also Saturday mornings. Watch this programme and local Press for further details.

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Are you helping the Mick Martyn Testimonial Fund? Many efforts are being made to recognise the services of this great player. There will be a concert at the Garrick Club on March 19th, when several well known artistes will appear.

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We offer our congratulations to the local boys who have been capped by Lancashire. The game is against Yorkshire at Central Park, Wigan, on Saturday, March 9th, and the following team has been chosen—

G. Eckersley (Oldham); G. Hunt (Widnes); W. Milnes (Warrington); R. Fox (St. Helens); J. Ratcliffe (Leigh); W. Davies (Leigh); D. Murphy (St. Helens) (capt.); M. McMahon (Wigan); I. Entwistle (Oldham); E. Wood (Widnes); B. Rudge (Widnes); G. Fisher (Warrington); B. Hicock (St. Helens).

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# **FIXTURES AND RESULTS 1962-63**

| 1962    | FIRST TEAM                 | F | A  | 1962       | 'A' TEAM                             | F             | A     |       |
|---------|----------------------------|---|----|------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------|-------|
| Aug. 11 | Widnes (A & B).....        | A | 7  | 24 Aug. 11 | Widnes (F'll Cup).....               | H             | 12 9  |       |
| Aug. 18 | Swinton .....              | H | 5  | 15 Aug. 18 | Swinton .....                        | A             | 21 5  |       |
|         | 28 St. Helens .....        | A | 3  | 21         | 25 Oldham .....                      | H             | 19 4  |       |
|         | 25 Oldham .....            | A | 10 | 16         |                                      |               |       |       |
|         | 29 Warrington .....        | H | 10 | 15         |                                      |               |       |       |
| Sept. 1 | Swinton .....              | A | 8  | 23 Sept. 1 | Swinton 'A' .....                    | H             | 26 6  |       |
|         | 8 Work'ton T. (L.C.) ..... | A | 2  | 43         | 8 Workington T. (L.C.C.S.) .....     | H             | 12 21 |       |
|         | 15 St. Helens .....        | H | 10 | 20         | 15 St. Helens .....                  | A             | 4 33  |       |
|         | 22 Warrington .....        | A | 11 | 27         | 22 Warrington .....                  | H             | 15 13 |       |
|         | 29 Oldham .....            | H | 24 | 17         | 29 Oldham 'A' .....                  | A             | 16 14 |       |
| Oct. 6  | Dewsbury .....             | A | 14 | 16 Oct. 6  | Wigan .....                          | H             | 15 8  |       |
|         | 13 Liverpool C. ....       | H | 20 | 8          | 13 Liverpool C. ....                 | A             |       |       |
|         | 20 Keighley .....          | A | 13 | 23         | 20 Amateur League Seven-a-Side Comp. |               |       |       |
|         | 27 Salford .....           | H | 9  | 10         | 27 Salford .....                     | A             | 5 13  |       |
| Nov. 3  | York .....                 | A | 12 | 35 Nov. 3  | 10 Wigan .....                       | A             |       |       |
|         | 10 Dewsbury .....          | H | 20 | 4          | 17 Liverpool C. ....                 | H             | 3 8   |       |
|         | 17 Liverpool C. ....       | A | 3  | 7          | 24 Warrington .....                  | A             | 11 13 |       |
|         | 24 Keighley .....          | H | 8  | 11         | Dec. 1                               | Salford ..... | A     | 18 15 |
| Dec. 1  | Salford .....              | A | 18 | 15 Dec. 1  | Salford .....                        | H             | 45 0  |       |
|         | 8 York .....               | H | 8  | 12         | 8 Workington T. ....                 | A             | 17 0  |       |
|         | 15 Hunslet .....           | A | 8  | 15         | 15 Warrington .....                  | H             | 11 5  |       |
|         | 22 Doncaster .....         | H |    |            | 22                                   |               |       |       |
|         | 29 Whitehaven .....        | A |    |            | 29 Whitehaven .....                  | H             |       |       |
| 1963    |                            |   |    | 1963       |                                      |               |       |       |
| Jan. 5  | Rochdale H. ....           | A |    | Jan. 5     | Rochdale H. ....                     | H             |       |       |
|         | 12 Bradford N. ....        | H |    | 12         | Warrington (F). ....                 | A             |       |       |
|         | 19 Barrow .....            | H |    | 19         | Barrow .....                         | A             |       |       |
|         | 26 Doncaster .....         | A |    | 26         | Workington T. ....                   | H             |       |       |
| Feb. 2  | Blackpool B. ....          | H |    | Feb. 2     | Blackpool B. ....                    | A             |       |       |
|         | 9 R.L.C. - 1st Rd. ....    |   |    | 9          |                                      |               |       |       |
|         | 16 Whitehaven .....        | H |    | 16         | Whitehaven .....                     | A             |       |       |
|         | 23 Hunslet .....           | H |    | 23         |                                      |               |       |       |
| Mar. 2  | R.L.C. - 2nd Rd. ....      |   |    | Mar. 2     | Widnes .....                         | A             |       |       |
|         | 9 Bradford N. ....         | A |    | 9          |                                      |               |       |       |
|         | 16 R.L.C. - 3rd Rd. ....   |   |    | 16         |                                      |               |       |       |
|         | 23 Barrow .....            | A |    | 23         | Barrow .....                         | H             |       |       |
|         | 30 Rochdale H. ....        | H |    | 30         | Rochdale H. ....                     | A             |       |       |
| Apr. 6  |                            |   |    | Apr. 6     | Widnes .....                         | H             |       |       |
|         | 13 Batley .....            | H |    | 13         |                                      |               |       |       |
|         | 20 Batley .....            | A |    | 20         | St. Helens .....                     | H             |       |       |
|         | 27 Blackpool B. ....       | A |    | 27         | Blackpool B. ....                    | H             |       |       |

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