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Excitement & Thrills !

What is it that makes cup ties a little more special in the minds of players and supporters ? There is no doubt at all that league matches don't have the same "bite" about them as cup encounters. So this evening we are anticipating a lot of excitement and also thrills. A great deal is at stake.

For our part we are as keen as Oldham to reach the final of the County Challenge Cup competition. The last time we were there was in 1955 when we tumbled a Widnes team from its perch at Central Park, Wigan. The score on that occasion was Leigh 26, Widnes 9.

CHASING HONOURS

The next three seasons saw Oldham carry off the cup at the expense of St. Helens (beaten 10-3), Wigan (beaten 13-8) and St. Helens (beaten 12-2).

So now we are both anxious to get among the honours again. In any case St. Helens have already qualified and they are keen to win the trophy for the fourth successive time.

STRONG STUFF

St. Helens showed their intentions at Warrington a week ago when they overcame a strong Warrington team at Wilderspool Stadium to the tune of 21 points to 14.

There were many Leigh fans at that game - gaining a few tips about the strength of the possible opposition.

13 TIMES IN FINAL

Now Oldham, besides having a fine record in the County Cup tournament over the years - 8 times winners and 5 times runners up - have some splendid players on their books. They were demoted, at least the team was, from division one, and they are anxious to return to the leading section. They have done well this season and the type of rugby has been of the highest order.

HOW THEY REACHED THE SEMI FINAL

This is how the teams have got to the semi-final—

LEIGH: First round beat Rochdale Hornets at Rochdale by 19 points to seven. The Leigh scorers were goals, Risman (5), tries, Martyn (2), Rhodes. Second Round: Beat Wigan by seven points to five at Wigan. Leigh scorers were: goals, Risman (2), try, Rhodes. So it means that this is the first time we have played at home in the competition.

TWO HOME MATCHES

OLDHAM: First Round beat Widnes at Watersheddings by 10 points to 5. Oldham scorers: goals Dyson (2), tries, G. Simms and T. Sims. Second Round: Beat

Whitehaven by 35 points to 4 at Watersheddings. The Oldham scorers were: goals Dyson (7), tries: Smethurst (3), Simms, Rae, Sims, McIntyre. So Oldham have played both their previous cup ties at home.

GOOD GOAL KICKER

Their full-back is Frank Dyson, who is well known to everyone in the R.L. world because of his play with Huddersfield. He has several goal-kicking records to his name, and this season he has had a great part in the Oldham team's sudden surge to form. He is now the player coach at Watersheddings and the appointment seems to have been most successful - so far.

COUNTY SUCCESS

The right winger is Trevor Sims (one "m") who has many great games to his credit with Rochdale Hornets. Sims has been a very good buy, and he has played in two of Lancashire's county games this season - against the Yorkshire side and also the Tourists. He was due to take part in this Wednesday's game at Whitehaven against Cumberland. It is a vital game - the result will decide who will be the champions.

EXPERIENCED PLAYERS

Lord and Noon are two experienced players, having played in a number of positions and have been on Oldham's register for some years. They are fine attackers, so Leigh, beware. Geoff Simms is well known to many Leigh folk. He is a speedy and capable player.

A FINE UNDERSTANDING

Vin Nestor and Jack Pycroft have developed a fine under-

standing. Pycroft was signed some time ago from Leeds. He is a tricky half-back, and is well supported by his partner.

The pack is very strong. Bott, is an ex Yorkshire R.U. player, and Len McIntyre has gained a lot of experience with St. Helens and Barrow. He has been one of the big men in the cup run and is a very good hooker. Geoff Robinson was an expensive buy from Whitehaven. At one time he was in the back three, now he had moved up with success. Harry Major was with Warrington for some years, until he was transferred earlier this season. A hard working forward.

A GOOD PACK

Then there is Don Platt, who has played many sterling games for Leigh. He seems to have settled down very well at Watersheddings. He moves the ball well and is a clever touch kicker. Parker, another ex Yorkshire player is an 80 minutes grafter, and generally speaking, this is one of the best packs playing R.L. at the moment.

LEADING PLACINGS

Here are the leading placings in the second division. Oldham have a better scoring average than Leigh - up to and including Friday, September 28th (before the weekend games).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Oldham	6	5	1	0	132	41	11
LEIGH	6	5	1	0	123	49	11
Barrow	6	5	0	1	126	86	10
Blackpool B.	5	4	0	1	98	67	8
Dewsbury	5	4	0	1	70	42	8

PREVIOUS MEETING

Leigh have met Oldham once this season. This was in a league game at Watersheddings on Aug-

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ust 27th. The result was a draw of six points each. The scorers were: Leigh—Goals (Risman (3), Oldham—Goals, Dyson (3).

The teams on that occasion were—

LEIGH: Risman, Tickle, Lewis, Collins, Leadbetter, Rhodes, Entwistle, Robinson, Higgs, Owen, Murphy, Martyn, Hurt.

OLDHAM—Dyson, Lord, Noon, Donovan, Elliott, Nestor, Pycroft, Wilson, McIntyre, Robinson, Bott, Smethurst, Rae.

Referee: Mr. H. J. Pearce, Leeds.

FLOOD-LIGHTS SATISFACTORY

We are pleased that the Oldham committee should agree to the later kick-off because it enables many workers to get to the game. Leigh players don't have any advantage over other teams because so few floodlit games are played at Hilton Park. But we feel that the lights will be to everyone's satisfaction.

The start of 7-15 p.m. enables other clubs' supporters to come and we are hoping that the weather is at it's best, so that we can have a crowd in the region of 15,000, or maybe more.

CUP SHARE-OUT

It is not generally known that

a percentage of the gate goes to the cup pool. There is a share-out at the end of the tournament. Already there is a record amount in the cup pool as there were very big gates at Wigan and Warrington. There have also been some other satisfactory attendances. For the first time for several years the final will take place at Station Road, Swinton.

CUP FINAL DATE

The date is Saturday, October 26th. Originally this game was fixed for November 2nd. This is now the date of the Yorkshire Cup final. The Lancs. cup pool will also have a welcome boost as the B.B.C. are to pay a fee of £1,500 for T.V. rights. The Yorkshire cup final is also to be televised - but by I.T.V.

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- 10—OWEN
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- 12—MARTYN
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OLDHAM

- 1—DYSON
- 2—LORD
- 3—NOON
- 4—SMETHURST
- 5—SIMMS
- 6—NESTOR
- 7—PYECROFT
- 8—BOTT
- 9—McINTYRE
- 10—ROBINSON
- 11—MAJOR
- 12—PLATT
- 13—PARKER

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WEMBLEY TEST

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LEIGH—1st Team Scorers

	G.	T.	Pts.
B. RISMAN	30	3	69
C. TYRER	6	2	18
M. COLLINS	—	5	15
A. RHODES	—	4	12
D. HURT	—	4	12
G. LEWIS	—	4	12
M. MARTYN	—	3	9
T. ENTWISTLE	—	2	6
A. LEADBETTER	—	1	3
M. MURPHY	—	1	3
BRIDGEWATER ...	—	1	3

LEIGH—'A' Team Scorers

	G.	T.	Pts.
HOSKINS	8	1	19
NEWALL	—	3	9
HOFFMAN	—	2	6
TICKLE	—	2	6
EVANS	—	2	6
TYRER	3	0	6
GRAINEY	1	1	5
SMITH	—	1	3
FLETCHER	—	1	3
HARRIS	—	1	3
BISHOP	1	—	2



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MARCH 9 to MAY 9



FIXTURES AND RESULTS 1963-64

1963	FIRST TEAM	F	A	30 Barrow (Easter M'nday)	H
August—				April—	
17 Widnes (A. & B. Cup)	H 13-21			4 Barrow	A
24 Doncaster	H 13-2			11 Whitehaven	A
27 Oldham	A 6-6				
31 York	A 25-7			1963—	'A' TEAM F A
September—				August—	
7 Rochdale (1st Rd. LC)	A 19-7			16 Widnes (Farrell Cup)	8-19
11 Dewsbury (K.O. 7 p.m.)	H 14-8			30 St. Helens	H 2-11
14 Bramley	H 44-17			September—	
18 Wigan (2nd Rd. R.L.C.)	A 7-5			2 Warrington	H 0-13
21 Batley	A 21-9			7 Rochdale (L.C.C.S.)	H 29-3
28 Bradford N.	H			14 Salford	A 2-5
October—				18 CANCELLED	
5 Widnes (West. Div.)	A			21 Whitehaven	H 20-8
9 Australia (K.O. 7 p.m.)	H			28 Workington	A
12 Salford	H			October—	
19 Bramley	A			5 Widnes	H
26 Widnes (West. Div.)	H			12	
November—				19 Salford	H
9 Dewsbury	A			26 Widnes	A
16 Liverpool City	H			November—	
23 Blackpool B.	A			9 Wigan	H
30 Wigan (West. Div.)	H			16 Liverpool C.	A
December—				23 Blackpool B.	H
7 Bradford N.	A			30 Wigan	A
14 Whitehaven	H			December—	
21 Wigan (West. Div.)	A			7 Leigh Amateur League	
26 Oldham (Boxing Day)	H			14 Whitehaven	A
28 Rochdale H.	H			21 Workington	H
				28 Rochdale H.	A
1964				1964	
January—				January—	
1 Salford (New Yr's Day)	A			4 Swinton	A
4 Swinton (West. Div.)	H			11 Widnes (F)	H
11 Doncaster	A			18 Blackpool B.	A
18 Blackpool B.	H			25 Widnes (F)	A
25 York	H			February—	
February—				1 Rochdale H.	H
1 Rochdale H.	A			8 1st Rd. R.L. Chall. Cup	
8 1st Rd. R.L. Chall. Cup				15 Oldham	A
15 Oldham (West. Div.)	H			29 2nd. Rd. Challenge Cup	
22 Batley	H			March—	
29 2nd Rd. R.L. Chall. Cup				7 Liverpool C.	H
March—				14 Barrow	A
7 Liverpool City	A			21 Swinton	H
14 3rd Rd. R.L. Chall. Cup				28 Oldham	H
21 Swinton (West. Div.)	A				
28 Oldham (West. Div.)	A				

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