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LEIGH v. OLDHAM

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1964

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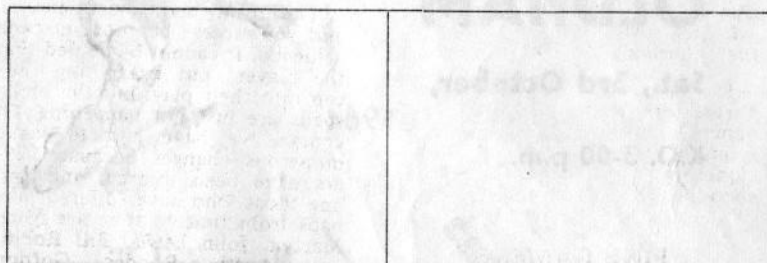
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CLASH BETWEEN OLD RIVALS

Matches, whether they be league or cup-ties, are always keenly anticipated where Leigh and Oldham are directly concerned. So this afternoon we look forward to an entertaining match with the East Lancashire side. Oldham were unbeaten until they lost their second round Lancashire Challenge Cup game with Warrington at Wilderspool.

That the team must have been affected by that surprise result, was no doubt reflected in the game last week-end at the Water-sheddings enclosure where Whitehaven, who were searching for their first win, created a big surprise.

Oldham are led by Frank Dyson, the former Huddersfield full-back, who has been one of the inspirations to the team.

He was a great stalwart for the Fartowners before he joined Oldham a couple of seasons ago. A splendid kicker, he has won many games by reason of his accurate shooting.

FINE GAMES

Geoff Simms, Trevor Simms and Malcolm Price have played some fine games for Oldham, and it's interesting to note that Price is playing again after a severe injury which threatened his career.

Jim McCormack, Vince Nestor, Patterson, Gaskell and Pycroft are also in the Oldham backs. They are speedy and clever players. The pack is particularly strong, especially when you think about Alf Mubbersom, Len Mc-

Intyre, Charlie Bott, "Tug" Wilson, Harry Major and Dave Parker. This pack almost put Oldham in the final of the R.L. Challenge Cup last season.

Oldham were most unlucky not to appear at Wembley for the first time, as they were concerned in two re-plays with Hull Kingston Rovers.

BAD BREAKS

As for ourselves, the losing sequence is indeed one of the longest in our history. Every effort has been made by Directors, Staff and Players to try and break the spell, but we have received many bad breaks.

The team plays hard enough and yet success has not yet been achieved. It cannot be denied that the players put everything they can into their play, but the lucky spells are just not happening. Of course, we have had to make numerous changes because players have been injured, and among those who have suffered mis-haps from time to time are Mick Martyn, John Lewis, Bill Robinson, Austin Rhodes, Gordon Lewis, Graham Smith, Martin Loftus and Tom Grainey. We are pleased to say there has been some improvement as far as Mick, John and Bill are concerned and we are hoping that they will be available for this afternoon's fixture.

We feel that once we hit the winning trail, then the players will get extra confidence, and our position in the league will steadily improve.

We must pay tribute to those loyal supporters who have rallied round during this awkward time.

There must come a period when we emerge from the dis-appointing period.

GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

THE GROUND: Every club visiting Leigh has some nice things to say about the playing area and also the facilities at Hilton Park. There is no doubt whatsoever that this is an excellent space of turf, and the people responsible for its condition are to be complimented.

The floodlighting system has been completely overhauled and improvements made here and there. It is undoubtedly much better. It is interesting to note that the St. Helens and Swinton clubs are interesting themselves in similar schemes. If other clubs had floodlighting, then it would be possible to play more games in the evenings and probably win back some lost support - although St. Helens and Swinton clubs have done well over the past few seasons as far as the response from the public is concerned.

There have also been improvements to the training lights at Leigh. The system is now one of permanent benefit to all concerned.

R.L. TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
St. Helens	7	7	0	0	175	47	14
Hull	8	7	0	1	142	67	14
Wigan	7	6	0	1	181	50	12
OLDHAM	7	6	0	1	133	38	12
Workington T.	7	6	0	1	152	61	12
Swinton	8	6	0	2	127	71	12
Warrington	8	6	0	2	155	98	12
Hull K.R.	6	5	0	1	130	68	10
Halifax	7	5	0	2	124	77	10
Leeds	7	5	0	2	123	77	10

Barrow	7	5	0	2	111	71	10
Huddersfield ...	7	5	0	2	95	69	10
Hunslet	7	5	0	2	109	89	10
Wakefield	7	4	1	2	141	60	9
Castleford	7	3	1	3	118	103	7
Bramley	7	3	0	4	99	79	6
York	7	3	0	4	93	119	6
Blackpool B.	8	3	0	5	72	136	6
Salford	7	2	1	4	84	89	5
Bradford N.	7	2	0	5	95	114	4
Rochdale H.	7	2	0	5	80	142	4
Dewsbury	7	2	0	5	58	126	4
Batley	7	2	0	5	55	152	4
Whitehaven	7	1	0	6	64	124	2
Featherstone	7	1	0	6	67	179	2
Doncaster	7	1	0	6	51	139	2
Widnes	7	1	0	6	45	137	2
Keighley	7	1	0	6	46	142	2
Liverpool	7	0	1	6	40	161	1
LEIGH	8	0	0	8	70	150	0

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B. RISMAN	9	—	18
R. TICKLE	2	2	10
J. LEADBETTER	—	3	9
G. LEWIS	—	1	3
J. LEWIS	—	1	3
G. FLETCHER	—	1	3
G. SMITH	—	1	3
A. RHODES	—	1	3
M. COLLINS	—	1	3
HIGGS	—	1	3
A. BISHOP	1	—	2

(Club & Friendly games included)

With only one month of the season completed and almost eight months to go before the Rugby League Challenge Cup Final at Wembley, more than £24,000-worth of tickets for the final have already been sold.

It is still some weeks before the amateurs open the Wembley trail with the first qualifying rounds, yet Cup Final takings are already £600 up on sales at the corresponding stage of last season.

Obviously last May's Cup Final between Widnes and Hull Kingston Rovers did far more for the game than many people realised.

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BOOKED UP

Supporters wanting the best (30/-) seats, and who have not already booked their tickets, will have to rely on their own team reaching the final and obtaining a ticket out of the finalists' allocation, for all the 30/- seats have now been booked.

Only limited quantities remain of the 20/-, 15/- and 10/- tickets and these can now be reserved at R.L. Headquarters, Chapeltown Road, Leeds, 7.

One of the most interesting features is that threequarters of the 200 £3 restaurant tickets have also been sold.

Rugby League Secretary, Mr. Bill Fallowfield, announcing details of Wembley ticket sales today, said that these tickets are proving to be very popular with the people who reserved them for the last final.

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The Rugby League Golf Competition open to anyone who has played R.L., refereed, written about it or is a paid-up member or shareholder of a club, will be played at Scarcroft Golf Club, near Leeds, on Friday, October 16th. Anyone interested should write to the Rugby League, 180 Chapletown Road, Leeds, 7, for an application form.

SAINTS SWEEP TO MACKESON CONTEST WIN

St. Helens, undefeated so far this season in nine Rugby League and Cup games, have won the Mackeson flag and silver tankards in the first period of this year's Mackeson Rugby League Contest.

St. Helens, who were the Mackeson Champions two seasons ago, have scored an average of 26.44 points in their matches so far this season to take the prizes against a strong challenge from Wigan who have scored 16 points fewer for an average of 24.67.

This is the second occasion on which the Mackeson Period Contest prizes have gone to St. Helens, and the flag and tankards are due to be presented at Knowsley Road at a future home match. The presentation will be made by Mr. George Sumner, Whitbread's Regional Manager. The Club will now hold the Mackeson flag for the second period of the Contest which includes all matches played between September 28th and November 21st.

PERIOD 1

AUG. 22nd - SEPT. 26th

FINAL TABLE

Club	Matches	Pts.	Av. Pts	Ag.
St. Helens ...	9	238	26.44	69
Wigan	9	222	24.67	67
Leeds	9	186	20.67	99
Workington ...	8	154	19.25	67
Halifax	9	172	19.11	94
Hull K. R. ...	8	151	18.89	73
Warrington ...	10	187	18.70	112
Wakefield T. ...	9	167	18.56	75
Hull	10	180	18.00	92
Oldham	9	158	17.56	67
Castleford ...	8	126	15.75	119
Barrow	9	132	14.67	98
Hunslet	8	117	14.63	114
Swinton	10	144	14.40	78
York	8	107	13.38	141
Huddersfield ...	9	118	13.11	80
Bramley	8	101	12.63	86
Bradford N. ...	8	101	12.63	131
Salford	8	90	11.25	125
Rochdale H. ...	8	80	10.00	175
Widnes	8	78	9.75	137
Whitehaven ...	8	74	9.25	155
Keighley	9	82	9.11	183
LEIGH	9	80	8.89	163
Featherstone R. ...	9	80	8.89	196
Blackpool B. ...	9	77	8.56	146
Dewsbury	8	68	8.50	137
Batley	8	64	8.00	187
Doncaster	8	54	6.75	161
Liverpool C. ...	8	51	6.38	192

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