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MR. HERBERT SUMMERSCALES

It is with deep regret that we have to refer to the death of Mr. Bert Summerscales, the former Secretary of our Club.

Mr. Summerscales was known throughout the Rugby League as a fine gentleman, an equally fine football administrator and a man who was always willing to give a helping hand to anyone who needed it.

He was known as the 'Mr. Oldham' of the Rugby League and this is a worthy tribute, for 'Bert' was connected with the Oldham Club for 40 years.

Mr. Summerscales died in a Manchester hospital on Monday last, and floral and other tributes have been pouring in all week.

There is one thing that can be said and it is said in all sincerity: The place of Watersheddings will not be the same without Bert, he will be sadly missed by everyone.

CLUB CHATTER

Mick Mooney! remember the name. He is the chap who's drop-goal against St. Helens last Friday evening moved us up from fourteenth position to eighth in the League race. It was certainly a goal that Mick himself will remember, for it was his first-ever attempt at goal.

As for the rest of the game, it just didn't seem to get going, but the closeness of the scores kept the crowd on its toes for most of the time. As I say, the victory

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moved us up quite a few places, and if we can continue on the winning path in the League games then we stand a good chance of a place in the top eight, which would ensure a home tie in the Championship Play Off.

However, the League is forgotten for today at any rate as we take on the boys from Headingley in the rough and tumble of the Challenge Cup Competition.

At the moment Leeds have only lost four of their twenty-eight games, so they are obviously a force to be reckoned with. Oldham are one of the four sides to beat the Yorkshiremen this term, so today's affair should be a thriller.

All the tickets for this game have been sold some time ago, so a good gate is also anticipated.

Mr. Bill Carter, a Leeds official, said on the telephone the other day: "If you win this tie, we will wish you all the very best in the next round." Fair comment . . . and the same goes the other way.

HEADINGLEY FAVOURITES

Leeds have made tremendous strides since Coach Roy Francis took over the reigns. Roy joined the Headingley ranks from Hull.

Bev Risman is the son of a famous father and was purchased from Leigh last season. At present Bev tops the goal-kicking charts. The Leeds three-quarter backs are Atkinson, a former Roundhay Rugby Union player who has replaced

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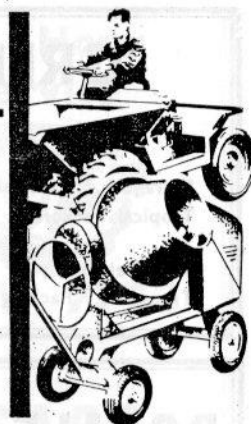
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the recently-transferred Geoff. Wriglesworth; Dick Gemmell, an £8,000 purchase from Hull three seasons ago and in whom Oldham had an interest earlier this season; Drew Broatch, a former Scottish R.U. star who has played a great deal at stand-off, and Ron Cowan, also a former Scottish R.U. player.

At half-backs the Leeds selectors have had the headache, 'who to leave out'—Seabourne and Rollin are challenging for the No. 7 spot while Shoebottom and Broatch could take the stand-off spot. If Broatch is preferred to Shoebottom then we would see Hynes retain his centre position following his try solo at Wigan last weekend.

The pack at Wigan was Clark, Moscott, Chamberlain, Sykes, Poole and Batten. The only likely change is for the more experienced Lockwood to return as hooker in place of Australian Peter Moscott.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

The Supporters' Club have now a new scarf in red, white and navy blue. These can be obtained from the canteens on the ground or from the Secretary's residence which is at 247 Greenacres Road, Oldham. The scarves are 25/- each—very good value too, I might add.

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- 8—CLARK, M.
- 9—LOCKWOOD, A.
- 10—CHAMBERLAIN, L.
- 11—SYKES, J.
- 12—POOLE, H. (Capt.)
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The Secretary has received a letter from a boy called M. Lumb, of Wakefield, who would like to contact an Oldham supporter with a view to exchanging programmes. The boy is 15 years old, and anyone interested should contact the Secretary at the Pavilion, Watersheddings, Oldham and he will give you all details.

Four young lady supporters, namely Misses L. Pateman, S. Yearn, E. Tovey and H. Schofield, have handed me a number of songs which they have composed about the team. This is obviously following my remarks about them following the Huddersfield game. One of the songs is sung to the tune, "Lassie from Lancashire" and the words are as follows:—

Oldham's the Best team in Lancashire,
We're the team that the others fear,
And today we'll make it clear, oh so clear,
We'll run Leeds into the ground,
Their supporters won't breathe a sound
We should have told them that this team from Oldham
Is the best team in Lancashire.

Well done, girls!

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The Oldham Club shook the Rugby League world when they signed Geoff Shelton from the Hunslet Club just 48 hours before the February 1st Cup deadline, for a £6,250 fee.

Geoff joined Hunslet 9 years ago from the Hunslet 'nursery' and made his debut against Leeds at Headingley in the Lazenby Cup match. In this match he opposed Fred Pickup, who was also making his debut.

Geoff. has represented Yorkshire County and Great Britain on a number of occasions and in fact is still sporting a tan following his Australian tour.

He is married and has a two-year-old son and is employed as a bricklayer.

Geoff's hobbies—"non special, just like Rugby."



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Date 1966	Opponents	Venue	Result	Date 1967	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 20	(S) Hull	Away	W 24-12	Jan. 7	(S) Wigan	Away	P'oned
" 23	(Tu) Blackpool Borough	Home	W 40-9	" 14	(S) Barrow	Away	W 13-8
" 27	(S) Hull	Home	W 20-7	" 21	(S) Salford	Home	W 17-4
Sept. 2	(F) Swinton	Home	W 16-13	" 27	(F) St. Helens	Away	L 7-25
" 10	(S) Salford	Away	L 13-15	Feb. 4	(S) Huddersfield	Away	W 12-7
" 12	(M) Blackpool B.	Away	W 22-4	" 11	(F) Workington T.	Home	
" 17	(S) Whitehaven	Home	W 37-9	" 17	(F) St. Helens	Home	W 8-7
" 24	(S) Halifax	Away	L 15-23	" 25	(S) Leeds (2nd Rd RL Cup)	Home	
" 30	(F) Wigan	Home	L 15-16	Mar. 3	(F) Widnes	Away	
Oct. 8	(S) Liverpool C.	Away	W 19-15	" 11	(S) Huddersfield	Home	
" 14	(F) Rochdale H.	Home	W 12-7	" 24	(F) Swinton	Away	
" 22	(S) Whitehaven	Away	L 0-12	" 25	(S) Widnes	Home	
" 29	(S) Wigan (L.C. Final)	Away	L 13-16	" 27	(M) Halifax	Home	
Nov. 5	(S) Leeds	Away	L 14-21				
" 11	(F) Liverpool C.	Home	W 11-2				
" 18	(F) Warrington	Away	L 17-21				
" 22	(Tu) Widnes (F'llit Comp.)	Away	W 14-11				
" 25	(F) Leeds	Home	W 16-13				
Dec. 3	(S) Workington T.	Away	W 13-9				
" 10	(S) Barrow	Home	W 10-4				
" 14	(W) Leigh	Away	L 8-12				
" 17	(S) Leigh	Home	W 14-5				
" 24	(S) Huddersfield	Away	L 7 13				
" 26	(M) Swinton	Home	P'oned				
" 27	(Tu) Rochdale H.	Away	0-0 Abnd.				
" 31	(S) Warrington	Home	L 6-12				

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