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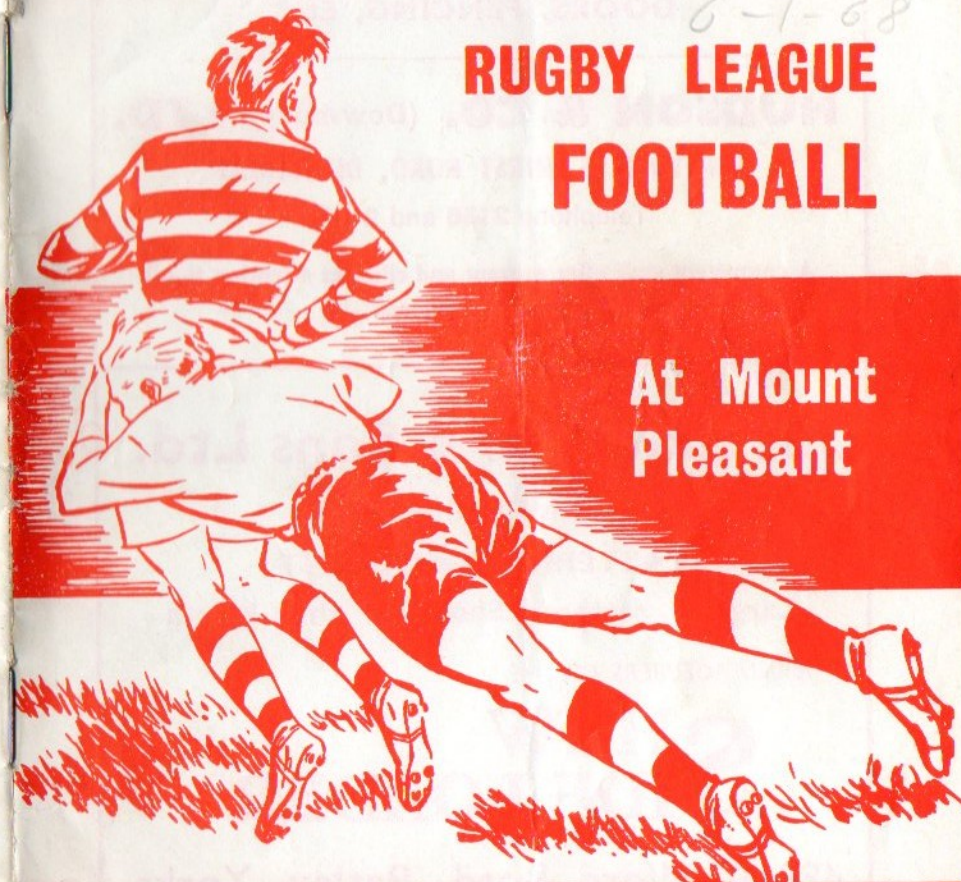
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Batley v. Oldham

No. 13

Saturday, January 6th, 1968

Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

GENERAL NEWS

Cold print is a poor medium by which adequately to describe personal feelings at Knowsley Road, St. Helens, last Saturday. No Batley victory in recent years has aroused such enthusiasm as did this draw.

Contrary to what many people have been saying during the week, Batley were NOT lucky to share the points. Indeed, the Saints can count themselves fortunate that they were not on the losing side. With quite a few internationals in the side they tried their hardest to wear down the Batley defence, but except in one instance—and we hesitate to mention a forward pass—it held firm.

Batley's display was an eye-opener to the Saints, and there were many compliments to the men from Mount

Pleasant in the Saints' boardroom. Fortunately, there were a few hardened supporters to see the game and, no doubt, they have not ceased to talk about it during the week. If their enthusiasm has spread as it should have done, we should be able to welcome a big crowd this afternoon to see us take full points from Oldham. We feel that our recent improvement, if it continues today, will give us two more points to add to the five we have already gained. Oldham were last here in March,

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1964, when they beat us 9-4. Our two goals on that occasion were kicked by Peter Bateson. Earlier in that same season, at Oldham, we had been beaten 44-7. Our try in that game was scored by Malcolm Shuttleworth and Jim Etty kicked two goals.

Since that time, of course, we have secured Jackie Pycroft and Frankie Dyson from Oldham, and while Pycroft served us quite well in the short time he was here, we never had the pleasure of "Spanky" as a player.

Our recent improvement has served to re-awaken interest, but we are aware that hard games are ahead. Next week, we visit Workington and the following Saturday will be at Headingley. As we have already beaten both these teams this season, they will be keen to gain revenge,

and our players are certain that they will have to fight hard if they are to gain any points.

Let's have some more cheering on the terraces. Let the boys know that you appreciate the kind of football they are playing. They may try even harder.

For those who are interested in statistics, and there are few, I imagine, who are not, it may be interesting to know that only two of our players—Dave Rayner and Terry Gorman—have been ever present this season in the 23 games played. Trevor Oldroyd has missed only one—the first game at Wigan. Trevor Oldroyd easily heads the list of scorers with 37 goals and four tries, but Rayner is the leading try-scorer with seven. Terry Gorman has kicked five goals and scored three tries.

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Saturday, January 27th, 1968

BATLEY v. BLACKPOOL
(3 p.m.)

SUPPORTERS' CLUB GOSSIP

Welcome to Refreshment Room

We give a hearty welcome to our visiting supporters from Oldham to our refreshment room this afternoon where tea, coffee, Bovril, pork pies, sausage rolls, cigarettes, chocolate, etc., may be obtained.

Wanted

We have a number of vacancies on our committee and we appeal to anyone interested and willing to join to come forward at once. We are very short of workers.

Jumble Sale

We are hoping to organise another of our successful jumble sales early in the New Year and make an appeal to all our friends for clothing and other articles which would aid our funds. Please get in touch with our Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Whiteley, 2 Park Avenue, Rutland Road, Batley (phone Batley 4388).

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Bookings for our coach to Headingley on Saturday, January 20th can now be made with Mr. G. Whiteley (secretary), 2 Park Avenue, Rutland Road, Batley (phone Batley 4388). The coach will leave Batley at 2 p.m. and Birstall Market Place at 2-10 p.m. Fares: Adults 3/-, schoolboys 1/6.

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26 Wakefield away 3-00	9-78		
29 Barrow home 6-00	13-21	September	
September		2 Bramley home 3-00	28- 5
1 Leeds away 7-30	10-25	9 York home 3-00	13-12
6 Leeds home 6-15	13-12	16 Wakefield away 3-00	10-17
9 Leigh away 3-00	9-32	23 Dewsbury home 3-00	20-12
16 Wakefield home 3-00	5-17	30 Huddersfield away 3-00	
23 Bradford away 3-00	0-54		
30 Whitehaven home 3-00	9-12	October	
October		7 Doncaster home 3-00	18- 4
6 Wigan away 7-30	5-35	14 Hull K.R. away 3-00	
14 Warrington home 3-00	12-27	21 Leeds home 3-00	6-17
18 Swinton away 7-30	8-22	27 Keighley away 7-30	2- 0
28 Liverpool home 3-00	17-18	November	
November		4 Hull K.R. home 3-00	19-14
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11 Widnes home 2-30	4-15	18 Huddersfield home 2-30	14- 5
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25 Leigh home 2-30	2-12	December	
December		2 Bradford home 2-30	9- 8
2 Blackpool away 2-30	6- 9	9 Bramley home 2-30	
9 Wigan home 2-30	4-11	16 Dewsbury away 2-30	
16 Workington home 2-30	9- 6	23 Featherstone home 2-30	
26 Salford home 2-30		30 Keighley home 2-30	
30 St. Helens away 2-30		January	
January		5 Castleford away 7-30	
6 Oldham home 2-30		13 Wakefield home 2-30	
13 Workington away 2-30		20 Hunslet away 2-30	
20 Leeds away 3-00		27 York away 3-00	
27 Blackpool home 3-00		February	
February		3 Provisional date	
3 1st Round		for cup tie v.	
10 Oldham away 3-00		Castleford home 3-00	
17 St. Helens home 3-00		10 Halifax home 3-00	
24 2nd Round		March	
March		2 Leeds away 3-00	
2 Swinton home 3-00		9 Hunslet home 3-00	
9 Widnes away 3-00		16 Featherstone away 3-00	
16 Barrow away 3-00		30 Hull home 3-00	
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