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HOME AGAIN! BUT WHAT FOLLOWS!

Here we are for our second home game of the season. We are proud to have as visitors today our very good friends from Post Office Road, Featherstone.

When Featherstone leave Watersheddings this afternoon we won't see another first team at Oldham until Wigan visit us on September 21st. This means we play Rochdale, Workington, Rochdale again, Blackpool and Hunslet all away before our friends from Central Park visit us.

The only possibility of a home game before September 21st will be in the Lancashire Cup 2nd round if we are lucky enough to beat Rochdale Hornets in the 1st round and then gain a home draw in round two.

Our performance against Huddersfield on Saturday last was disappointing. Everyone at Watersheddings was extremely confident of success but after a bad start the Huddersfield score was always just out of reach.

Any disappointments following the match at Fartown were forgotten on Monday after a greatly improved show against Blackpool in heavy rain.

Derek Whitehead, of course, has been the name on the lips of thousands of people after his perfect full back

show against the Boro'. It could well be that people will still be talking about Derek's show by the time of our next home game next month.

This wasn't a one man show for everyone was much improved on the previous show and this certainly augers well for the future.

WELCOME TO FEATHERSTONE

The Cup winners of 1967 are here today and we extend a warm Oldham welcome to all their personell. Featherstone will be a hard nut to crack and our boys will be all out to do just that in their effort to get a high League position early in the season.



CYRIL KELLETT

Cyril Kellett at fullback is as sound as ever in the Rovers side and the Yorkshiremen must be very happy with this 'tower of strength' behind them.

Another of Rovers' many stars is their scrum half Carl Dooler who this week was the subject of a Hull K.R. approach to Featherstone for his services. It is understood Featherstone turned down a figure of £8,000 for the Yorkshire County player.



MAL DIXON

The Rovers pack is certainly a formidable one with their 'skipper' Mal Dixon recently switching from the blind side to the open side of the pack.

It is unfortunate their regular hooker Graham Harris broke a leg before the season started, but Farrar is quite a sound replacement.

Arnold Morgan in the second row played against France last year for Gt. Britain and at loose forward Tommy Smales was the winner of the Lance Todd Trophy in Featherstone's Wembley triumph in 1967.

Featherstone were last here in the televised R.L. Cup second round in February 1964. On this occasion Oldham won 9-7 and went on to lose that marathon semi-final against Hull K.R.

So far this season in home games against Hull and Batley, Featherstone have scored 47 points. Our boys are certainly out to stop their spree this afternoon.

VAT 69

The makers of Vat 69 have taken the opportunity of 1969 to include a Rugby League competition as one of their many items of interest during their celebrations.

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SUNDAY FOOTBALL

The law on Sunday games has not been changed, as the Private Members Bill has been held up. However if Clubs wish to play on a Sunday there is nothing to stop them providing they adhere strictly to the laws as they are set out.

It would appear that we at Oldham are not too keen on playing Sunday matches although, no doubt, we shall be receiving requests during the season to visit other grounds on a Sunday.

The consensus of opinion shows that Saturday afternoon football is the most popular in Oldham, several members having said they would not take out their membership if matches were being played midweek or on Sunday afternoon. The thing is that you cannot please everyone no matter what you do. No doubt many shopkeepers would relish Sunday football or evening matches.

If we do then alter the odd match to midweek or even Sunday afternoon I trust our members and supporters who are against such moves will bear with us, although the likelihood of this is not imminent.

PLAYERS No. 6 COMPETITION

Players No. 6 Ltd. have decided to sponsor a competition again on similar lines to the one which operated last season. The competition will commence on September 28th. Watch this space for full details of the new competition which will be outlined in the Wigan match programme.

SEVEN-A-SIDE COMPETITION

Salford have run away with all the cups and prizes in the three recent seven-a-side competitions and the question is, will they also pull off a victory in the new Sevens Tourney which is being organised by the Rugby League in conjunction with the BBC.

The competition is restricted to eight Clubs and Oldham have made an application to the League to be included. The line up will be determined by the Management Committee.

The games will be played on Tuesday nights as curtain raisers to matches in the BBC 2 Floodlit Competition. The BBC will film the seven's matches and they will be shown on a new sports programme which will be on the screens on Thursday evenings.

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Date	Club	Grd.	F	A
Aug. 10	Blackpool (friendly) ...	home	37...27	
17	Huddersfield	away	14...19	
19	Blackpool	home	29...5	
24	Featherstone R.	home		
28	Rochdale H.	away		
31	Workington	away		
Sept. 6	Rochdale (Lancs. Cup) ..	away		
9	Blackpool	away		
14	Hunslet	away		
21	Wigan	home		
28	Doncaster	away		
Oct. 5	Huddersfield	home		
12	Featherstone R.	away		
19	Widnes	home		
25	Salford	away		
Nov. 2	Whitehaven	home		
9	Wigan	away		
16	Warrington	home		
23	Whitehaven	away		
30	St. Helens	away		
Dec. 7	Hunslet	home		
14	Leigh	home		
20	Widnes	away		
26	Swinton	home		
28	Warrington	away		
Jan. 4	Huyton	home		
11	Huyton	away		
18	Salford	home		
Feb. 1	Leigh	away		
8	St. Helens	home		
Mar. 1	Workington T.	home		
8	Barrow	home		
15	Doncaster	home		
Apr. 4	Swinton (G.F.)	away		
7	Rochdale H. (E.M.) ...	home		
11	Barrow	away		

'A' TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Club	Grd.	F	A
Aug. 31	Workington 'A'	home		
Sept. 7	Rochdale 'A' (Shield) ..	away		
14	Rochdale 'A' (Shield) ..	home		
21	Wigan 'A'	away		
Oct. 12	Rochdale 'A'	home		
19	Widnes 'A'	away		
26	Salford 'A'	home		
Nov. 2	Whitehaven 'A'	away		
9	Wigan 'A'	home		
16	Warrington 'A'	away		
23	Whitehaven 'A'	home		
30	St. Helens 'A'	home		
Dec. 14	Leigh 'A'	away		
21	Widnes 'A'	home		
28	Warrington 'A'	home		
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8	Barrow 'A'	away		
21	Swinton 'A'	away		
Apr. 7	Rochdale 'A'	away		
12	Barrow 'A'	home		
19	Swinton 'A'	home		

Times of Kick-off

All Saturday games at home k.o. 3 p.m. Evening k.o.'s as advertised. All 1st & 'A' team matches.

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