

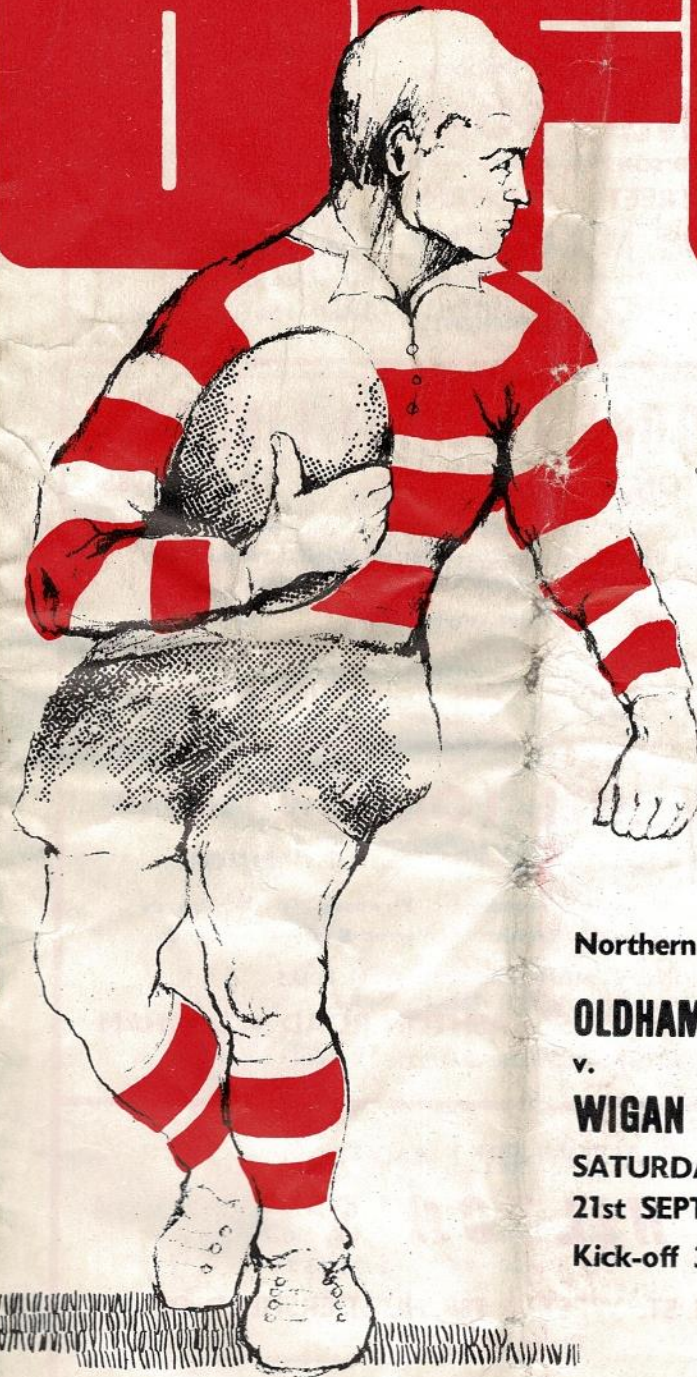


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WELCOME TO WIGAN

Wigan drew at Whitehaven on Wednesday 14th August, but since then have not dropped a single point in their league campaign, winning matches against Doncaster (away) Huddersfield (home) Huyton (home) Leigh (home) Bradford Northern (home) and Hull (home).

Looking at that it would appear that the Wigan Club have been playing five successive home games while we have been playing five successive games away from home.

Wigan did come unstuck, however, in their Lancashire Cup 1st round match at St. Helens, when they lost by 19 points to 16. This now gives Eric Ashton and his boys the opportunity to concentrate solely on the League.

Colin Tyrer, the Wigan full back, has topped the century of points already. Colin is not only a first class goal kicker, but also an apparent prolific try scorer as well, having seven to his credit already.

Our boys will know from previous experience that he must not be given any chances at all.

Billy Boston has now retired from the game and this is one place — our official programme — where we can pay a tribute to a man who has thrilled

Rugby League supporters all over the country for 15 or so years. Billy was a credit to this great game of ours and there has been many an occasion when, after a game, people had wished that Bill had been on their side and not playing against them.

On behalf of the Oldham Club may I thank Billy for the memory and may he now be as keen a supporter as he was a player.

Kevin O'Loughlin and Bill Francis are at present on the Wigan flanks with Bill Ashurst and Peter Rowe playing in the centres. Eric Ashton returned to the Wigan side last week on account of David Hill's injury when Rowe moved to stand off. It is expected that Hill will be fit to return this afternoon which will probably mean Ashton standing down.

Johnny Jackson and Frank Parr have been challenging for the scrum half spot since the season opened but Wigan seemed quite satisfied with live wire Jackson.

The Wigan pack, which will certainly be tested this afternoon, have Terry Fogerty back in the second row. Fogerty, of course, is on offer at £9,000. It will be interesting to see if Terry lives up to his high price tag. It will also be interesting to see how the scrums go with International Colin Clarke against our own County man Kevin Taylor.

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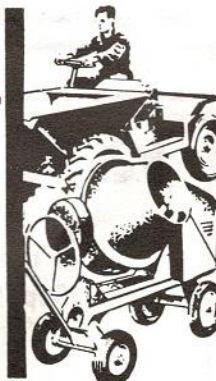
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LANCASHIRE CUP

Our boys are to be congratulated on their victory against Workington Town in the 2nd round of the Lancashire Cup last Monday evening.

Briggs again proved our match-winner with a smart drop goal near the end when the scores were level at five all, but the men of the match as far as I was concerned was our pack. Kevin Taylor got more possession than he was entitled to and the forwards did the rest.

I agree, it was not a brilliant football match, but after all this was a cup tie against a side who have a reputation of turning on forward power when it comes to cup ties.

A lot of people have asked me when the draw for the semi-final is. Well I can tell you that it will be drawn on Wednesday evening immediately after the Yorkshire v. Lancashire game at Craven Park, Hull.

APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

A full list of first team appearances try and goal scorers will appear in the next edition of the programme. At the moment, in all games, I can tell you that six players have played in all ten games, Briggs, Taylor, Fletcher, Irving, McCourt and Hughes. As a matter of fact

there has only been one change in the pack so far this season, when Ogden replaced Wilson in the Workington match at Derwent Park.

Our leading try scorer is Briggs with 8 tries and Whitehead has kicked 41 goals.

PLAYER'S No. 6 CONTEST

Prize Money Doubled in Rugby League Player-of-the-Year Awards

Increased prize money, and more chance for every player to feature in awards, was announced today (18th September) in the Player-of-the-Match and Player-of-the-Year award schemes organised by Player's No. 6 in conjunction with the Rugby Football League.

Announcing details of the scheme at a press conference in Manchester, Mr. Trevor King, Player's General Brand Manager said:

"We have extended the scheme to give more players a chance of winning, but have retained the right of supporters to have their say and to cast their votes.

"Players will be judged on professional ability, sportsmanship and contribution to team effort. This means every player can qualify whether his team wins or loses — as long as he plays the game well."

The Player-of-the-Match scheme will be similar to last year with special judges (appointed by the Rugby League) attending each match. Each Player-of-the-Match will be awarded £6 again, and as last year this will be presented by a Player's No. 6 Personality Girl. In addition to the £6, the Player-of-the-Match will receive 3 points towards an end of season total. Judges will also award two points to the second best player and one point to the third best player at each match. A total of £600 will be awarded at the end of the season to the top six players with the most points.

The Player-of-the-Year awards will depend entirely on spectators' votes. This year, only the six last league home games of each Club will qualify. Votes will be placed in Player's No. 6 voting boxes at grounds and a running total kept of all matches. Regular press releases will be issued to keep supporters informed.

Prize money of £600 will be awarded to the top six Players-of-the-Year as chosen by Rugby League supporters. In addition Player's No. 6 cups will be awarded to the leading Player in each award scheme, and replicas to the other five in each competition.

HISTORY OF OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB — Part 4

On Easter Saturday, April 1st, 1893 that memorable game was played at Watersheddings with Newport, who had gone through the previous season without losing a game. Oldham caused a big surprise by winning 8 points to 5.

Oldham should have afterwards gone to Liversedge, but persuaded that club to play the game at Watersheddings. On that occasion H. Barker and Varley were the Liversedge half backs, and the visitors won by 2 tries to nil.

Oldham did badly in the Lancashire Championship that season, but in 1893-94 succeeded in winning the Championship, and met the Rest of the County at Watersheddings, to be defeated by a try to nil. The Oldhamers defeated both Llanelly and Swansea here, only to lose both return games in the Principality.

Oldham were also very successful in their last season in the Rugby Union. They then played such clubs as Kendal Hornets, Nuneaton, Pen-y-Craig, Swansea, Tudhoe and Watsonians. Swansea were defeated twice, but the game with the Watsonians here on New Year's Day ended in a draw of 8 points each.

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Aug. 10	Blackpool (friendly) ...	home	37...	27	Aug. 31	Workington 'A'	home		
17	Huddersfield	away	14...	19	Sept. 7	Rochdale 'A' (Shield)	away		
19	Blackpool	home	29...	5	14	Rochdale 'A' (Shield)	home	.....	
24	Featherstone R.	home	22...	24	21	Wigan 'A'	away	.....	
28	Rochdale H.	away	14...	22	Oct. 12	Rochdale 'A'	home	.....	
31	Workington T.	away	10...	29	19	Widnes 'A'	away	.....	
Sept. 6	Rochdale (Lancs. Cup)	away	17...	5	26	Salford 'A'	home	.....	
9	Blackpool B.	away	44...	10	Nov. 2	Whitehaven 'A'	away	.....	
14	Hunslet	away	22	14	9	Wigan 'A'	home	.....	
21	Wigan	home	.....		16	Warrington 'A'	away	.....	
28	Doncaster	away	.....		23	Whitehaven 'A'	home	.....	
Oct. 5	Huddersfield	home	.....		30	St. Helens 'A'	home	.....	
12	Featherstone R.	away	.....		Dec. 14	Leigh 'A'	away	.....	
19	Widnes	home	.....		21	Widnes 'A'	home	.....	
25	Salford	away	.....		28	Warrington 'A'	home	.....	
Nov. 2	Whitehaven	home	.....		Jan. 4	Huyton 'A'	away	.....	
9	Wigan	away	.....		11	Huyton 'A'	home	.....	
16	Warrington	home	.....		18	Salford 'A'	away	.....	
23	Whitehaven	away	.....		Feb. 1	Leigh 'A'	home	.....	
30	St. Helens	away	.....		8	St. Helens 'A'	away	.....	
Dec. 7	Hunslet	home	.....		Mar. 1	Workington T. 'A' ...	away	.....	
14	Leigh	home	.....		8	Barrow 'A'	away	.....	
20	Widnes	away	.....		21	Swinton 'A'	away	.....	
26	Swinton	home	.....		Apr. 7	Rochdale 'A'	away	.....	
28	Warrington	away	.....		12	Barrow 'A'	home	.....	
Jan. 4	Huyton	home	.....		19	Swinton 'A'	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	.....						

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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