

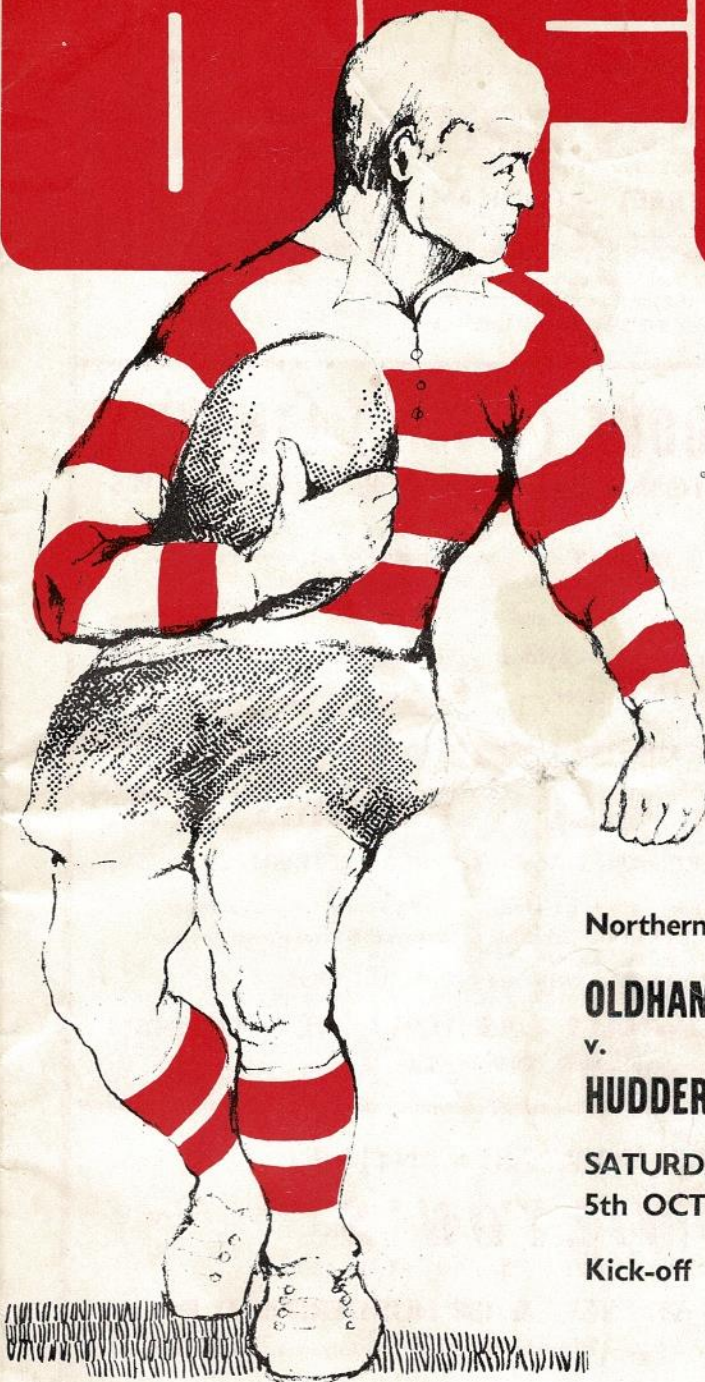


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OLDHAM

Points for 185; Points against 142

In nine league games so far this season we have averaged 20 points per match. This is very good but it must be remembered that our average per match for points against is also high.

Only one Club, Wigan, have scored more points than our boys this season but on the other hand only five Clubs have had more points scored against them than ourselves.

This, of course means that although there seems little wrong with our attack, something must be done to tighten up our defence. I suppose it could be said that a team well in front can ease off a little and let the opponents slip in for a few late points. The trouble is that these 'late points' are very valuable and very important when the season is drawing to a close and the top sixteen is being formulated.

I am not saying that this 'easing up' is happening at Oldham because lately we have been piling on the points near the end rather than conceding them.

A perfect example of this happened at Doncaster when, with the result by no means sure at three-quarter time, we came out winners by 26 points to 10 and with a little steadiness in the last minute, we would have topped thirty.

This was a match when the forwards, once again, were in outstanding

form. Hughes had a much better game and perhaps just about deserved the man of the match award, although Irving and Fletcher must surely not have been far behind. The form of Irving at present is certainly encouraging. Surely he must be knocking on the International door again if he keeps it up.

An injury to Wilson did not help his game, whilst Taylor and McCourt again got through a great deal of work with Taylor popping up again at exactly the right time to score, after an outstanding Fletcher break through.

New signing Smith had a good match after a shaky start, while Briggs did not have such a happy afternoon, although he too increased his try scoring record by one when he took a good pass from Irving.

The backs did not have a great deal to do, but they handled their job in a good manner. At full back, Martin Murphy, after one early error, played a sound game tackling, as usual, superbly, and fielding and attacking well.

All in all the performance at Doncaster augured well for the future. We hope that their winning form continues this afternoon.

WELCOME TO HUDDERSFIELD

We extend a hearty welcome this afternoon to our friends from Fartown Huddersfield. The Fartowners will be out for the double this afternoon for

they beat us in the first match of the season.

Unfortunately, Huddersfield have not been doing too well since they beat us, but this does not mean they have to be under-estimated.

They lost the services of Rob Valentine recently with a broken leg and the 'Fartown' pack seem to miss him considerably.

The boy who took the eye in the first encounter between the teams in August, was wingman Kersey-Brown, who played a tremendous game. This boy will have to be watched this afternoon.

MR. HERBERT JONES

The Club and all its supporters received a shock last week with the resignation of Chairman, Bert Jones.

Mr. Jones resigned for apparent health and business reasons and his decision to do so was, I can assure you, only after very careful thought.

He loved the Football Club and hardly a day passed when he was not at Watersheddings making sure that everything was running in a smooth and satisfactory manner.

The Committee, now under the Chairmanship of Mr. Percy Carter, have allocated Mr. Jones a seat in their box and we trust that we shall have the pleasure of his company on many occasions when we are playing at home.

GED SMITH

This player was signed from the Barrow Club last week and made his debut at Doncaster on Saturday last.

I am sure I speak for everyone at Watersheddings when I welcome Ged to the Club and hope that his stay will be a most successful one.

APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

1st TEAM (all games) 12 possible

	App.	Tries	Goals
B. Curry	2	0	8
P. Larder	6	3	0
T. Buckley	6	0	0
J. Donovan	7	2	0
M. Murphy	10	0	0
W. Briggs	12	9	2
T. Davies	5	2	0
K. Wilson	11	3	0
K. Taylor	12	6	0
G. Fletcher	12	2	0
R. Irving	12	4	0
C. McCourt	12	2	0
A. Hughes	12	3	0
J. Mullarkey	3	1	0
M. Elliott	11	4	0
D. Whitehead	11	2	47
J. McCormack	5	0	0
A. Ogden	1	0	0
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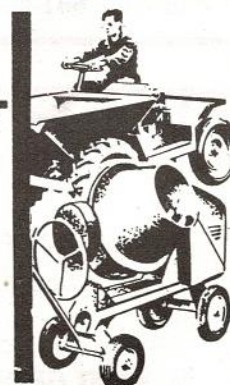
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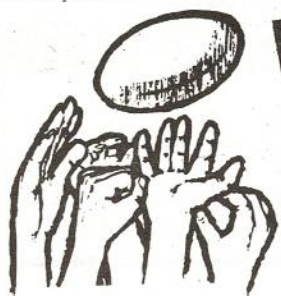
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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

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	22...	24
28	Rochdale H.	away	14...	22
31	Workington T.	away	10...	29
Sept. 6	Rochdale (Lancs. Cup) ..	away	17...	5
9	Blackpool B.	away	44...	10
14	Hunslet	away	22...	14
21	Wigan	home	4...	9
28	Doncaster	away	26...	10
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		
Jan. 4	Huyton 'A'	away		
11	Huyton 'A'	home		
18	Salford 'A'	away		
Feb. 1	Leigh 'A'	home		
8	St. Helens 'A'	away		
Mar. 1	Workington T. 'A' ...	away		
8	Barrow 'A'	away		
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Apr. 7	Rochdale 'A'	away		
12	Barrow 'A'	home		
19	Swinton 'A'	home		

Times of Kick-off

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