

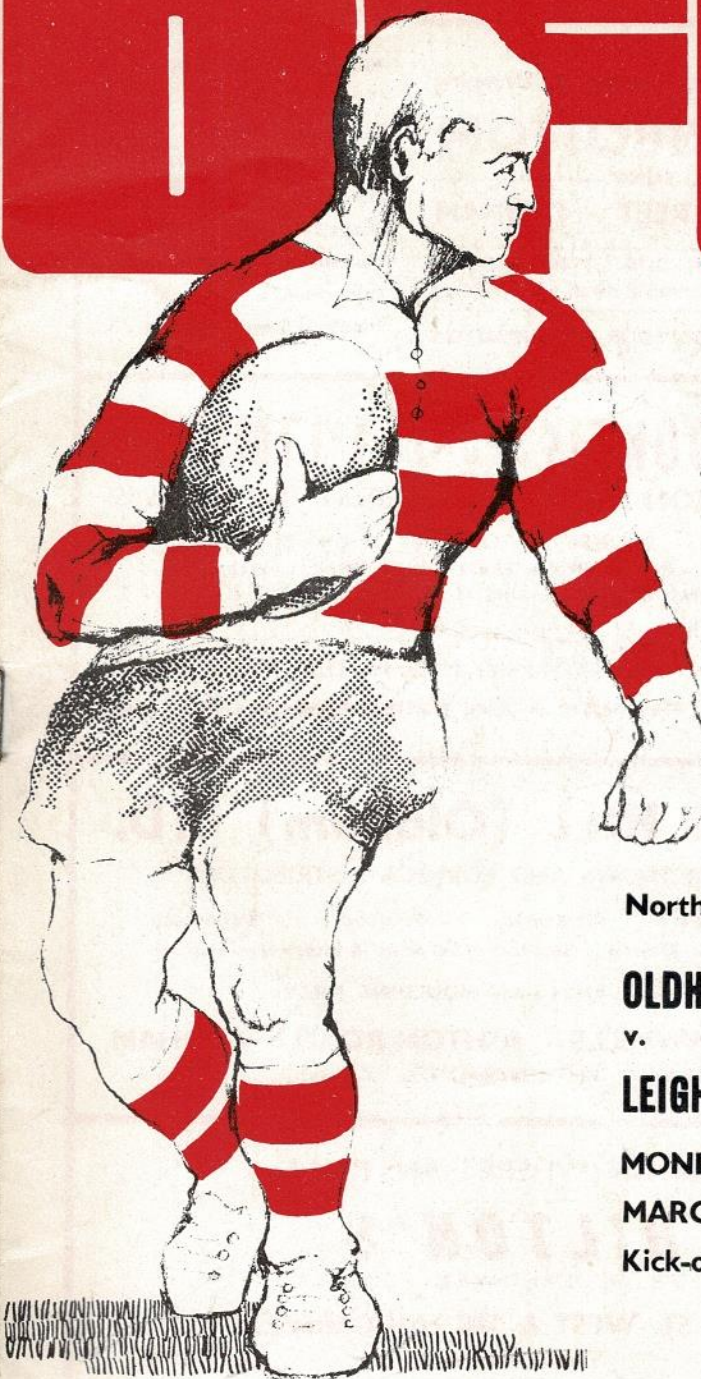


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WELCOME TO LEIGH

For the third time this season we say "Welcome to Leigh" and we hope it will be a case of third time lucky, for on two previous occasions this season the game has been postponed.

Leigh were originally due here on Saturday December 14th. They arrived at the ground and after inspecting the pitch they decided it was too hard to play on. The Oldham players agreed with the Leigh players and after a short discussion in the dressing rooms the match was called off.

Several supporters were already on the ground and they were given admission tickets for the game when re-arranged. These, of course, will be valid this evening.

By a strange coincidence a similar thing happened when Oldham visited Hilton Park on February 1st. The referee abandoned the game after 23 minutes play and again admission tickets were given for the re-arranged game. The match at Leigh was scheduled to be replayed on the Monday following the abandonment but again the weather beat us.

The match at Leigh will now be played on Tuesday March 18th and the kick-off is at 7-30 p.m. Make a diary note now.

Leigh entertained Hull Kingston Rovers at Hilton Park on Friday evening last and beat them by 17 points to 4.

Full back John Houghton, is on trial from St. Helens. John is a clever footballer and also a fine goal kicker and is equally at home at stand off half.

On the flanks Leigh are well blessed with Powderhall sprint man Rod Tickle and Joe Walsh. Both these boys are difficult men to stop when in full flight and the two centres inside them, Mike Collins and Gordon Lewis are certainly capable of putting them away. Collins is a former Waterloo Rugby Union man and Lewis was signed from Welsh R.U.

Tom Warburton at stand off half needs no introduction at all to the Oldham fans and it is good to see him back in the Leigh team following his series of injuries. His scrum half partner needs no introduction either, for Alex Murphy has been a personality in this game of ours for some time and although he has been suffering from a heavy cold it is expected that he will have recovered sufficiently to take his place this evening. Ian Jones, who had trials with Oldham last season, will be standing by to take Alex's place if need be. This former St. Helens player is a handy boy to have around.

Moving on to the forwards we see some new names and also some names who have been on the scene for some time. Dave Chisnall at open side prop is the brother of the Chisnalls at Huyton and St. Helens. We should see a good battle between the two Kevins

— Oldham's Taylor and Leigh's Ashcroft. Ashcroft at present is the hooker catching the International selectors' eyes. At No. 10 Leigh have former Oldham player Harry Major, and making up their pack they have Paul Grimes, a relative newcomer, County forward Bob Welding, and St. Helens based Brian Highcock.

DONATION

The Club has received a donation of £5 from a supporter who says in a letter, "My friends and I were unable to attend the match with St. Helens on Tuesday. We are sending you a donation of £5 to the Oldham Club." This is indeed a fine gesture from this gentleman and may we offer him our sincere thanks.

MATCH ON SATURDAY

May we remind supporters that next Saturday we entertain our friends from Barrow here at Watersheddings and the kick-off is 3 p.m.

The Leigh first team are at Doncaster next Saturday and on Friday, March 14th they entertain St. Helens at Hilton Park.

MORE O.F.C. HISTORY

Oldham went from September, 1899, to early in December, 1899, losing only one game, namely, the one with Runcorn at Watersheddings, the Cestrians getting 3 points to 2. After that the side played very well, but Runcorn beat them for the Lancashire League

Championship, the Cheshire Club being included with the County Palatine teams. In the Cup competition the Oldhamers were knocked out at Swinton (14-2), after having defeated Manningham (18-3), and Halifax (10-5).

In the 1900-1 period, our side travelled to the semi-final of the Challenge Cup Competition. Otley (19-0), Bramley (10-7), Broughton Rangers (11-4), and Widnes (8-0), were beaten by Oldham, but Batley upset their calculations at Huddersfield. The Yorkshiremen got 9 points to 2. Oldham, however, again won the Lancashire League.

The team struck a rather bad patch in the second half of the 1901-2 season, and gained no honours. In the 1st round of the Cup, they had to make the long journey to Maryport, and won by 27 points to nil. Their next trip was to Runcorn, who dismissed them from the Competition by 10 points to nil.

While Oldham did rather better in 1902-3 their form was at periods very in and out. They, however, rose to the occasion in the Cup, Broughton Rangers (2-0), Wigan (4-0), Bradford (2-0), Hunslet (8-0) failing to check their progress. Oldham met Salford in the semi-final at Broughton, the sides playing a pointless draw. Four days later the replayed match took place on the same ground. Salford then got the decision by 8 points to nil. Halifax, however, won the trophy, and they were also League winners.

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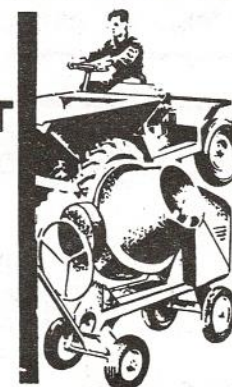
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WATCH COMPETITION

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Date	Club	Grd.	F	A	Date	Club	Grd.	F	A
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	4... 9		16	Warrington 'A'	away	.....	
28	Doncaster	away	26...10		23	Whitehaven 'A'	home	.....	
Oct. 5	Huddersfield	home	15...13		30	St. Helens 'A'	home	.....	
12	Featherstone R.	away	12...23		Dec. 14	Leigh 'A'	away	.....	
19	Widnes	home	17... 9		21	Widnes 'A'	home	.....	
25	Salford	away	2... 4		28	Warrington 'A'	home	.....	
Nov. 11	Wigan	away	3...50		Jan. 4	Huyton 'A'	away	.....	
15	Warrington	home	14...10		11	Huyton 'A'	home	.....	
30	St. Helens	away	.....		18	Salford 'A'	away	.....	
Dec. 1	Whitehaven	away	15... 6		Feb. 1	Leigh 'A'	home	.....	
7	Hunslet	home	30...13		8	St. Helens 'A'	away	.....	
14	Leigh	home	.....		Mar. 1	Workington T. 'A' ...	away	.....	
20	Widnes	away	5 26		8	Barrow 'A'	away	.....	
22	Whitehaven	home	17... 7		21	Swinton 'A'	away	.....	
26	Swinton	home	.....		Apr. 7	Rochdale 'A'	away	.....	
Jan. 4	Huyton	home	5 13		12	Barrow 'A'	home	.....	
8	Warrington	away	19...10		19	Swinton 'A'	home	.....	
11	Huyton	away	3 7						
18	Salford	home	22...12						
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

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