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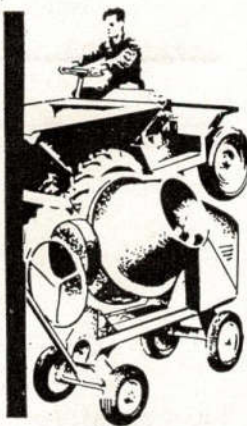
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### OUR VISITORS

Today we welcome the Huyton Club to Watersheddings. Although they are at the foot of the league table, not having won any of their matches so far this season, they are a team of triers, and cannot be taken for granted.

This has been the case for a long time, and going back to Oldham's halcyon days of ten to twelve years ago, many's the time Oldham have run up a cricket score against the then Liverpool team, and our supporters have given Liverpool a standing ovation as they left the field, in recognition of their tireless efforts to keep the game open.

We look forward to a good game today, and wish our visitors more success in the future.

### WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Since the last programme notes, Oldham have won two of their three league games, beating Keighley 41-10 and Blackpool Borough 33-6, but losing last Saturday to Wigan by 40 points to 10 points.

With the first two wins, in which the team played really well, we were encouraged to think that we had at last turned the corner, but the defeat by Wigan put us right back to square one. There can be no excuses for this humiliation, the whole team were unbelievably lacking in ideas, effort and determination. The tackling was woefully weak, and consequently Wigan had a field day against us, their play being just the opposite of ours, every man making progress with the ball, always a man backing-up the player in possession, and above all forcefulness and speed.

Oldham's present trend has got to be reversed, and no-one is more conscious of this fact than our coach, Gerry Helme. We have had more than our share of injuries this season, and at the time of going to press we still have Ray Clark, Ray Hopwood and Alan Ogden on the injured list. The latest casualty is Gary Beverley, who suffered a shoulder injury in the Blackpool game.

However, this does not alter the fact that our members and supporters want to see fast, attractive football and a winning team, and that if this could be done against Keighley and Blackpool, the same style of play should have been employed against Wigan.

The lads are well aware of their deficiencies last Saturday, and it is to be hoped that they prove to us in today's game that the match against Wigan was just an off-day, and that they can resume the winning trail.

New signing — Ray Fletcher, the local lad who has impressed "A" team supporters with his second-row play in recent trials, has now been signed by the club, and played in both the Blackpool and Wigan games.

### SUPPORTERS CLUB

Members are reminded that a coach will be run from the Social Club to the next away match, against Warrington on Friday, September 26th. Incidentally, this is an evering game, kick-off 7-30 p.m. Enquiries please, at the Social Club after the match or any evening.

### TELEVISION CONTRACT

The new contract with B.B.C. Television has now been ratified by the Rugby League Council. Oldham voted for the contract by a narrow majority, the main factor being that each club is guaranteed close to £4,000 for each of the next four seasons. No club can afford to ignore this sort of income in these present difficult times.

### POOLS ORGANISATION

Anyone interested in becoming a Pools Agent should contact Mr. Harry Walker at the pavilion, or telephone MAI 4865 for details.

### PLAYING RECORDS

The leading try-scorer this season is Wilf Briggs, with ten tries to date, the runner-up being Jim Crellin with five tries. Leading goal-scorer is Derek Whitehead with twenty-one goals, followed by Jim Crellin, thirteen goals (nine of these in the game against Keighley), and Wilf Briggs, five goals.

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Sept. 30—(Tuesday) Halifax v Leeds.

Oct. 7—(Tuesday) Leigh v Wakefield.

„ 14—(Tuesday) Wigan/Warrington v Hull.

„ 21—(Tuesday) Salford v Huddersfield/Castleford.

„ 28—(Tuesday) Keighley v Hull K.R.

All kick-off 7-15 p.m.

The second half of the above games will be televised. Games not being televised are as follows :

Barrow v Widnes.

Oldham v Rochdale.

Swinton v St. Helens.

The dates for these matches have still to be arranged.

#### NEW FIXTURE SCHEME

The proposed new fixture scheme for Season 1970/71 is as follows:

In the first half of the season, clubs would operate in three divisions, these to be decided by positions in the preceding County League Tables.

Division I—Top five Lancashire clubs and top five Yorkshire clubs.

Division II—Second five Lancashire clubs and second five Yorkshire clubs.

Division III—Bottom four Lancashire clubs and bottom six Yorkshire clubs.

Trophy and medals to be awarded to Divisional winners. Divisional rugby would end on the last Saturday before Christmas.

For the second half of the season, the County Leagues would be played, each club playing nine clubs in its own County League, the choice of fixtures to be determined by a formula of the top team playing the second team, the third playing the fourth and so on.

As all clubs would not play all other clubs, the County League trophies would be determined by a play-off between the top two clubs in each County League.

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### FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

| Date    | Club                | Grd. | F | A |
|---------|---------------------|------|---|---|
| 1969    |                     |      |   |   |
| Aug. 9  | Blackpool           | home |   |   |
|         | (Charity)           |      |   |   |
| 16      | Swinton             | home |   |   |
|         | (L.C. 1st Rd.)      |      |   |   |
| 19      | Salford             | home |   |   |
| 23      | Warrington          | home |   |   |
| 27      | Bradford            | away |   |   |
| 30      | Workington          | away |   |   |
| Sept. 6 | Keighley            | home |   |   |
| 8       | Blackpool           | away |   |   |
| 13      | Wigan               | away |   |   |
| 20      | Huyton              | home |   |   |
| 22      | Rochdale            | home |   |   |
| 26      | Warrington          | away |   |   |
| Oct. 4  | Workington          | home |   |   |
| 11      | Keighley            | away |   |   |
| 24      | Barrow              | away |   |   |
| Nov. 1  | Whitehaven          | home |   |   |
| 8       | Leigh               | away |   |   |
| 15      | Widnes              | home |   |   |
| 22      | St. Helens          | away |   |   |
| Dec. 6  | Huddersfield        | home |   |   |
| 13      | Wigan               | home |   |   |
| 20      | Huyton              | away |   |   |
| 26      | Swinton             | away |   |   |
| 28      | Batley              | away |   |   |
| 1970    |                     |      |   |   |
| Jan. 3  | St. Helens          | home |   |   |
| 17      | Huddersfield        | away |   |   |
| 24      | Barrow              | home |   |   |
| 31      | Whitehaven          | away |   |   |
| Feb. 7  | (Chal. Cup 1st Rd.) |      |   |   |
| 14      | Leigh               | home |   |   |
| 21      | (Chal. Cup 2nd Rd.) |      |   |   |
| 27      | Salford             | away |   |   |
| Mar. 7  | Bradford            | home |   |   |
| 14      | Widnes              | away |   |   |
| 23      | Blackpool           | home |   |   |
| 27      | Swinton             | home |   |   |
| 28      | Rochdale            | away |   |   |
| Apr. 11 | Batley              | home |   |   |

### "A" TEAM FIXTURES

| Date    | Club                   | Grd. | F | A |
|---------|------------------------|------|---|---|
| 1969    |                        |      |   |   |
| Aug. 23 | Warrington             | away |   |   |
|         | (Shield, 1 Rd., 1 leg) |      |   |   |
| 30      | Workington             | home |   |   |
| Sept. 6 | Rochdale               | away |   |   |
| 13      | Wigan                  | home |   |   |
| 20      | Huyton                 | away |   |   |
| 27      | Warrington             | home |   |   |
|         | (Shield, 1 Rd., 2 leg) |      |   |   |
| Oct. 4  | Workington             | away |   |   |
| 11      | Warrington             | home |   |   |
| 17      | Salford                | away |   |   |
| 25      | Barrow                 | home |   |   |
| Nov. 8  | Leigh                  | home |   |   |
| 15      | Widnes                 | away |   |   |
| 22      | St. Helens             | home |   |   |
| Dec. 13 | Wigan                  | away |   |   |
| 20      | Huyton                 | home |   |   |
| 1970    |                        |      |   |   |
| Jan. 3  | St. Helens             | away |   |   |
| 10      | Swinton                | home |   |   |
| 17      | Swinton                | away |   |   |
| 24      | Barrow                 | away |   |   |
| Feb. 14 | Leigh                  | away |   |   |
| 28      | Salford                | home |   |   |
| Mar. 14 | Widnes                 | home |   |   |
| 20      | (Fri.) Warrington      | away |   |   |
| 28      | Rochdale               | home |   |   |

#### Times of kick-off

All Saturday games at home k.o. 3 p.m.  
Evening k.o. times as advertised.  
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