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CLUB NOTES

THE EARLY MATCHES An entirely unsatisfactory start at Wigan, a classic match and victory against St. Helens, and winning points collected from three subsequent away games, at Bramley, Oldham and Halifax, have been the mixed fortunes of Leeds in the seasons opening League fixtures. As usual in these early games, injuries to several players have created problems regarding team selection, and if we include the Lazenby Cup match in these matches, we find it has been necessary to call upon some twenty-six players for first team duty already this season. While this need has enabled several younger players to gain valuable and early experience it has also had the less desirable effect of preventing us from fielding a side which can settle down and seek to achieve cohesion. Inevitably - and this applied especially at Oldham - some of the football shown has been disjointed.

Fortunately, these circumstances did not apply in the home game against St. Helens, and once again all spectators present obtained great enjoyment from a superb match, whose qualities of high skills and the best possible spirit made this into a fine example of how good Rugby League at its best can be.

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OUR VISITORS. This afternoon it is our pleasure to extend a welcome to our nearest Lancashire neighbours, Oldham, whom we meet so soon, for the second time this season. Less than two weeks ago, playing well above standards indicated by their earlier results, they gave Leeds a very hard game at Watersheddings, leading by six points for most of the first half, and being very much in the game with a good chance of victory, until the last minute of the match. The result was a 16-12 win for Leeds, but by far the most dominating features of the game where the individual performances of two forwards, Oldham's loose-forward Ray Clark, and Leeds second-rower Bill Ramsey. Each man was constantly trying to create attacking moves for colleagues, and each also found time to do a vast amount of cover tackling. On their displays in this match, any International selector present would have chosen these two men automatically for the next Great Britain side, and then built a pack around them.

Coached by knowledgeable and experienced Graham Starkey, a former Rochdale Hornets and Huddersfield player, Oldham produced some entertaining football when we met ten days ago. Once they can achieve the confidence to be gained from a run of success, they could become one of the teams to show most improvement during the present season, and their progress will be followed with more than ordinary interest by many impartial supporters of the game during the coming winter months.

FORTHCOMING MATCHES AT HEADINGLEY. The annual BBC 2 Floodlight Cup Competition appears once more in the Rugby League calendar later this month, and the first match for Leeds, who will be defending the Trophy we won last Autumn, is against old cup foes Hull Kingston Rovers. This cup-tie will be played at Headingley on Tuesday 28th September, kick-off at 7-15 p.m.

Agreement has now been reached with Widnes on the new date for the Leeds - Widnes League match, postponed because of Widnes' appearance in the Lancashire Cup Final last month. This match will now be played here on Tuesday, 12th October, kick-off at 7-30 p.m.

Three weeks later, on Saturday, 6th November, the New Zealand Touring Team will be playing at Headingley. The position regarding this match is that if either New Zealand or Great Britain win both the First and Second Test Matches, then New Zealand will play Leeds at Headingley on that date. However, if the Test Series stands at one win to each side at the end of the Second Test, then Great Britain and New Zealand will play a Third and deciding Test Match at Headingley on 6th November, kick-off 3-0 p.m. Should this situation arise, it will of course mean that Leeds will

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not then be playing a match against the New Zealanders during their current tour in this country, for the Kiwis leave for games in France immediately after their match at Headingley.

THE LEEDS JUNIOR TEAMS. The two Leeds Club amateur sides - the Intermediates and the Juniors - will this season be coached by ex-Leeds players Alan Horsfall and Walter Smith. Young players of ability, not attached to other clubs, who would like to play for either team, are invited to come along to Headingley to meet the coaches on any Monday or on any Wednesday evening at 7-0 p.m.

THE "A" TEAM. The Reserves, whose fixture against Doncaster "A" was postponed last week, have won both their opening matches this season. They began with a 17-3 home win over Hull Kingston Rovers and followed up with a victory by 17 points to 13 at Castleford.

Alan Preece played a big part in both these successes and there is no question that his many years experience is proving an invaluable asset and guiding force for the numerous very promising younger players in the team. Among these, full-back Steve Guant has been outstanding but unfortunately we may be losing him soon as there is a likelihood of Steve emigrating to Australia later this year.

This afternoon the "A" Team meets Bramley "A" at McLaren Field, and next Saturday the team receives York "A" at Headingley.

JUNIOR SUPPORTERS. The next meeting of the Junior Supporters Club will be in the Social Club, Headingley Grounds, on Thursday, September 30th, at 6-30 p.m.

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LEEDS R.L. SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

The Leeds R. L. Supporters Annual Handbook on sale today, contains interesting reading, records and pictures with an introduction by Football Chairman Mr. J. Myerscough. Beautifully printed on good paper, we think it good value at 12 pence.

Although difficulties have arisen regarding Lancashire Friday night matches, Headingley Grounds branch will endeavour to maintain the service provided in the past at away matches, and next Friday September 17th a coach will leave Headingley for Salford. Enquire in the Social Club for further details, times, etc.

The league programme for the Junior Team is now well under way and anyone wishing to play will be very welcome, contact Mr. D. Peace in the Social Club, or on training nights at Buslingthorpe Vale Ground any Wednesday at 6-30 p.m. Jackpot tickets are being sold to help them with their finances, so please give your support to these boys.

Mr. Kennedy will again be in attendance in the programme shop for the benefit of the Junior Supporters, selling and exchanging back number programmes. He would like however an adult assistant who is willing to give a helping hand, to contact him during the afternoon in the shop.

Mr. W. Teague is giving a film show in the Queenswood Social Club on Friday October 1st at 7-30 p.m. Films to be shown are of the Australian Tour

A word of welcome to David Ward and Chris Sanderson. We hope they have a happy and successful playing career at Headingley.

Finally, we welcome all Oldham supporters, and on production of your membership cards we will be pleased to see you in the Social Club after the match.

FIXTURES FOR 1971/72

Date 1971	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 14 (S)	HUNSLET (Lazenby Cup) ...	H	W 48-3
20 (F)	Wigan	A	L 36-2
24 (Tu)	ST. HELENS	H	W 20-13
28 (S)	WIDNES	H	P'poned
Sept. 1 (W)	Oldham	A	W 16-12
4 (S)	Bramley	A	W 23-2
8 (W)	Halifax	A	
11 (S)	OLDHAM	H	
17 (F)	Salford	H	
25 (S)	DEWSBURY	H	
28 (Tu)	HULL K.R. (Floodlit Cup) ...	H	
Oct. 1 (F)	Castleford	A	
8 (F)	HUDDERSFIELD	H	
12 (Tu)	WIDNES	H	
15 (F)	Keighley	A	
22 (F)	Hull Kingston Rovers	A	
30 (S)	SALFORD	H	
Nov. 6 (S)	Vacant (G.B. v. New Zealand at Headingley)		
13 (S)	Players No. 6 Comp. (1)		
19 (F)	Widnes	A	
27 (S)	Players No. 8 Comp. (2)		
Dec. 4 (S)	HALIFAX	H	
10 (F)	Hull	A	
18 (S)	LEIGH	A	
27 (M)	WAKEFIELD TRIN. (11-30)	H	

BLOCK CAPITALS Home Game
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First Team

Date 1972	Opponents	Venue	Result
Jan. 1 (S)	WIGAN	H	
8 (S)	HULL KINGSTON ROVERS ..	H	
16 (Su)	Batley (2-30)	A	
22 (S)	St. Helens	A	
29 (S)	R.L. Cup Round 1		
Feb. 5 (S)	HULL	H	
13 (Su)	Wakefield Trinity (3-30) ...	A	
19 (S)	R.L. Cup Round 2		
26 (S)	Workington Town	A	
Mar. 4 (S)	CASTLEFORD	H	
11 (S)	Huddersfield	A	
18 (S)	KEIGHLEY	H	
25 (S)	WORKINGTON TOWN	H	
31 (F)	BRAMLEY	H	
April 1 (S)	Vacant		
3 (M)	Dewsbury (6-0)	A	
8 (S)	Leigh	A	
15 (S)	BATLEY	H	
22 (S)	Top 16 Play-Off League Championship		
29 (S)	League Championship Quarter-Finals		
May 6 (S)	League Championship		
13 (S)	R.L. Cup Final at Wembley		
20 (S)	R.L. Championship Final		
June 3 (S)	Venue to be announced later Willis' Sevens at Headingley		

Kick-off Times: Saturday, 3-0; Other Games, 7-30
(except where stated)

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Date 1971	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 21 (S)	HULL KINGSTON ROVERS ..	H	W 17-3
27 (F)	Castleford	A	W 17-13
Sept. 4 (S)	DONCASTER	H	P'poned
11 (S)	Bramley	H	
18 (S)	YORK	H	
24 (F)	Wakefield Trinity	A	
Oct. 2 (S)	BATLEY	H	
9 (S)	Doncaster	A	
16 (S)	HULL	H	
23 (S)	HUDDERSFIELD	H	
30 (S)	Dewsbury	A	
Nov. 13 (S)	BRADFORD NORTHERN ...	H	
20 (S)	HUNSLET	H	
27 (S)	Batley (2-30)	A	
Dec. 4 (S)	Hull	A	
11 (S)	HALIFAX	H	
18 (S)	Featherstone Rovers	A	
Date 1972	Opponents	Venue	Result
Jan. 1 (S)	York (2-30)	A	
7 (F)	Halifax	A	
15 (S)	KEIGHLEY	H	
22 (S)	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS ..	H	
29 (S)	Bradford Northern	A	

"A" Team

Feb. 12 (S)	CASTLEFORD	H	
19 (S)	Hunslet	A	
26 (S)	Huddersfield	A	
Mar. 4 (S)	Hull Kingston Rovers	A	
11 (S)	BRAMLEY	A	
17 (F)	Keighley	A	
April 1 (S)	WAKEFIELD TRINITY	H	
3 (M)	DEWSBURY (3-0)	H	

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ATKINSON, J.	3	—	2	—	6
BARNARD, E.	2	—	—	—	—
BATTEN, R.	3	—	2	—	6
BENCE, A.	4	2	1	—	3
BURKE, J.	6	—	3	—	9
COOKSON, P.	5	—	1	—	3
COWAN, R.	2	—	1	—	3
DUNN, P.	—	1	1	—	3
DYL, L.	4	—	2	—	6
ECCLES, G.	1	1	1	—	3
FISHER, A.	4	—	—	—	—
GOODWIN, N.	—	1	—	—	—
HAIGH, R.	6	—	4	—	12
HARDISTY, A.	4	—	2	—	6
HICK, D.	1	4	—	—	—
HOLMES, J.	6	—	3	22	53
HYNES, S.	1	—	—	—	—
LANGLEY, J.	6	—	—	—	—
PARKER, B.	2	—	1	—	3
PITCHFORD, S.	2	—	—	—	—
RAMSEY, W.	2	1	—	—	—
SANDERSON, C.	—	1	—	—	—
SEABOURNE, B.	6	—	1	1	5
SMITH, A.	3	—	2	—	6
WAINWRIGHT, A.	3	2	2	—	6
WARD, D.	2	—	1	—	3
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