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FLOODLIGHT CUP (Preliminary Round)

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**FLOODLIGHT CUP**

Tonight's game is the Preliminary Round of the Floodlight Competition, it will be played on a two legged basis with the return match at Oldham a fortnight tonight, 29th September, kick-off 7-30 p.m., the winners of this two-legged affair will meet Salford at Salford on 19th October, this match is to be televised.

Oldham, whom we wish to welcome this evening to the Athletic Grounds, have not made a bright start to the season, in fact have not won a match of any importance to date, they were knocked out of the Lancashire Cup in the first round by Swinton, and have only drawn one game in the League, this being 13 points each at home to Barrow in the opening league fixture, since then they have lost to Leeds and Wigan at Watersheddings, plus Swinton, Hunslet and Leeds on their opponents' grounds, under the guidance of our former player-coach Graham Starkey, we hope for a good, entertaining game this evening.

Neither side having selected their team makes writing the preview a little difficult at times, however Oldham have stated that they anticipate little change from the side that lost to Leeds on Saturday, the full back spot is uncertain at the moment with Martin Murphy, who represented Lancashire in this position last season, being preferred at out half, partnering Cliff Sayer to form the half backs, Mike Elliott will be on the right wing and on the left will be a rugby union trialist from the south of England having his second game for Oldham. Joe Collins and Trevor Buckley, two local signings, make up the three quarter line, Tug Wilson, a stalwart scrummager, is expected to be at open side prop forward, with either Dick Bonser or Frank Walker on the blind side, hooking will be Colin Bowden who is reported to have had a good game at Leeds and displaces the more renowned under-24 international Kevin Taylor. In the second row are likely to be Bob Irving who toured Australia in the summer of 1970 and Billy Churm the former Warrington loose forward, completing the side will be loose forward Ray Clark who has recently been playing on the wing.

Graham Starkey, after a season of injuries last year, appears to have hung up his boots to concentrate on the coaching of the Club.

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Congratulations to Eddie Brown and also to Bob Welding, both of whom are in the Lancashire side to meet Cumberland at Workington this evening, this means, however, that we shall miss them for our own match. Coach Frank Myler is also having treatment for a hand injury, but is expected to be fit, in which event the backs will be unchanged from Saturday's grand win over Featherstone. The forwards, however, present something of a problem, with Brown and Welding out, room may be found for either or both Bob Sheffield and Alan Hodgkinson who both played for the 'A' team, which gave another good display in beating St. Helens by 23 points to 9 at St. Helens on Saturday.

A sign of the times and proof that the Hornets are improving was made clear on Monday when Leigh asked the Board to put fees on both Eddie Brown and Bob Welding. The Board replied that they were not interested in parting with anyone at this stage.

### CLUB TIES

Club ties are on sale to supporters to celebrate the centenary of the club. £1 each, they are attractively designed in maroon and blue.

### HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR CENTENARY YEAR BOOK?

Obtainable at the Secretary's Office and Supporters' Bars. 20p each.

### HALF TIME SPECIAL

This evening we are continuing our half time special by again giving £5 as the main prize, we are beginning the snowball, too, which will start at £1 and progress by £1 each match until won. Tickets on sale at all parts of the ground, 5p each.

The winner of Saturday's draw was Mr. Ian Parratt, 50 Trafalgar Street, Rochdale.

### TICKETS FOR TESTS

Seating tickets at £1.50 and £1.00 are now available for the first two Tests against New Zealand.

**First Test, Saturday, 25th September, Gt. Britain v New Zealand at SALFORD.**

Apply to the Secretary, Salford R.L.F.C., The Pavilion, Willows Road, Weaste, Salford. (Tel. No. 061-736-1515.)

**Second Test, Saturday, 16th October, Gt. Britain v New Zealand at CASTLEFORD.**

Apply to the Secretary, Castleford R.L.F.C., Wheldon Road, Castleford. (Tel. Castleford 2674.)

The third Test will be played at Headingley, Leeds on Saturday, 6th November, if a decider is necessary, in which case seating tickets at £1.50 and £1.00 will then be available from the Secretary, Leeds C.F. and A.C., The Pavilion, Headingley, Leeds, LS6 3BR. (Tel. Leeds 54181/2.)

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Donors are invited for this feature; please call at the secretary's office.

### APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

|                   |   | Tries | Goals |                 |   | Tries | Goals |
|-------------------|---|-------|-------|-----------------|---|-------|-------|
| Birchall .....    | 8 | 1     | 0     | Hillman .....   | 6 | 1     | 0     |
| Brelsford .....   | 8 | 2     | 0     | Welding .....   | 7 | 1     | 0     |
| Brown .....       | 8 | 0     | 0     | Machen .....    | 6 | 1     | 0     |
| Chamberlain ..... | 8 | 3     | 16    | Watson .....    | 4 | 0     | 0     |
| Clarke .....      | 8 | 0     | 0     | Cooke .....     | 3 | 0     | 0     |
| Crellin .....     | 8 | 2     | 0     | Pabbitt .....   | 2 | 0     | 0     |
| Delooze, H. ....  | 8 | 0     | 1     | Snape .....     | 2 | 0     | 0     |
| Gartland .....    | 8 | 2     | 0     | Aspinall .....  | 2 | 0     | 1     |
| Myler .....       | 8 | 1     | 0     | Sheffield ..... | 1 | 0     | 0     |
| Ratu .....        | 7 | 1     | 0     | Worrall .....   | 1 | 0     | 0     |
| Flanagan .....    | 7 | 1     | 1     |                 |   |       |       |

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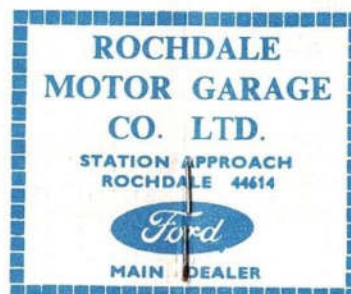
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- 1—CHAMBERLAIN, Joe
- 2—MACHEN, Paul
- 3—CRELLIN, Jim
- 4—ASPINALL, Bill
- 5—BRELSFORD, Norman
- 6—MYLER, Frank
- 7—GARTLAND, Peter
- 8—BIRCHALL, Peter
- 9—CLARKE, Peter
- 10—COOKE, Tony
- 11—FLANAGAN, Kevin
- 12—SHEFFIELD, Bill
- 13—HODKINSON, Alan

- 14—WORRALL, Norman
- 15—DELOOZE, Henry



Touch Judges:

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Orange Flag

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Red Flag

- 1—BLAIR, John *goal*
- 2—ELLIOTT, Mike
- 3—COLLINS, Joe
- 4—BUCKLEY, Trevor
- 5—TRIALIST
- 6—MURPHY, Martin
- 7—SAYER, Cliff
- 8—WILSON, Ken
- 9—BOWDEN, Colin
- 10—WALKER, Frank
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- 12—CHURM, Bill
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- 15—TAYLOR, Kevin

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## SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

### CENTENARY BOOKLET

The Hornets centenary booklet is selling well, and at 20p per copy we think it is excellent value, covering the history of the Hornets over their 100 years' life, with photographs and facts that should settle many an argument. Get your booklet tonight from the sellers on the ground, bar, teabar or secretary's office.

### CENTENARY PENS

We hope to have on sale in the next week or two an attractive centenary pen in club colours. Look out for the date they will be available.

### COMMITTEE MEETING

Will all members please note that there will be a meeting of the Supporters' Club General Committee at 11 a.m. on Sunday morning next. A good attendance is asked for, as several new ideas are likely to come up for discussion.

### FIXTURES, PENNANTS, CAR STICKERS

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### QUERY CORNER

A very hardy perennial has arisen again during the past few weeks, and a very good friend of mine found he had an expensive wrong answer when he said that "Hornets won the cup in green and black".

He was one of many who have raised this question, which is answered in full on page 51 of the history booklet. The quotation is:—

"1921 (September) — Hornets changed their colours from green and black to red, white and blue, because green and black 'did not come out of the weekly wash as nicely as they might have done'. The Hornets played in green and black again for the first time for 26 years on 13th December, 1947, against Wigan, using the colours occasionally when clashing with opponents".

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As Joe Chamberlain has said of this season so far: "The crowd is with us, and that is a tremendous help".

Players are only like anyone else — they react to encouragement, and the very best of their ability is coming out on the field of play, to a great extent because they are getting a cheer and a shout to spur them on. Keep it up.

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| Aug. 7                      | Barrow (L.C. 1)      | Away     | 13—5  |   | 26—Huyton ..... Away           |
| " 14                        | L.C. (2)             |          | 8—17  |   | Apr. 1—Doncaster ..... Home    |
| " 21                        | Dewsbury             | Away     | 14—8  |   | " 3—Bramley ..... Away         |
| " 25                        | Widnes (7-30 p.m.)   | Home     | 12—7  |   | " 8—Hunslet ..... Home         |
| " 28                        | Castleford           | Home     | 5—15  |   | Challenge Cup (S.F.)           |
| Sept. 1                     | York (6-15 p.m.)     | Away     | 12—8  |   | " 14—Widnes (7-30 p.m.) . Away |
| " 4                         | New Zealand          | Home     | 8—23  |   | Challenge Cup (S.F.) Sat. 15   |
| " 11                        | Featherstone         | Home     | 14—10 |   |                                |
| " 15                        | Oldham (7-30 p.m.)   | Home     | 28—2  |   |                                |
| " 18                        | Castleford           | Away     |       |   |                                |
| " 23                        | York (7-30 p.m.)     | Home     |       |   |                                |
| Oct. 2                      | Doncaster            | Away     |       |   |                                |
| " 9                         | Whitehaven           | Home     |       |   |                                |
| " 16                        | Blackpool            | Away     |       |   |                                |
| " 23                        | Whitehaven           | Away     |       |   |                                |
| " 30                        | Huyton               | Home     |       |   |                                |
| Nov. 7                      | Warrington           | Away     |       |   |                                |
| " 20                        | Dewsbury             | Home     |       |   |                                |
| Dec. 5                      | Swinton              | Away     |       |   |                                |
| " 11                        | Halifax              | Away     |       |   |                                |
| " 18                        | Barrow               | Home     |       |   |                                |
| " 27                        | Oldham               | Away     |       |   |                                |
| Jan. 1                      | Bramley              | Home     |       |   |                                |
| " 9                         | Bradford 2-30        | Away     |       |   |                                |
|                             | Players No. 6 (S.F.) | Sat. 8th |       |   |                                |
| " 16                        | Warrington           | Home     |       |   |                                |
| " 23                        | Halifax              | Home     |       |   |                                |
| " 29                        | Challenge Cup (1)    |          |       |   |                                |
| Feb. 5                      | Hunslet              | Away     |       |   |                                |
| " 12                        | Blackpool            | Home     |       |   |                                |
| " 19                        | Challenge Cup (2)    |          |       |   |                                |
| " 27                        | Bradford             | Home     |       |   |                                |
| Mar. 4                      | Featherstone         | Away     |       |   |                                |
|                             | Challenge Cup (3)    |          |       |   |                                |
| " 12                        | Swinton              | Home     |       |   |                                |
| " 17                        | Barrow (7-0 p.m.)    | Away     |       |   |                                |
| " 22                        | Oldham (7-30 p.m.)   | Home     |       |   |                                |

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