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Oldham Football Club, now Oldham Rugby League Club, was formed in 1876 following a challenge match between the local Parish Church Institute and the Oldham Lyceum. A meeting at the Prince Albert Hotel followed, and the club started on its playing career. After one good season it quickly built up a good fixture list, and in October 1877 became the first good-class club in Lancashire to meet a Yorkshire side (Dewsbury Athletic).

Quickly moving into the top strata of Lancashire Rugby Union, county players were selected from the club, and a place was gained on the executive of the Lancashire County Club.

When professionalism began to grow, Oldham were in the van to form the Northern Union, and Joe Platt, the Oldham treasurer, was the first secretary. He held the position for a quarter of a century and was responsible for the negotiations which started our game in New Zealand.

The club has had many great players, from Bill McCutcheon, Gwynne, R. L. Thomas (grandfather of the Grade One referee of the same name), Moffatt, Varley, Arthur Lees, Sammy Lees, Knapman, Brough, Rix, Sloman, Ashworth, Tommy Rees, Lew Rees, and dozens of others. The great team

OBITUARY

On behalf of the Committee, Staff, Players and Members of Widnes Football Club we would like to convey sincere condolences to the relatives of the St. Marie's player, Jim Case, on their sad bereavement.

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of the late 1950's comprised of Ganley, Allan Davies, Etty, Cracknell, Ayres, Pitchford, Stirrup, Vines, Keith, Jackson, Little, Winslade and Turner played to crowded grounds and built up a wonderful reputation.

Unfortunately succeeding Oldham sides have suffered by comparison, but when a good top-of-the-table team is built up once again, the club will come into its own under the direction of Arthur Walker and his devoted colleagues on the Oldham board.

The last time we played Oldham was 13th March, 1970, when the Chemics registered a comfortable 25-5 victory to complete a league double. The game at Watersheddings earlier in the season also ended in victory for Widnes 7-5.

MATCH REPORTS

Earlier this week the first team returned to winning ways when they accounted for Huyton 25-0. As is usual in these local derby games the tackling by both sides was hard, with no quarter asked for or given, but even so the small crowd was treated to some fine individual breaks and some good tries were scored.

Widnes seem to enjoy playing twice a week, and will be all out for two more league points this evening.

INJURIES

John Kirwan is our latest casualty with a shoulder injury which will keep him out of action for two or three weeks. Dave Macko, Eric Hughes

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and Ian Thompson have all had shoulder injuries this season. Mal Aspey and Mick George are also still out of action, and with John Warlow not available owing to international duty, and Ray Dutton absent for business reasons, the composition of tonight's team will, to say the least, be unfamiliar.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

A number of our young supporters have got together to form a Junior Supporters' Club whose aim is to organise film shows, quiz competitions and travel to away games.

The officials are: Chairman, Mr. W. O'Keefe; Secretary, Mr. D. Carter; Treasurer, Miss D. Leigh. Committee meetings will take place in the pavilion at Naughton Park, and any juniors who may be interested should contact the above officials.

Anybody travelling to the next away game at Swinton on Sunday, 3rd October (kick-off 3.0 p.m.) may like to know that supporters' coaches will leave at 1.30 p.m. Why not travel in comfort with the Chemics' supporters? Book with Alan Rae behind the main stand after the game tonight.

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