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OUR VISITORS

Welcome this evening to Oldham for the second leg of a Preliminary Round of the B.B.C. 2 Floodlit Trophy Competition, midway through a three fixtures in 10 days spell which we have with the Oldham Club. Last Tuesday at Watersheddings they snatched an 8-7 advantage to carry forward to tonight's match with a drop goal in the dying minutes of the game; the third meeting is next Friday, again at Craven Park, when we entertain them in a league encounter.

Oldham like ourselves, suffered the fate of being relegated from the first division last April. Like ourselves they no doubt are equally eager to regain first division status at the first attempt, and this trio of encounters may well give a pointer as to what our respective fortunes may be next Spring.

Last season we recorded a league "double" over them, and our win at Watersheddings was looked upon as something of a highlight—indeed until very late in the season it looked as though it might be our only "away" league success.

Meanwhile there is little in the Oldham coffers for any further "big" new signings, for there was a big financial deficit in the year's working following last season's very costly spending spree, which nevertheless failed to stave off relegation. The £11,000 fee received from Wigan for international forward **Bob Irving** was quickly absorbed in an estimated outlay of £30,000.

Notable signings in the last couple of seasons include centre **Tony Wainwright** from Leeds, scrum half **Mick McCone** from Doncaster, £4,000 paid to Leeds for **Terry Clawson**, £3,000 to Whitehaven for second rower **Bill McCracken**, and the most costly signing for years £7,500 to Warrington for another second row man **Brian Gregory**. Another big fee went to Bradford for off half **Dave Treasure** and £4,500 went to Salford for **Ian Holland**, a former Orrell and Lancashire R.U. winger who made his debut for Oldham on the occasion of our visit. Neighbours Rochdale received £3,000 for Lancashire County Second row forward **Bob Welding**.

At the end of last season, just before he left for the tour of Australia, **Jim Challinor** the former St. Helens coach was appointed to a similar post at Oldham. Jim has been Great Britain's coach for three years and at Oldham teams up with **Dennis Wright**, long serving Great Britain



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team physiotherapist. Challinor succeeded **Griff Jenkins** after the former Oldham playing star of the '50's had only held the position for one year.

Long serving prop **Ken Wilson**, signed from Gloucester R.U. eleven years ago, is deputy coach, and the man who has licked Oldham into shape whilst Challinor was away with the tourists.

Our former prop **Terry Clawson**, one of the tour successes, has recently agreed terms with the club after some delay following his return from the tour. He was club captain early last season before handing over to full back **Martin Murphy**, who is at present in Australia and transfer-listed at £10,000. At the start of this season Brian Gregory was appointed captain.

But if one of Oldham's expensive new second row partnership is successful, another has had mixed fortunes. Still domiciled at Whitehaven, **Bill McCracken** was listed at £3,500 during the close-season after not many more than a dozen first team games, and currently is out of action with hand and leg injuries following an accident at his employment.

Clawson is one of three accomplished goalkickers in the side, and last season he and Holland shared most of the kicks even though two seasons ago centre **Phil Larder** had 120 successes, the most by an Oldham player since the Frank Dyson era almost 10 years ago.

Our former prop forms one-third of a very experienced front row which is completed by **Kevin Taylor**, over 10 years and more than 300 games as Oldham's hooker, and either **Fred Hall** or **Keith Ashcroft**.

Winners of the round on aggregate scores of tonight and last Tuesday's games qualify to entertain Wigan in the first round proper.

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TOMORROW'S MATCH—We are delighted that the steady improvements made to our stadium in recent years has again resulted in us being allocated a County Match between Yorkshire and Other Nationalities tomorrow evening, kick off 7-30 p.m. Some years ago Other Nationalities, contested the International Championship and consisted of players born outside England and Wales, thus being mainly composed of Australians, New Zealanders and Scots. The title is now revived with a new innovation to bring more interest to the County Championships, players eligible being chosen from outside the three competing counties of Cumbria, Lancashire and Yorkshire.

It is perhaps disappointing that, with the exception of our own **Roger Millward** who is named as substitute, and unless any late changes are enforced on either side, the seemingly very strong claims for inclusion by players from both Humberside clubs have been passed over. It must be conceded however that this is sometimes a blessing in disguise, for selection puts added strain on players already heavily committed in club cup ties and league games at this stage of the season. Points of local interest are the inclusion in the opposing sides of the Leeds and ex Hull prop **Mike Harrison**, and former local junior scrum half **Bakary Diabira** now with Bradford Northern, who was born in France.

PASSHOLDERS DRAW—Anyone who is contemplating buying a season pass will be interested to know that all passholders will take part in a free Draw. At the first six League games a pass number will be drawn; the lucky holder will win seat tickets for the Rugby League Challenge Cup Final at Wembley next May.

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FIRST TEAM FIXTURE LIST 1974/75

1974		Venue	Result	Score	Att.	Receipts
Aug.	25—Doncaster	A	W	33- 3	—	—
	30—Batley (Yorks Cup I)	H	W	16- 0	3,151	£1,025
Sept.	4—Bramley (Yorks Cup II)	H	W	23-10	3,086	£995
	6—Workington	H	W	15- 8	3,090	£756
	10—Oldham (Floodlit Cup Prelim. I)	A	L	7- 8	—	—
	14—Huyton	A	L	20-21	—	—
	17—Oldham (Floodlit Cup Prelim. II)	H				
	18—Yorkshire v. Other Nationalities	....				
	20—Oldham	H				
	28—Rochdale Players No. 6 (Rnd. I)	A				
Oct.	6—Blackpool	A				
	11—Whitehaven	H				
	20—Swinton	A				
	25—New Hunslet	H				
Nov.	3—Huddersfield	A				
	9—Players No. 6 (Rnd. II)	....				
	17—Batley	H				
	23—Leigh	A				
Dec.	1—Blackpool	H				
	8—Barrow	H				
	14—Oldham	A				
	26—Hull (11-30 a.m.)	H				

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1975

Jan.	1—Hull				A
	5—Leigh				H
	10—Whitehaven				A
	19—Huyton				H
	26—New Hunslet				A
Feb.	8—R.L. Challenge Cup I				
	16—Huddersfield	....	....	....	....H
	22—R.L. Challenge Cup II	....	....	....	....
March	2—Swinton	....	....	....	....H
	8—R.L. Challenge Cup III	....	....	....	....
	9—Batley	....	....	....	....A
	21—Doncaster	....	....	....	....H
	22—R.L. Challenge Cup Semi-Final (1)	....	....	....	....
	28—Barrow	....	....	....	....A
April	5—R.L. Challenge Cup Semi-Final (2)	....	....	....	....
	6—Workington	....	....	....	....A
May	10—R.L. Challenge Cup Final	....	....	....	....

TOMORROW

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

YORKSHIRE v. OTHER NATIONALITIES

kick-off 7-30 p.m.

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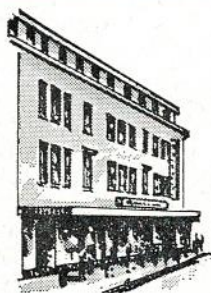
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- 1—Bob SMITHIES *try*
- 2—Ged DUNN *try*
- 3—Bernard WATSON
- 4—David HALL
- 5—George KIRKPATRICK
- 6—Roger MILLWARD *3 goals*
- 7—Mike STEPHENSON *try*
- 8—Terry RAMSHAW
- 9—Ian MADLEY
- 10—John MILLINGTON
- 11—Paul ROSE
- 12—Roy HOLDSTOCK
- 13—Neil FOX *2 goals*

- 14—Terry HUDSON
- 15—Cliff WALLIS

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Coach—Jim CHALLINOR

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- 2—Mike ELLIOTT
- 3—Phil LARDER *4 goals*
- 4—Tony WAINWRIGHT *try*
- 5—Ian HOLLAND
- 6—David TREASURE
- 7—John PATTERSON
- 8—Terry CLAWSON *Keith Ackcroft*
- 9—Kevin TAYLOR
- 10—Fred HALL
- 11—Bob WELDING *Brian Hughes*
- 12—Brian GREGORY
- 13—John FARRELL

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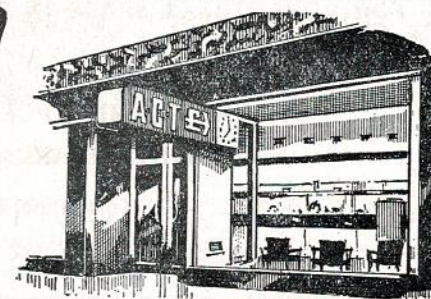
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Position—Second Row Forward
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Occupation—Ship Repair Worker

Season	App.	Sub.	G.	T.	Pts.
1963-64	3	—	—	—	—
1968-69	8	5	—	3	9
1969-70	45	—	1	5	17
1970-71	28	1	1	2	8
1971-72	18	1	—	1	3
1973-74	1	—	—	—	—



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HULL DAILY MAIL

Our recent "new" signing Clifford Brian Wallis has a record which is rather unique—he has been signed by Rovers three times.

Born on 6th January 1943 he graduated from the once famed and now defunct Craven Street and Constable Youth Club teams; through Rovers 'B' to Rovers 'A', signing professional forms in September 1962. Earlier that year he had been a member of the Hull Under 19 side which won the Yorkshire Inter-Town Amateur Cup.

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A second row or loose forward, after a number of 'A' team games he made his first team debut at loose forward versus Swinton at Craven Park on 17th April, 1964 and subsequently played another couple of first team games that season. Unfortunately he was experiencing very considerable difficulty in obtaining time off from his employment for training and away matches, so in November 1964 he was given permission to play in amateur football when not available for Rovers. He joined B.O.C.M. but got a speedy recall to our 'A' team.

Early the following year Batley made an urgent request for players on loan. Rovers offered them several players including Wallis, and Batley selected him for their first team. Wallis, however, declined to join them and in February 1965 announced his retirement from the game as a professional due to employment difficulties. On 7th June 1966 he was crossed off our register.

Cliff continued to play for B.O.C.M. and following favourable reports of his play he again came under our observations. In 1968 B.O.C.M. won through to the First Round proper of the R.L. Challenge Cup and Cliff was outstanding in the cup tie against Castleford at Wheldon Road, where he first attracted the attention of Castleford officials. Rovers however signed him again on 13th February, 1968.

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The following season he quickly became a regular member of the first team, playing either in the second row, blind side prop, or at loose forward. Although no representative selections came his way, his form was impressive enough for him to be spoken of in some quarters as having a chance of being chosen for the 1970 Tour of Australasia. It did not materialise however, and on 14th December, 1971 disappointed at losing his first team place, he asked for a transfer and was listed at £3,000. On December 26th, Castleford, no doubt remembering some of their earlier interest, came to Craven Park for Wallis as he was training in readiness for the following day's "derby" with Hull F.C. having regained first team selection, and the transfer was completed for the full fee.

He made his debut for his new side the following day in an 18-2 win at Blackpool which took them to the top of the table, and for a couple of years was a regular loose or second row choice for the Wheldon Road club.

Late last season, however, he became unsettled and was listed at £5,000. Early in April this was reduced to £3,000 and almost immediately on 11th April he rejoined us, going straight into the second row for our match at Bramley on Easter Monday, 15th April, where we gained a 27-10 win in the last match of the season. Cliff's third signing for us was negotiated in a straight exchange deal, centre Paul Longstaff moving to Castleford.

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'A' TEAM FIXTURES 1974/75

1974	Opponents	Venue	Result	Score
Aug. 24	Halifax	...H	W	38-2
31	Huddersfield	A	W	34-18
Sept. 7	Featherstone	A	W	17-16
14	Dewsbury	...H	W	25-16
21	Castleford	...H		
28	York	...A		
Oct. 5	Keighley	...H		
19	York	...H		
26	New Hunslet	A		
Nov. 2	Batley	...H		
9	Dewsbury	...A		
16	Hull	...A		
23	Leeds	...H		
30	Castleford	...A		
Dec. 7	Bradford N.	A		
14	Wakefield	...H		
21	Bramley	...H		
28	Huddersfield	H		
1975				
Jan. 4	Keighley	...A		
11	Hull	...H		
17	Halifax	...A		
25	New Hunslet	H		
Feb. 1	Bramley	...A		
8	Batley	...A		
15	Leeds	...A		
22	Castleford	...H		
Mar. 8	Wakefield	...A		
15	Bradford	...H		
29	Featherstone	H		

COLTS' FIXTURES 1974/75

1974	Opponents	Venue	Result	Score
Aug. 24	Leeds	...H	W	50-8
31	Keighley	...A	W	36-2
Sept. 7	Rochdale	...H	W	43-0
14	Castleford	...A	L	14-38
21	Salford	...H		
28	York	...A		
Oct. 5	Wakefield	...H		
12	Widnes	...A		
19	Widnes	...H		
26	Wakefield	...A		
Nov. 2	York	...H		
9	Salford	...A		
16	Castleford	...H		
23	Rochdale	...A		
30	Keighley	...H		
Dec. 7	Leeds	...A		
14	Bradford	...A		
21	St. Helens	...H		
28	Leigh	...A		
1975				
Jan. 4	Swinton	...A		
11	Bradford	...H		
18	Swinton	...H		
25	Warrington	H		
Feb. 1	Wigan	...A		
8	Wigan	...H		
15	Oldham	...A		
22	Leigh	...H		
Mar. 1	Oldham	...H		
15	Warrington	A		
22	St. Helens	...A		

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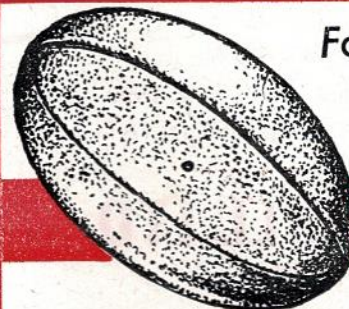
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