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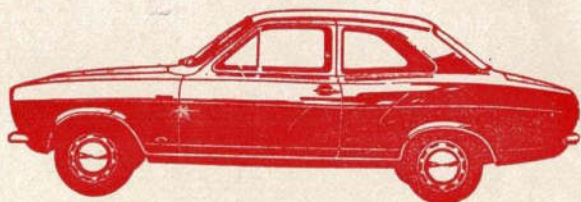
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HOME GAME No. 12

Batley v. Oldham

Sunday, 23rd March, 1975. — Kick off 3.00 p.m.

NEWS AND VIEWS

First team football returns to Mount Pleasant this afternoon — where after an absence of action here covering eight weeks and overlapping three months, we welcome our visitors today — Oldham. During the temporary home absence of activity, the team have had but three away outings since January 25th, when the Cumbrians Workington T. played here. The other five weeks resulted in becoming rest periods — although one of them was enforced due to our opponents, Hull K. R. continuing at that time, their R. L. Cup run. At the present time of writing, a definite date to re-arrange this outstanding fixture had not been fixed although it seemed highly probable that Easter time would be a safe bet for its eventuality.

Our own cup interest began and ended at Hull, and visits to Huyton and Leigh have brought similar results which mount our total number of defeats to twenty in all for this term — the last eight in succession.

We also as yet look for our first point or win this 1975 part of the season being without a victory to smile about since we beat N. Hunslet at home Christmas week.

Games of course, have been of secondary interest over the past few weeks. Accent and headlines on the general position of the club at current — indeed future level, having received the majority of attention, where most folk by now are in the know as to the views — ideas and suggestions put forward by many — plus the possibilities no doubt of them being implemented, Freedom of speech by two former players of the club — led the way in a critical look at the general all round

set up at Batley, and Supporters have also aired their views. In a sense, a lot has been got off ones chest for better or for worse — rightly or wrongly so. But now that things have been brought out into the open, the only thing left to discuss is surely a solid solution to the whole issue.

Club President, Mr. Ewart Earnshaw — has made it quite clear that certain directors are only too willing to stand down providing any one interested in re-placing them are prepared to step in on assurance that they can run the club on an improved basis to that of the present. The cards are on the table for all to see; — and face up at that and as a well known T.V. Personality would say — its make your mind up time!

BITS ON TO-DAYS VISITORS

Oldham come to the Mount today currently second in the league. Relegated last term from Div. One — they look like making a quick return along with Huddersfield, Hull K. R. (another side who dropped with them) and Swinton.

Their current league record reads :— P.23 — W.17 — D.0 — L.6. Points for 350 — Against 170.

In charge of coaching the side is former International — ex Warrington and Barrow player Jim Challinor— who has also had charge of St. Helen's and Great Britain. In their line up this afternoon no doubt will be players like Full Back Murphy who gained England recognition this season, Dave Treasure and Tony Wainwright who moved over the Pennines from Odsal and Headingley respectively as did Mick McCone the former Doncaster man. Their coloured flanker Mike Elliot is well up in the try scoring for them, with Phil Lorder having being on the mark as their leading goal marksman. Jim Blair is a capable deputy in this department and landed three in last weeks victory over Leigh. Second rower Fred Hall is an ex Blackpool player.

Oldham are yet another club who although having a good season are tens of thousands of pounds in the red, but when defeated at home in Rd. 3 of the R. L. Cup — over 11,000 spectators attended. Victory for them this afternoon would give them a season double — we having lost at Watersheddings 17—2. On the last double meetings of to-days teams in 1970/71 season — took three points from them by virtue of a 10—7 away result and a home draw 9—9. We shall be looking confidently to breaking our duck league points wise this year from to-days match.

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12-WELDING

13-FARRELL

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15-A. N. OTHER

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152	37	2	115	P. HOLMES	23	8	18	60
26	6	—	18	K. COTTON	11	—	—	—
99	9	19	65	D. SECKER	25	1	2	7
—	—	—	—	P. WALTON	7	1	—	3
120	15	—	45	E. HEPWORTH	12	—	—	—
76	14	1	44	S. LINGARD	8	—	—	—
149	23	195	459	T. OLDROYD	—	—	—	—
150	18	—	54	A. WATTS	3	—	—	—
15	5	—	15	M. DEAN	11	1	—	3
24	4	4	20	T. DEAN	21	3	4	17
59	10	9	48	U. PIWINSKI	7	—	—	—
86	7	—	21	S. GRINHAFF	18	—	—	—
84	9	—	27	C. DOOLER	4	—	—	—
5	1	1	5	A. HEPWORTH	—	—	—	—
52	5	—	15	B. HUDSON	8	1	—	3
125	9	86	199	D. BROOKE	12	2	12	30
93	8	—	24	J. THOMAS	—	—	—	—
118	7	—	21	J. FOX	8	2	—	4
—	—	—	—	W. CORDWELL	14	—	—	—
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Aug. 24	SWINTON	3.00	4-21	Aug. 24	Bradford N.	3.00	3-38
30	Hull K. R. (Fri.)	7.30	0-16	31	WAKEFIELD	3.00	3-25
Yorkshire Cup				Sep. 7	Leeds	3.00	P
Sept. 7	HUYTON	3.00	0-20	14	YORK	3.00	P
14	Doncaster	3.00	6-6	21	Cup Competition 1st Rd.	3.00	
21	WHITEHAVEN	3.00	10-19	28	OPEN DATE		
28	Players No. 6 Cup 1st R.		3-36	Oct. 5	DEWSBURY	3.00	9-9
Oct. 5	Hull	3.00	6-12	12	New Hunslet	11.00	
12	BLACKPOOL	3.00	13-18	19	FEATHERSTONE	3.00	9-5
19	New Hunslet	3.00	10-17	25	Halifax (Fri)	7.30	7-11
26	HULL	3.00	15-8	Nov. 2	Hull K. R.	2.30	14-21
Nov. 2	Workington	3.00	4-9	9	HULL	2.30	6-6
7/9	Players No. 6 2nd. Rd.		0-47	16	BRAMLEY	2.30	
16	Hull K. R.	3.00		23	York	2.30	
23	BARROW	2.30	8-7	30	BRADFORD	2.30	5-28
30	Oldham	3.00	2-17	Dec. 7	Hull	2.30	
Dec. 7	DONCASTER	2.30	20-5	14	KEIGHLEY	2.30	27-3
13	Barrow (Fri)	7.00	10-34	21	Featherstone	2.30	3-14
21	NEW HUNSLET	2.30	15-10	28	Castleford	3.00	0-10
28	HUDDERSFIELD	2.30	7-28	Jan. 4	OPEN DATE		6-44
Jan. 1	Huddersfield (Wed.)	3.00	2-15	11	LEEDS	2.30	
4/5	OPEN DATE		13-24	18	Huddersfield	3.00	
11	Blackpool	2.30		25	HALIFAX	3.00	
18	LEIGH	2.30		Feb. 1	OPEN DATE		
25	WORKINGTON	3.00		8	HULL K. R.	3.00	
Feb. 1	Huyton	3.00		15	Wakefield	3.00	
8/9	Challenge Cup 1st Rd.			22	OPEN DATE		
15	OPEN DATE			Mar. 1	NEW HUNSLET	3.00	
22	Challenge Cup			8	HUDDERSFIELD	3.00	
Mar. 1	Leigh	3.45		15	OPEN DATE		
8	HULL K. R.	3.00		22	Dewsbury	3.00	
15	OPEN DATE			29	OPEN DATE		
22	OLDHAM	3.00		Apr. 4	Keighley (Fri.)	7.30	
29	Whitehaven	3.00					
Apr. 5	Swinton	3.00					

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