

Oldham

- 1 MURPHY, M.
- 2 ELLIOTT, M.
- 3 LARDER, P.
- 4 BOTTOM, S
- 5 O'BRIEN, C.
- 6 WAINWRIGHT, A.
- 7 McCONE, M.
- 8 RAMSHAW, T.
- 9 TAYLOR, K.
- 10 WELDING, R.
- 11 KEAR B.
- 12 HALL, F.
- 13 PETERS A.
- 14 TREASURE, D.
- 15 BROWN, R.

Referee:

P. M. Oliver (Bolton)

Salford

- 1 WATKINS, D.
- 2 FIELDING, K.
- 3 BUTLER, J.
- 4 HESKETH, C.
- 5 RICHARDS, M.
- 6 GILL, K.
- 7 NASH, S.
- 8 COULMAN, M.
- 9 GRICE, A.
- 10 MACKAY, G.
- 11 KNIGHTON, J.
- 12 TURNBULL, S.
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xx Only voting slips from the Oldham programme will be accepted —plain paper votes will be void.

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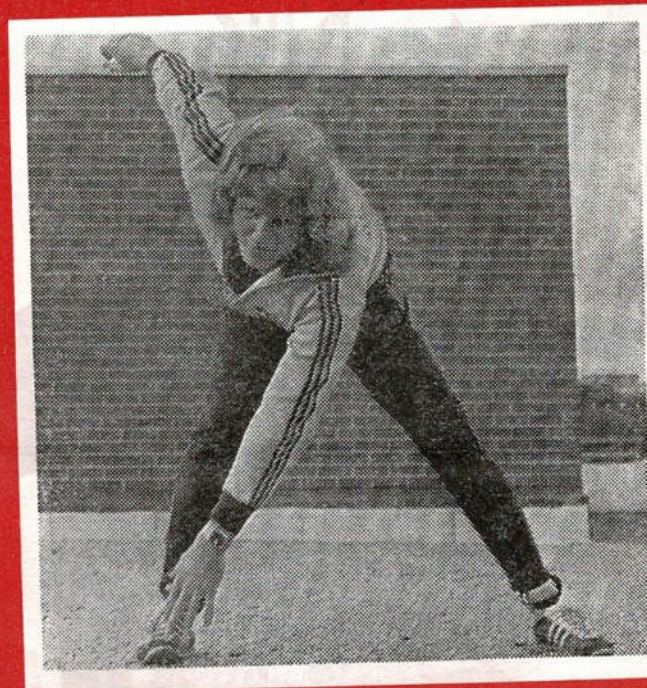
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THIS afternoon we extend to the players, supporters and officials of the Salford club a hearty Watersheddings welcome. You won't need reminding that only a week ago the Reds knocked us off the Player's No. 6 Trophy trail with a 46-3 win at the Willows. Enough said!

Maybe this afternoon we can get back into our stride and turn the tables. Let's hope so.

SPONSORSHIP

As you know we run a match-ball sponsorship scheme and many are the local firms who have helped us by meeting the costs of the ball for home matches.

The scheme has run very successfully indeed but we have coming up in the future one or two games for which sponsors are still needed. In return for their donation, the sponsors get a free advertisement on the front page of the programme with tickets for the match, at which they are our guests for the afternoon or evening, as the case might be.

If you are involved with or know of any firm which might be interested please contact the secretary, Mr. Kevin Wilkinson, at the club office.

Whilst talking of sponsorship it would be very remiss of us not to tender our sincere thanks to those firms which sponsored our recent match against the Australians.

We trust their representatives had an enjoyable evening with us and that, in the not-too-distant future sponsorship of games at Watersheddings will be engaged upon in a much bigger way than it has been hitherto.

Certainly, some vital revenue was gained as a result of our recent revival in fortunes and our appearance in the second round of the Floodlit Trophy on Tuesday.

It does tend to prove that success snowballs and gathers momentum, too, in off-the-field activities.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order today for two of our players who recently "signed" for life in their respective marriages — Tony Wainwright and Roger O'Mahoney.

It goes without saying that both players, and their new partners in life, will carry with them into the future the very good wishes of all at Watersheddings, fellow-players, club officials and spectators alike.

HUDDERSFIELD MATCH

Next Saturday we were due to play our First Division fixture at Huddersfield. As you may have read in the Press this is now postponed because the Fartown side that week-end will be engaged in their quarter-final Player's No. 6 Trophy match against Castleford.

Whilst the last thing we want is an end-of-season fixture glut the blank week-end will certainly provide our players with some respite after a very strenuous programme in the last few weeks.

The Dewsbury game on Tuesday was our fourth fixture in ten days and today, of course, we have another hard one against Salford.

That's quite a programme for any club to face and one feels that, with Leeds here in two weeks time, next week-end's rest won't do us any harm at all!

May we thank you all once again for your continued support and help as we bid to consolidate our First Division position.

Gibson's Diet

by Ernie Christensen

who is in this country covering the World Championships for his newspaper, the Sydney Sun.

TOP COACH Jack Gibson might now subscribe to the idea that training begins at the dining table.

His Eastern Suburbs side went on a special diet in preparation for their Sydney Premiership Grand Final against St. George—and won 38-0.

This same diet was successfully used by the West German World Cup soccer team for the final against Holland last summer, and many European distance runners use it in setting themselves in readiness for a big race.

The Easts followed the diet which was intended to build up the supply of glycogen, a substance which forms in the muscles, to above-normal levels. The players went on a low protein diet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, training hard on those days to ensure that all the glycogen in their muscles was used up. Then, on the Thursday and Friday, training was cut to short, brisk workouts, with the Friday diet being switched to lots of bread, cake, biscuits, sweets and so on.

This lifted the glycogen supply above normal and should have made the players able to give maximum effort for a longer period than otherwise would have been the case. Players said later that they felt the diet had worked, and that they felt they had more stamina than usual.

One point about the diet is that it cannot achieve the same result if used every week. Its value lies in it being employed only occasionally, such as for a Cup Final.

Another of Jack Gibson's coaching thoughts for Easts, which has paid handsome dividends, has been the attention given to kicking and catching.

Apparently, lucky kicks by players like John Brass, John Peard and Johnny Mayes—all of whom are with

the current Aussie team—have brought their club many tries plus hundreds of yards territory gained in each match. Already, on this tour, they have shown off their "lucky" kicking ... but, of course, there is no luck involved.

Easts have a kicking coach, a former champion from the Australian Rules game which is based on the art of kicking and catching. With him, players have spent hours being taught how to correctly kick the ball for the line, high to the full-back or a short one over a tight defence. Even the old grubber kick along the ground.

Even Ian Mackey, the young front rower who is making such a fine name for himself on this tour, is a capable and smart kicker in general play.

And the Easts players all can field a high kick with winger Ian Schubert, who at times plays full-back, being particularly outstanding.

In Australia this season kicking to the full-back on the last tackle has become a regular feature of the game, and the No. 1 who is risky in this department will be assured of having "bombs rain on him" all afternoon.

Coaching has certainly come a long way since the early days of Australian Rugby League, since the days when the immortal Dally Messenger was the toast of Australia and England.

In those days the club captain was responsible for control of a team, and its tactics. A true story is that once Dally Messenger played reserve grade with Easts for a fitness trial after an injury.

He was one of those freakish champions who knew or cared little for the theory of the game.

Just before the match, a team mate asked Messenger about tactics for the match. Dally scratched his head, and said: "Aw tactics? Well, just bung it to me as quick as you can."

Times, of course, have changed.

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Left to right: Diane Sinkinson (second), Pat Maher (winner), Margaret Pullen (third).

Picture by courtesy of the Evening Chronicle.

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

PHILIP M. OLIVER. (Born 29-10-37.) Hails from Horwich, Bolton. Height: 6ft. 4ins.; Weight: 13 stones; Hobbies: Motoring, camping and all sports; Occupation: School Teacher. Married with one son and one daughter. Passed Referees' Exam. in 1969 and promoted to Grade 2 in July, 1975. Acted as Touch-Judge in the 1975 England v Wales match. Secretary of Wigan Referees' Society.

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OUR VISITORS BY DON YATES

The Salford supporters who travel to Watersheddings this afternoon cock-a-hoop after last week's 46-3 drubbing of Oldham would be well advised to cast their minds back to when Oldham visited Salford in the Lancashire Cup three years ago. On that occasion Salford won 41-17 but when they visited Oldham the following month in the Floodlit Cup they found to their regret that Oldham at home are a far different proposition to Oldham away, and Salford ended up beaten 12-8. Even in season 1973-74, when Salford won the First Division Championship and Oldham were relegated, this highly valued and attractive Salford outfit left Watersheddings at the wrong end of a 4-2 scoreline.

During the past ten years, however, Oldham fans will have to concede that Salford have held the whip hand and one has to go back to season 1964-65 to recall Oldham's last double League win over the Red Devils. On that occasion Oldham won 21-3 at home and by 9-5 away. Salford's last League double win over Oldham came in season 1972-73 when they won here 14-12 and then at the Willows by 18-10. That Salford win at Watersheddings in December 1972 was Salford's last at Watersheddings and came after Oldham had made such a fine start to the campaign. They lay fourth in the Championship table as opposed to Salford's ninth spot and a crowd of 3,010 were attracted to the match to see if Oldham could repeat their early season 12-8 Floodlit Cup success. The teams for that crucial match were:

Oldham — Martin Murphy; Mike Elliott, Phil Larder, Tommy Davies, Norman Hodgkinson; Tony Wainwright, Mick McCone; Ken Wilson, Kevin Taylor, Frank Foster, Bob Irving, Keith Ashcroft and Jim Reynolds. Substitutes: Chris O'Brien and Frank Walker.

Salford — Paul Charlton; Tony Colloby, David Watkins, Chris Hesketh, Maurice Richards; Ken Gill, Peter Banner; Graham MacKay, Ellis Devlin, Alan Grice, Colin Dixon, Doug Davies and Eric Prescott. Substitutes: Bob Prosser and Paul Orr.

Salford set out to gain revenge for their earlier defeat and by half-time led 7-2 but Oldham fought back bravely after the interval and as the game drew to a close it looked as if the result would be a 12-12 draw which was a true reflection of the play. At this point, however, David Watkins once again came to the rescue of his side and kicked his fourth goal to give Salford a 14-12 win. The Salford try scorers that evening were Paul Charlton and Ellis Devlin whilst for Oldham, Mike Elliott and Jim Reynolds scored tries and Phil Larder (2) and Frank Foster landed goals.

This season it is Salford, not Oldham who have made a tremendous start to their League campaign. They have reeled off six successive League victories, were finalists in the Lancashire Cup and next week contest a quarter-final tie in the Player's Trophy. Five of Salford's six League victories this season have been on their own ground but the away victory, at Huddersfield, was by an impressive 40-13 margin. At home they have beaten Warrington, Swinton and Castleford as well as thrashing the two teams at the top of the table, Dewsbury by 39-2 and Widnes by 30 points to 10.

Salford's best win of this season was at Saint Helens in the Lancashire Cup when they displayed a brand of Rugby League that was unbeatable and there is no doubt that on their day Salford are the best side in the League. Oldham know this and will be determined to raise their game sufficiently to avenge the humiliation of last week's heavy defeat.

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Brian Batty

The sporting lives of Roger Millward and John Hipwell look like remaining worlds apart—which is a pity in a way.

Hipwell is the skipper of the Australian Rugby Union touring side who has turned down some attractive offers to turn professional in Sydney over the last couple of years.

A scrum half, the position which Millward is occupying these days, he obviously possesses some talent, plus a desire to speak his mind.

He dealt Rugby League a fair poke into the ribs the other day when he declared during an interview: "I would hate to be a pawn in a professional game and told when to train. As an amateur I am my own man and make my own decisions."

"Rugby League is a business, not a sport, I don't think you can put a price on an individual's independence."

These views may be more directed towards the Australian game than our own but they are, in my eyes, completely unjustified.

We all know that Rugby Union international squads spend more time and money preparing for a match than in League. And in club football, whatever the code, you can't expect to play if you don't turn up on training notices—however great a player you may think you are.

I am sure if Hipwell had been at Central Park when England and Aus-

tralia combined to produce one of the finest internationals for years he would have had his eyes opened.

Millward might be termed the model professional but you won't find a finer character in League or Union.

He would willingly have foregone his winning bonus and £50 man of the match award to have captained a side to success over Australia, which he did in great style.

But money has not affected his love for the game and his enthusiasm for playing and training and he has completed a remarkable programme over the past few seasons.

He was up at five o'clock the Monday after the international to report for work at the coal mine, came home in the afternoon and after a short sleep was on his way from Castleford to Hull to train with Rovers.

Perhaps this would not appeal to the like of Hipwell but I think you have got to admire Millward and the many other players who follow similar paths to play the game.

Perhaps one day Hipwell may change his mind and be tempted to turn professional. He won't be the first Union player to have had to eat his words.

But in the meantime I am happy to settle for guys like Millward who many League followers believe, has more ability in his little toe than most powerfully built Hipwell has in his whole body.

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Aug. 10—Rochdale (Law Cup) A
17—Warrington A
24—Keighley H
31—St. Helens (Lancs. Cup) ...H
Sept. 7—Featherstone A
14—Lancashire Cup—round 2
21—Wigan H
28—Player's No. 6—Huyton A
Oct. 5—Keighley A
12—Huddersfield H
18—Leeds A
26—Wakefield A
Nov. 2—Dewsbury H
9—Players' No. 6—round 2
16—Salford H
22—Huddersfield A
30—Leeds H
Dec. 14—St. Helens H
21—Bradford A
26—Swinton H
Jan. 1—Salford A
4—Castleford H
11—Hull K.R. H
18—Dewsbury A
25—Widnes H
Feb. 8—St. Helens A
15—Challenge Cup (1)
21—Wigan A
29—Challenge Cup (2)
Mar. 7—Wakefield H
12—Castleford A
21—Widnes A
28—Featherstone H
Apr. 7—Warrington H
11—Bradford H
16—Hull K.R. A
19—Swinton A

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5-27 18—Warrington H
— 25—Leigh H
10-24 Nov. 14—Salford A
17-8 29—Rochdale A
17-8 Dec. 6—Salford H
17-28 13—St. Helens A
15-18 20—Huyton H
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31—Rochdale H
Feb. 7—St. Helens H
21—Wigan H
Mar. 5—Warrington A
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Apr. 3—Huyton A

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