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MONDAY, APRIL 19th, 1976.

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Introducing Oldham

by Ken Cook and Simon Kelner

Today we welcome our neighbours from Oldham for our traditional Easter fixture. A closely fought contest can be anticipated for, as well as being a local derby, we have the added ingredient of two teams struggling to improve dismal positions at the foot of the table.

The match is particularly important for Oldham as the result could decide whether they are to be relegated or not. Despite an encouraging start to the season, Oldham have collected a large injury list and have slipped down the table.

Like ourselves, Oldham were promoted from last season's Second Division, finishing in third position with this record:—

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In our last encounter at Station Road, on November 3rd, 1974, the "Lions" won 15-7, the outcome being decided only by a late try by Bob Fleay. The teams that day were:—

Swinton: Hindley, Fleay, Cooke, Evans G., Jackson, Dainty, Green, Lowe, Evans R., Young, Whittle, Henighan, Fleet.

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Since that game, we have played Oldham twice, both at Watersheddings. Last season, we were defeated 18-2 and earlier this season we lost again, collapsing in the second half to a 25-5 defeat.

Perhaps the most famous Oldham player is full-back and captain Martin Murphy. Sound in defence and adventurous in attack, Martin has not achieved the representative recognition he deserves. Elsewhere in the back division, Oldham have long-serving Welsh winger Mike Elliott and ex-Bradford stand-off David Treasure, who represented Wales in the last World Championship. Ex-Sale R.U. centre Phil Larder, Utility back Tony Wainwright and winger Eddie Barton add further strength to the Oldham back-line. Forward, Oldham are equally powerful. Much-travelled prop Terry Ramshaw, who is now playing as well as at any time in his career, and Barry Kear, signed from Hull earlier this season, are two formidable props. Adding further forward power is likely to be Tony Peters, local player Steve Herbert, long-serving hooker Kevin Taylor and former Blackpool second rower Fred Hall.

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Dick Evans

Age — 28 Weight — 13 st 7 lbs Height — 5 ft 9 in

Dick Evans, our Welsh international hooker, joined Swinton from Barrow in 1971 for a fee of £5,000 and has since been capped at county and international level. One of the most consistent hookers in Rugby League today, Dick is married and lives in Formby, where he is employed as a Works Study Engineer.

Q. How did you become interested in Rugby League?

A. As a boy, I watched St. Helens Town play soccer but, at the age of 9, my cousin took me to watch the Rugby League team. With St. Helens being such a Rugby League stronghold, it was a natural step for me to start playing the sport and I began to play at school when I was about 11 years of age.

Q. Have you modelled yourself on any particular player?

A. I cannot really say that I have modelled myself on any particular player but, at one stage in my career, I was greatly influenced by Vinty Karalius and Austin Rhodes.

Q. Who have been the greatest influences on your playing career?

A. Probably Bill Payne and Jackie Broom were the greatest influences on my career when I was a youngster at Huyton. To a lesser degree, other coaches and players have helped me and I find that I am still learning with every game I play.

Q. Did you enjoy playing at Huyton?

A. I was very fortunate in that I was gaining first team experience at Huyton whilst many other players of my age were still playing "A" team rugby. I was also lucky to have Bill Payne as my prop, from whom I gained a lot of experience.

Q. Who do you consider to be the best hooker you have played against?

A. Don Close (Huddersfield) and Bob Dagnall (St. Helens) are the best hookers I have played against.

Q. What were your impressions of Rugby League in Australia?

A. The Australians are very fit. I only played three games out there but my impressions of their game was that it was very fast. Whereas we try to slow the pace down and work moves, they seem to pass the ball for the sake of it, sometimes at the cost of a try.

Q. Why are you always the last player on the pitch?

A. It has become a superstition of mine but it originated because Vinty Karalius did it and, as a youngster, I copied everything he did on the Rugby field. I find that I cannot break the habit although I once missed a team photograph.

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Q. Many people wonder why you use the Cumberland hoist tackle.

A. This is a perfectly fair tactic providing I put the player on the ground with one hand on him. I have only been criticised for the use of this tackle since I came to Swinton but I only use it on big forwards.

Q. What do you consider to be a hooker's main function?

A. At one time, hookers were picked merely for ability in the scrums but I do not think this is the case nowadays. I think a hooker should be able to attain 50% of the possession from the scrums and also be a reasonable player in the loose. Obviously, if you keep the ball from the opposition, you prevent them from scoring.

Q. Are you in favour of two divisions?

A. I am in favour of the old system of one division as I feel the present fixture set-up will, in the course of time, kill off the lower clubs. I do not think it is fair for these clubs to be pushed into oblivion by the bigger, richer clubs.

Q. Have you any ambitions in Rugby after you have finished playing?

A. I would like very much to do some coaching and pass on some of my experience to others.

Q. What are your main interests apart from Rugby?

A. I like to go out for a meal with my wife and enjoy pottering about in the garden. I also like doing improvements to our house.

JEFF WHITESIDE TESTIMONIAL FUND

Although Jeff is conscious and alert, there is no change in his condition and he remains critically ill in Promenade Hospital, Southport. We have now been given permission from The Rugby League to open a Fund on his behalf. We must ask for your generous assistance.

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4. P. WARD
5. I. HOLLAND

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6. R. BRUEN
7. K. GREEN

Forwards:

8. D. CHISNALL
9. R. EVANS
10. K. EARL
11. K. WHITTLE
12. L. LOWE
13. D. ROBINSON

Substitutes:

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(Red and white hoops)

Full Back:

1. M. MURPHY

Three-Quarters:

2. M. ELLIOTT
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4. K. JACKSON
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Half Backs:

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OLDHAM QUIZ

1. What is Oldham's nickname?
2. What was the score when Swinton and Oldham last met in an Easter fixture?
3. Who is the present Oldham coach?
4. Have Oldham ever appeared at Wembley?
5. Who holds the club's goal-scoring record?

Answers

1. They are known as the "Roughyeds".
2. Swinton 7 Oldham 21.
3. Jim Challinor.
4. No.
5. Bernard Ganley, who scored 224 goals in 1957/58.

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Armitage	5	2	0	0	0
Atkinson	18	6	0	2	6
Bolton	24	1	0	2	6
Bruen	17	3	0	0	0
Chisnall	21	0	0	0	0
Cooke	28	0	17	7	55
Dainty	8	2	0	3	9
Davies	13	1	0	3	9
Dickman	9	2	0	0	0
Earl	8	0	0	2	6
Evans, G.	2	1	0	0	0
Evans, R.	30	0	0	0	0
Fleay	33	0	0	6	18
Fleet	10	0	0	2	6
Green, K.	18	0	0	1	3
Green, L.	0	1	0	0	0
Heaton	11	1	0	0	0
Henighan ...	30	1	0	5	15
Highton	5	0	0	0	0
Hilton	0	1	0	0	0
Hindley	5	0	12	0	24
Holland	27	0	2	6	22
Houghton	5	0	7	0	14
Johns	14	1	25	0	50
Jolly	3	0	0	0	0
Jones	0	1	0	0	0
Lawton	1	4	0	0	0
Lowe	7	5	0	1	3
Pattinson ...	17	4	0	0	0
Phythian	1	0	0	0	0
Robinson	7	0	0	0	0
Walton	0	1	0	0	0
Ward	7	0	0	0	0
Wardle	1	1	1	0	2
Whiteside ...	6	1	0	1	3
Whittle	17	1	0	2	6
Young	21	0	0	2	6
Trialist	1	0	0	0	0

These statistics are inclusive of all first team matches this season including the Red Rose Cup friendly against Salford. The record of Geoff Hilton is included as he appeared as an extra substitute in that match.

The records of Earl and Johns include one match played whilst on trial.

The trialist is the stand off who played against Bradford N. on October 5, 1975 but was not retained.

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" 24	Sun.	Bradford N.	Away	3.30 p.m.	7 32
" 25	Mon.	Salford	Away	7.30 p.m.	2 13
" 31	Sun.	Barrow	Away	2.30 p.m.	14 9
		(Lancs. Cup—1st Rd.)			
Sept. 7	Sun.	Wakefield T.	Home	3.00 p.m.	23 10
" 14	Sun.	St. Helens	Home	3.00 p.m.	2 17
		(Lancs. Cup—2nd Rd.)			
" 21	Sun.	Dewsbury	Away	3.30 p.m.	5 21
" 23	Tu.	Warrington	Home	7.30 p.m.	6 12
		(Floodlit Comp.: Prelim. Rd.)			
" 28	Sun.	Leeds	Home	3.00 p.m.	7 23
		Player's No. 6—1st Rd.			
Oct. 5	Sun.	Bradford N.	Home	3.00 p.m.	10 15
" 12	Sun.	Hull K.R.	Away	2.45 p.m.	10 25
" 19	Sun.	Featherstone R.	Home	3.00 p.m.	7 29
" 26	Sun.	Keighley	Away	3.00 p.m.	2 10
Nov. 2	Sun.	Leeds	Home	3.00 p.m.	7 16
" 9		Player's No. 6—2nd Rd.			
" 16	Sun.	Widnes	Away	3.00 p.m.	5 17
" 23	Sun.	Warrington	Home	3.00 p.m.	10 17
" 30	Sun.	Wakefield T.	Away	3.30 p.m.	5 35
Dec. 6	Sat.	Leeds	Away	3.00 p.m.	14 23
" 14	Sun.	Huddersfield	Home	3.00 p.m.	15 16
" 21	Sun.	Wigan	Home	3.00 p.m.	5 6
" 26	Fri.	Oldham	Away	3.00 p.m.	5 25
1976					
" 9	Fri.	Castleford	Away	7.30 p.m.	5 19
" 18	Sun.	Widnes	Home	3.00 p.m.	3 7
Jan. 20	Tue.	St. Helens	Away	7.30 p.m.	6 40
" 25	Sun.	Wigan	Away	3.00 p.m.	4 36
Feb. 8	Sun.	Keighley	Home	3.00 p.m.	23 10
" 15	Sun.	Warrington	Away	3.00 p.m.	7 10
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" 22	Sun.	Dewsbury	Home	3.00 p.m.	2 16
" 29		R.L. Challenge Cup—2nd Rd.			
Mar. 7	Sun.	Featherstone R.	Away	3.30 p.m.	9 27
" 14	Sun.	Castleford	Home	3.00 p.m.	2 9
" 27	Sat.	Huddersfield	Away	3.00 p.m.	12 3
April 11	Sun.	Hull K.R.	Home	3.00 p.m.	7 19
" 16	Fri.	Salford	Home	3.00 p.m.	
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