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Today's Visitors

Welcome to Oldham

It is a pleasure to welcome this afternoon our very good friends and keen rivals, Oldham for what must surely be one of the toughest matches of the season as far as we are concerned.

Oldham are a little dejected this week as they have made their exit from two of the Rugby League's major Competitions. Last Tuesday week they were beaten by an in form Salford side in the 2nd round of the B.B.C.2 Television trophy and then five days later found themselves out of the lucrative John Player Competition with a set back at Fartown, Huddersfield.

Prior to those two defeats, Oldham had been riding high and winning their league matches and their long run of league matches has seen them rise towards the top of the table and they only trail us now on a fractional points difference.

Dave Cox is the Watersheddings Coach and he has obviously had a great influence on the Oldham playing staff. When Dave took over they were at rock bottom but he has given them the will to win and the team spirit is second to none at the present time.

Bob Welding the former Leigh player is Dave's assistant and he along with back room boy John Watkins is responsible for analysing players' performance on the clip board which is then casually left around for the players to see after being carefully digested by coach Dave Cox of course.

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One of the most experienced members of the Oldham side is Phil Larder who has just returned to first team duty after spending all last season under treatment for a badly broken arm.

During his absence Oldham signed Uri Stondin and he has enjoyed success as Larder's goal kicking stand-in. Stondin joined Oldham from the local Rugby Union club and as well as being a good goal kicker he is also proving to be a strong running wingman.

Alan Bates has been a breath of fresh air around Oldham during the past six weeks and has been giving Oldham some delightful service whilst on trial from Dewsbury. The trial period is now over and Oldham are making efforts to secure Bates' services on a permanent basis and would be well advised to do so. Bates possesses great experience and was a Great Britain tourist in 1974. He has also represented Yorkshire on half a dozen occasions.

It is in the forwards however where Oldham possess their greatest strength and prop forwards Brian Hughes and Peter Frodsham, a close season signing from Salford are presently in good form. Loose forward Tony Peters is also catching the eye. Hooker Roger O'Mahoney is a former England Schoolboy hooker and joined Oldham in 1971. He has already been 'shadow' hooker for Lancashire and at 24 could well have an outstanding future.

Keighley v. Leigh

Last Sunday saw the 2nd round of the John Player Competition match between Keighley and Leigh at Lawkholme Lane, and after an extremely competent performance from our boys we ran out winners by 14 points to 5 in a game which we never really looked like losing. The forwards particularly were outstanding and never really allowed Keighley to get into the game.

One annoying feature of the afternoon was the alteration of kick-off time at the last moment, which did nothing except confuse the fans.

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On Saturday afternoon before the Keighley match we had many phone calls asking for confirmation that the kick-off was to remain at 3-15 p.m. and Keighley had assured us when we made a request to them for an earlier kick-off time at our meeting on the Thursday evening that 3-15 p.m. would be O.K. as no power cuts were scheduled for Sunday in the Keighley area . . . Fair enough.

At 6-15 p.m. on the Saturday evening the Keighley Chairman telephoned the Leigh Secretary to state that they had had a change of heart and had decided that "as a precaution" they would kick-off at 2-45 p.m.

This left us with a problem and a big one at that. How could we inform our supporters of the change. We managed to inform the bus companies who in turn asked their drivers to go that little bit faster and we managed to get the alteration in the kick-off time broadcast on the two local radio stations.

It was obvious however that someone from Leigh would not get the message and on arrival at Keighley, and in view of the fine weather, we persuaded Keighley to put the kick-off to 3 p.m. and they readily agreed.

We hope our supporters managed to get there on time and enjoyed the outstanding cup-tie football played by our team.

Wakefield v. Leigh

Despite our feat of winning in Yorkshire the draw was not kind to us when the third round matches came out of the bag on Monday. We have now to travel to Wakefield in a match which will be played on Sunday, November 20th at 3-30 p.m.

Wakefield beat the amateur side Cawoods in the last round but they showed their short comings on Tuesday night when Hull K.R. managed to beat them without maximum effort.

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The Board have decided on a Sunday match, because they realise our supporters would have difficulty travelling over on the Friday evening. We are hopeful for a noisy following on the day and we hope we can rely on all our supporters here today to travel to the match next week . . . that would be a great boost!

O.A.P. . . . IMPORTANT NOTICE . . . O.A.P. Important Notice.

We have been informed by the Wakefield Trinity Club that O.A.P. will only be admitted to the Cup-tie next week for 30 pence **if they produce their Pension Book or Bus Pass or some other means of confirming that they are Pensioners.** They regret that any O.A.P. NOT producing one of these documents will be charged full admission charge of 60 pence.

Woods out in front.

John Woods our modest 20 years old starlet is way out in front of the Rugby League points chart. He also has a lead over Salford's Dave Watkins in the leading goal kicking chart. To take it a stage further he has also crept into the try scoring chart as well and this is an excellent performance

The information has been supplied by Mr. Bert Hughes of Salford, who is a keen Salford fan and who has a brilliant collection of statistics. Mr. Hughes's list **does not include Charity or Friendly matches**, whereas our Appearances List which we include in the programme from time to time, includes ALL Leigh matches, so the figures will vary slightly.

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60 Dave Watkins (Salford)
53 Ian MacCorquordale (Workington)
51 Sammy Lloyd (Castleford)
Geoff. Pimblett (St. Helens).
49 Neil Fox (Huddersfield)

Tries: 16 Green Vigo (Wigan)
15 Malcolm Branch (Huddersfield)
14 Dave Smith (Leeds)
13 Terry Morgan (Keighley)
Maurice Richards (Salford)
12 Eric Hughes (Widnes)
10 **John Woods (Leigh)**
Ralph McConnell (Barrow)
Keith Feilding (Salford)
Keith Elwell (Widnes)

Points: 162 **John Woods (Leigh)**
120 Geoff. Pimblett (St. Helens)
114 Dave Watkins (Salford)
110 Neil Fox (Huddersfield)
108 Ian MacCorquordale (Workington)
106 Steve Quinn (Featherstone)
101 Sammy Lloyd (Castleford)

Four players in the Rugby League have played and scored in every match this season, they are:

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2. DES DRUMMOND
3. MICK STACEY
4. JOHN WOODS
5. ALAN PRESCOTT
6. JOHN TAYLOR
7. JOHN McATEE
8. JOHN MANTLE
9. KEVIN TAYLOR
10. ALF WILKINSON
11. DAVE MACKO
12. PAUL GRIMES
13. ALAN RATHBONE

Substitutes:

14. GED MARSH
15. CLIVE JONES

Half Time: pts.

Final Score: pts.

T.	G.	Pts.

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SECOND ROW
LOOSE FORWARD

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and may themselves be replaced, but once only)

Referee:

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Touch Judges:

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W. BROWN

OLDHAM

Colours: Red & White Jersey
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1. MARTIN MURPHY
2. KEITH JACKSON
3. PHIL LARDER
4. EDDIE BARTON
5. URI STONDIN

6. MICK McCONE
7. ALAN BATES

8. BRIAN HUGHES
9. ROGER O'MAHONEY
10. PETER FRODSHAM
11. PETER JEWITT
12. STEVE HERBERT
13. TONY PETERS

Substitutes:

14. BRIAN ANGLIN
15. FRED HALL

Half Time: pts.

Final Score: pts.

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Leigh v. Oldham

This afternoon's match promises to be one of the most crucial second division matches of the season as both Oldham and Leigh are strong candidates for promotion. Let us hope that the match will live up to expectations.

Centenary Dance and Cabaret

As has been stated in previous programmes the Supporters Club are holding a Cabaret and Dance at the L.U.T. Club for their part in the Centenary Celebrations. This will take place this coming Wednesday, November 16th. Entertainment is being provided by the Gerrards and Library Belles, plus the L.U.T. Trio. Tickets are priced at 50 pence, and so far have been going well. The players will be in attendance on the night.

Tickets can be obtained today from the Supporters Club Office which is situated behind the scoreboard, or from the Secretary's Office. Alternatively it will be possible to obtain entrance by paying at the door on Wednesday night. The entertainment commences at 8 p.m. Why not come along and support this event? It should be a most enjoyable evening.

Shop

The Supporters Shop will be open as usual today for the sale of scarves, programmes and various souvenirs.

BBC Radio Manchester Quiz

The Leigh team defeated Swinton supporters in the first round. We have now been drawn against Oldham RLFC in the next round. This will take place at Bolton Wanderers Social Club on Monday, 21st November. A coach will be running to Bolton. If you are interested, please leave your name at the Supporters Club Shop. The cost of the coach is not known at the time of going to press.

Match Draw

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A strong team, featuring the best of our local teams, Leigh Miners and Leigh East, has been selected and the selectors are quite confident of a good run in this years competition. Last year we had a very good run, defeating the Oldham and Wigan Leagues before falling to the eventual winners, Hull Works Association.

On the cup scene, Leigh Miners disappointingly lost to Waterhead in the Lancs./Cumbria Cup quarter final. Disappointing in so much as in their previous games they showed that they had the ability to reach the final and to win the cup.

Leigh Miners first team have been deprived of League fixtures, due to both cup commitments, and to the opposition not fulfilling their fixtures, but still remain in a fair position in the league.

Leigh Miners 'A' are fairing a little better in Division I, but some of the games they have lost due to both injuries and lack of effort, they will reflect upon later on in the season as games they should have won. Division Three leaders, Leigh East, continue to dominate the division, having convincingly won their recent fixtures and look most certain to achieve promotion to Division Two, that is of course, unless they become overconfident—a mood that seems to be prominent as far as they are concerned at the moment. Perhaps this may be a good thing, who knows, time alone will tell.

Leigh Miners Under-18's began to show a great improvement in their recent games with better results lately, but unfortunately it was short lived, when against Wigan St. Patricks they forget all about the basics of the game (tackling and running with the ball) and ran out the losers by a high score, 8 points to 41. Apparently they are coached in the basic principles, but age and experience is against them in their first season in the under-18's league. Their next three fixtures however should allow them a little more breathing space to get their game together, and perhaps allow injured players the opportunity of regaining their form.

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OCTOBER

1	Bradford N.	H
8	Wigan	A
15	Wigan	H
22	Widnes	H
29	Salford	H

NOVEMBER

5	Wakefield	A
12	Bradford (2.30)	A
19	Leeds (2.30)	H
26		

DECEMBER

3	York (2.30)	H
10	St. Helens (2.30)	A
17	Castleford (2.30)	A
24		
31	Warrington (2.30)	A

JANUARY 1978

7	Leeds (2.30)	A
14	Warrington (2.30)	H
21		
28		

FEBRUARY

4	Widnes	A
11	(Challenge Cup 1st Rd)	
18	Hull K.R.	H
25	(Challenge Cup 2nd Rd)	

MARCH

4	St. Helens	H
11	Salford	A
18	Wakefield	H
25	Rochdale	A

APRIL

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First Team

FIXTURES

'A' Team

(Sundays unless stated)

AUGUST 1977

6	(Sat) Wigan Sevens	
10	(Wed) Salford (F)	A 15-23
14	Widnes (F)	H 27-23
21	Widnes (Lancs Cup)	A 11-22
28	Halifax (BBC Prelim)	A 43-5

SEPTEMBER

4	Huddersfield	A 22-11
11	Blackpool	H 62-15
18	Barrow	A 10-20
25	Keighley	H 26-5
29	(Thurs.) Barrow (BBC 1st Rd.)	A 10-6

OCTOBER

2	Huyton	A 13-12
9	Huddersfield	H 20-14
16	Doncaster	A 23-5
23	Doncaster (Player's No. 6 1st Rd.)	H 31-15
30	Halifax	A 15-4

NOVEMBER

6	Keighly (Player's No. 6 2nd Rd)	A 14-5
13	Oldham	H
20	Wakefield (Player's No. 6 3rd Rd)	A
22	(Tu) St. Helens BBC 2 (2nd Rd)	H
27	Batley	H

DECEMBER

4	Keighley	A
11	York	H
18		
26	(Mon) Swinton	H

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8	Huyton	H
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22	Doncaster	H
29	Oldham	A

FEBRUARY

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19	Barrow	H
26	(R.L. Cup 2nd Rd)	

MARCH

5	Batley	A
12		
19	Whitehaven	H
24	(Good Friday) Swinton	A
27	(Easter Monday) Rochdale	H

APRIL

2		
9	York	A
	Blackpool	A

(Saturdays unless stated)

AUGUST 1977

12	(Fri) Widnes (F)	A 6-31
20	Workington (Shield 1st Rd 1st Leg)	H 30-22
27		

SEPTEMBER

3	Rochdale	H 5-8
10		
17	Barrow	H 11-19
24	Workington (1st Rd 2nd Leg)	A 7-27

OCTOBER

1	Huyton	H 48-3
8	Wigan	A 14-29
15	Wigan	H 33-11
21	(Fri) Widnes	A 12-26
29	Salford	H 26-10

NOVEMBER

5	Workington	H 16-23
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19		
25	(Fri) Warrington	A

DECEMBER

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MARCH

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