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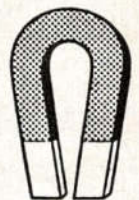
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OUR VISITORS

We welcome as our first team 'First-Foots' to Wigginton Road the Directors, players and coach of Oldham R.L. Club. Last season they finished bottom of Division 1. Their record read:

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
30	7	0	23	322	666	14

Immediately above them were Barrow, who visited us a fortnight ago.

This season Oldham are making determined efforts to return to Division 1 and the fact that they occupy 4th position at the moment of writing substantiates that statement.

Obviously they want every point they can get and two points for them today would be of inestimable value to them, but it is up to us to see that the points at stake remain here at York.

We lost to Oldham at Watersheddings in the Second Round of the R.L. Challenge Cup a couple of seasons ago when they beat us 6—5. Our supporters will remember that Neil Fox missed an easy penalty kick in the last seconds of the game.

Last year Oldham celebrated their Centenary. They have won the R.L. Challenge Cup on three occasions; been finalists on 4 occasions. The League Championship was won by Oldham four times (runners-up five times).

We hope for an enjoyable and evenly-contested game.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Vital dates to be marked in every Rugby League fan's diary are :—

14th January, 1978	—	Great Britain v France Colts (Under-19) International at Hull K.R. Kick-off 2.30 p.m.
15th January, 1978	—	Wales v France International at Widnes. Kick-off 3 p.m.
28th January, 1978	—	John Player Competition Final (Warrington v Widnes) at St. Helens Kick-off 2.30 p.m.
19th February, 1978	—	Wales v England International at Swansea Kick-off 3 p.m.

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Those of our supporters who braved the elements to see our win against the strong Barrow side in our last home match in 1977 could not fail to have been greatly impressed by the capital performance given by our team. It was bound to come following our vastly improved play at Rochdale and Leigh and it was particularly gratifying that the excitement created should be before our own supporters. The vocal support was magnificent and this, as much as anything, brought this hard won victory. "YORK, YORK, YORK" makes all the difference. The next thing we want are more tries—they will assuredly come!

It is regretted that Gary Hetherington is reluctant to operate in the second row and this left the Board no alternative but to agree to his request for a transfer. We will watch future events with interest, but we would like him to stay with us.

"Go to work on an egg" is a slogan known to all of us. Mal took the hint and 'by George' the goodness of eggs reflected itself in his general play and stamina in the Barrow match. What a man!

We continued our improved form in our match at Keighley and managed a 15—15 draw after being 10—1 down at one stage of the game. Again, a lot of effort was in evidence and our tackling, though stretched to the full by the relentless pressure of the home team for long periods, fully justified the point we earned.

DIVISION 2									
(up to and including January 3rd, 1978)									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Rochdale	15	14	0	1	262	88	28		
Leigh	14	12	0	2	324	125	24		
Barrow	15	12	0	3	316	127	24		
Huddersfield	14	11	0	3	316	145	22		
Oldham	15	10	0	5	241	191	20		
Keighley	15	7	3	5	207	184	17		
York	14	7	2	5	246	176	16		
Whitehaven	13	5	1	7	142	157	11		
Huyton	14	5	1	8	132	217	11		
Doncaster	13	4	0	9	170	302	8		
Swinton	15	3	1	11	207	264	7		
Batley	15	3	1	11	125	274	7		
Blackpool	12	2	1	9	95	280	5		
Halifax	16	0	0	16	118	371	0		

YORKSHIRE SENIOR COMPETITION									
(up to and including 30th Nov. 1977)									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Castleford	12	11	0	1	269	140	22		
Hull KR	10	10	0	0	312	82	20		
Bradford N	12	10	0	2	298	80	20		
Featherst'ne	11	8	0	3	215	159	16		
Wakefield T	13	7	1	5	168	216	15		
Leeds	11	6	2	3	204	128	14		
Bramley	14	7	0	7	225	222	14		
Huddersfield	12	5	1	6	220	247	11		
Keighley	11	4	2	5	189	180	10		
York	10	4	2	4	139	167	10		
Batley	12	4	0	8	112	177	8		
Hull	10	3	1	6	144	155	7		
N. Hunslet	10	2	0	8	121	183	4		
Dewsbury	11	2	0	9	88	245	4		
Doncaster	14	1	2	11	109	286	4		
Halifax	7	0	1	6	44	190	1		

The holiday games once again created the odd surprise result and with the approaching Rugby League Challenge Cup coming along soon — well, anything can happen!

DON'T MISS YORK RACES IN 1978

1978 Season

Tuesday	.....	.....	.....	16th May
Wednesday	.....	.....	.....	17th May
Thursday	.....	.....	.....	18th May
Friday	.....	.....	.....	16th June
Saturday	.....	.....	.....	17th June
Friday	.....	.....	.....	14th July
Saturday	.....	.....	.....	15th July
Tuesday	.....	.....	.....	22nd August
Wednesday	.....	.....	.....	23rd August
Thursday	.....	.....	.....	24th August
Wednesday	.....	.....	.....	6th September
Thursday				7th September
Wednesday				11th October
Thursday				12th October
Saturday				14th October

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Our Referee today is

RON CAMPBELL (Widnes)

One of our younger referees who has been officiating since 1970, he was upgraded to Grade 1 in 1974. An amateur second-row R.L. forward, he last refereed at York in mid-October when Keighley beat us 19—13. On that occasion Mr. Campbell officiated extremely well.

Our principal scorers to date are—

TRIES: Gary Smith (8), Mick Marshall (7), Mick Morgan (6), John Crossley (5), Barry Banks, Terry Day and Gary Hetherington (4).

GOALS: G. Hetherington (49) (including 3 drop goals)

NOTE—Our backs have scored only 1 try since the Doncaster match played

on the 20th November. Perhaps we will see a change today. Hope so! The Rugby League Night at The Oval Ball on the 28th December was a great success and everybody enjoyed themselves. The buffet, excellently prepared by our Manager and his good lady, was so much appreciated.

I think it can be said, with some degree of confidence, that we have got over the most difficult part of our programme and the remaining four months should certainly be more profitable than the last two.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Huyton match at Wigginton Road on Sunday the 22nd January — kick-off 2.30 p.m.

G A T E S

Cup and League gates during November went up by 10.5% compared with 12 months ago. This further boost to Rugby League's healthy attendances comes after an 18.5% increase in October and an 8% jump in September.

This November's average gate of 3,533 compares very favourably with the November 1975 figure of 2,536.

Nearly 20,000 more people have watched this season's John Player Competition compared with last year. With the Warrington v. Widnes Final still to come on 28th January, 1978, 134,229 spectators have viewed the 30 ties. Compared with last season's competition, there has been an increase in attendances in every round.

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15. GARY HETHERINGTON

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R. CAMPBELL (Widnes)

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LEFT WING
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8. BRIAN HUGHES
9. ROGER O'MAHONEY
10. FRED HALL
11. PETER FRODSHAM
12. STEVE HERBERT
13. TONY PETERS
- Subs:
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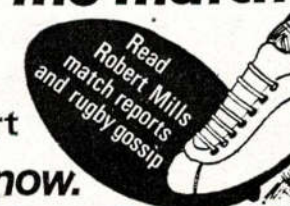
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by

BRIAN BATTY

of the

"Daily Mail"

in 1974 and a year later handled the St. Helens v Wales game which was in aid of John Mantle's testimonial.

But two years earlier had come a surprise trip to France where he must have set some sort of record.

'What happened was that Warrington were sending out a Colts team and coach Len McIntyre rang me to see if I would go as a referee, he recalls.

'It was a last minute arrangement but I finished up handling a total of 14 games in only 12 days. I actually did three game in one afternoon, starting at 1.30 and finishing at six and I was really shattered.

'I also did a French comp. semi-final and just after I got home I had a telegram asking me to go out and do another Cup semi-final between Limoux and Carcassonne but I could not manage it.'

'I had been promoted by the League at that time and I did not want to miss handling a Bradford-Hull game. I can, though now speak enough of the lingo to get through this game between Wales and France!'

Ron, whose father John played full back for Everton's first team, lives for rugby league.

If he has not got a game on a Saturday then he can be found watching an amateur game and if he is not refereeing on a Sunday appointment goes along to a First Division game.

Referee Ron Campbell is approaching his first international between Wales and France at Widnes with typical confidence.

Ron knows his way around Naughton Park as well as any player for he trains there twice a week with the Widnes players.

He is unconcerned about the possible language problems with the French after a 'crash' course of refereeing in that country four years ago.

And, as far as the playing side goes, he can look back on a career in which he completed four seasons as a second row forward.

Ron, one of the game's most popular and enthusiastic officials, is only 38 and made a rapid climb through the refereeing ranks.

'I signed as a forward for Salford to have trials but never completed them because of moving from the area in 1959,' he recalls.

He went on to join Liverpool City, playing with them until 1964 and turning to refereeing in 1969.

Ron became a grade one official

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Greenall Whitley are also to sponsor THE SUNDAY PEOPLE POINTS SCORING AWARDS introduced last season. This season the top try scorer will receive £5 per try and a £100 bonus if Billy Boston's post-war record of 50 tries in a season is smashed. The top goal kicker will receive £1 per goal kick and a £100 bonus if David Watkins World record of 221 goals is booted into touch.

Bradford Northern Coach, Peter Fox, is the "Man of the Month" for November. The Northern Coach joins John Woods (Leigh) and Green Vigo (Wigan) on the Roll of Honour in this new and popular Award Scheme.

The judges also made a special November award to Colin Welland for his part in the excellent B.B.C. T.V. "Grandstand" documentary on Rugby League.

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3 Sat. Wakefield T. (3.00) ...A
10 Sat. LEIGH (3.00) H
24 Sat. WAKEFIELD T. (3.00) H

OCTOBER

1 Sat. Leeds (3.00) A
8 Sat. BRADFORD N. (3.00) H
15 Sat. Castleford (3.00) A
22 Sat. HULL KR (3.00) H
29 Sat. Warrington (3.00) A

NOVEMBER

5 Sat. Wigan (3.00) A
12 Sat. ROCHDALE H. (3.00) H
19 Sat. ST. HELENS (2.30) ...H

DECEMBER

3 Sat. Leigh (2.30) A
10 Sat. WIDNES (2.30) H
17 Sat. Widnes (2.30) A
31 Sat. Salford (2.30) A

JANUARY 1978

14 Sat. CASTLEFORD (2.30) ...H
28 Sat. Bradford N. (3.00) ...A
4 Sat. WIGAN (3.00) H

FEBRUARY

11 Sat. Colts Chall. Cup 1st Rd. (3.00)
18 Sat. WARRINGTON (3.00) H
25 Sat. Colts Chall. Cup 2nd Rd. (3.00)

MARCH

4 Sat. LEEDS (3.00) H
11 Sat. Hull K.R. A
18 Sat. Rochdale H. (3.00) ...A
25 Sat. SALFORD (3.00) H

APRIL

1 Sat. St. Helens (3.00) A

FIXTURES 1977-78

FIRST TEAM

F. A.

AUGUST 1977

21 Sun Huddersfield (3.00) ...A 20—17
(Esso Yorks. Cup 1st)
28 Sun Castleford (3.00) A 17—23
(Esso Yorks. Cup 2nd)

SEPTEMBER

4 Sun HALIFAX (3.00) H 46—2
11 Sun Huyton (2.30) A 33—10
18 Sun SWINTON (3.00) H 13—7
24 Sat. Whitehaven (3.00) A 11—11

OCTOBER

2 Sun BLACKPOOL B (3.00) H 39—5
9 Sun Batley (3.00) A 25—6
16 Sun KEIGHLEY (3.00) H 13—19
23 Sun WORKINGTON H 12—20
(John Player's Cup Rd. 1)
30 Sun BARROW (2.30) A 16—3

NOVEMBER

6 Sun Player's No. 6 2nd Round
13 Sun HUDDERSFIELD (2.30) H 0—14
20 Sun DONCASTER (2.30) ...H 31—15
27 Sun Rochdale (3.00) A 6—22

DECEMBER

11 Sun Leigh (3.30) A 5—26
18 Sun BARROW. (2.30) H 6—5
27 Tus Keighley (3.15) A 15—15

JANUARY 1978

8 Sun OLDHAM (2.30) H
15 Sun Swinton (3.00) A
22 Sun HUYTON (2.30) H
29 Sun ROCHDALE (3.00) ...H

FEBRUARY

5 Sun Doncaster (3.00) A
12 Sun Challenge Cup 1st Round
19 Sun Oldham (3.30) A
26 Sun Challenge Cup 2nd Round

MARCH

5 Sun WHITEHAVEN (3.00) H
19 Sun Halifax (3.30) A
27 Mon BATLEY (3.00) H

APRIL

2 Sun Blackpool B. (3.00) ...A
9 Sun LEIGH (3.00) H
16 Sun Huddersfield (3.00) ...A

'A' TEAM

F. A.

AUGUST 1977

20 Sat BRADFORD N. (3.00) H 16—27
27 Sat Hull (2.30) A 13—31

SEPTEMBER

3 Sat Halifax (2.30) A (Post.)
10 Sat HULL (3.00) H 20—11
17 Sat YSC Cup Comp. 1st Round
BATLEY (3.00) H 22—11
22 Th Doncaster (6.30) A 8—8

OCTOBER

1 Sat Leeds (3.00) A 14—9
8 Sat BATLEY (3.00) H 19—2
15 Sat YSC Cup Comp. 2nd Round
HULL KR (3.00) H 16—10
22 Sat HULL KR (3.00) ...H 5—30
29 Sat Dewsbury (3.00) A 22—7

NOVEMBER

5 Sat FEATHERSTONE (2.30) H 14—2
(Semi-final YSC)
12 Sat Huddersfield (3.00) A 14—14
18 Fri Castleford (7.30) A 8—28
26 Sat NEW HUNSLET (2.30) H 2—10
(Final Y.S.L.C.C.)

DECEMBER

3 Sat Bramley (3.00) A 11—15
10 Sat F'STONE R. (2.30) H 15—6
17 Sat Featherstone A 4—22
24 Sat. KEIGHLEY (2.30) H (P)

JANUARY 1978

7 Sat BRAMLEY (2.30) H
14 Sat CASTLEFORD (2.30) ...H
28 Sat Bradford N. (2.30) A

FEBRUARY

4 Sat DONCASTER (3.00) ...H
9 Tt. Wakefield T. (7.30) ...A
18 Sat HUDDERSFIELD (3.00) H
25 Sat Hull KR (2.30) A

MARCH

4 Sat LEEDS (3.00) H
8 Wed New Hunslet (7.30) ...A
18 Sat HALIFAX (3.00) H
25 Sat Batley (3.00) A

APRIL

1 Sat DEWSBURY (3.00) H
8 Sat Keighley (3.00) A
15 Sat WAKEFIELD T. (3.00) H