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CLUB NOTES

Barrow v OLDHAM

Sunday 27th August 1978

Kick Off 2.30p.m.

Everyone must have been disappointed with the result of the 1st Round of the Lancs. Cup game against Leigh at Craven Park, not so much in the losing but in the manner in which it was lost. The display of our team was nothing like that against Leigh in the last match of the season and one can only hope that the players have "got it out of their system" and that things improve rapidly from now on. Without wishing to make excuses, we have of course to bear in mind, that this match came immediately after the holidays, and although players have been training, and training hard, the Barrow holiday break comes at a very awkward time as far as the Rugby club is concerned. Indeed certain players had only just returned from holiday.

E. Szymala was adjudged man of the match. He received a tankard donated by **FORSHAW'S**, sponsors of the Lancs. Cup. Competition and also received a cash prize donated by Mr. Roe, mine host of the General Burgoyne, Urswick.

It was good to see Dave Hill back in harness after his cartilage operation and the game must have helped him regain his confidence and full fitness. These only return by playing competitive games. Supporters will be pleased to hear that Mel Mason is making splendid progress after his leg operation. He is "raring to go" and it will not be long before he resumes training. It was a blow to the club when we lost his services and I am sure that all in Barrow particularly, who watch Rugby will be delighted when he returns to the side.

Whilst on the subject of 'treatment of the injured' our physiotherapist, Maurice Hughes, in whom the board, and what

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is more important the players, place a great deal of confidence, must have one of the best equipped treatment rooms in the League. This is in no small measure due to the efforts and financial help of the Ladies Committee to whom we extend our thanks. Maurice and Dr Todd, the club Doctor have a wonderful understanding and working arrangement but one cannot help thinking it would be much better for all concerned if our luck injury-wise, would change and they had less work to do. I am sure Maurice and Doc. would not mind.

We meet our friends from Oldham to-day in a match which was originally arranged for Tuesday 29th August. They, as were we, were unfortunately beaten in the 1st Round of the Lancs. Cup. This game was rearranged by mutual agreement. We really need a decent run in a Cup competition. It is what supporters like and surely the Barrow supporters are entitled to think it is "about time".

Your Letters

In the Programme this season it is proposed to Print Letters sent in by our readers.

You are invited to send your comments on any Rugby League subject past or present, whether it concerns Barrow or not.

We would also like to hear what you think about our new look Programme and any suggestions to improve it would be appreciated.

Pen names will be accepted but only if accompanied by your name and address as a token of good faith.

Please keep your letters as short as possible and to the point.

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HALF TIME SPORTS QUIZ

- 1) What is the Nickname of Batley?
- 2) Who are known as "The Loiners"?
- 3) Who won the 5000 metres in the recent Commonwealth Games?
- 4) What was unusual about the 1887 Boat Race?
- 5) Where were the 1932 Olympic Games held?
- 6) What is Hull Kingston Rovers Ground called?
- 7) Who won the R.L. Challenge Cup in 1965?
- 8) Which Soccer team plays at Garrow Road?
- 9) Who won the F.A. Cup in 1966?
- 10) When was the Rugby League Cup Final first held at Wembley?

Answers on another page.

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Today's Opponents: Oldham

We entertain Oldham today in the BBC 2 Floodlit Trophy Preliminary Round. The winners will play Leigh at home in the first Round proper.

Oldham narrowly failed to gain promotion last Season, finishing fifth in Division 2 behind Leigh, Barrow, Rochdale and Huddersfield.

Like ourselves Oldham were knocked out of this Seasons Lancashire Cup at the first hurdle. They lost to Salford and although they conceded 30 points they managed to score 15 through tries by Blair (2), O'Mahoney, and three goals by Stordin.

The Oldham Club was formed in 1876, and they were one of the founder members of the Northern Union in 1895, Mr. Joseph Platt of Oldham becoming the first Secretary of the Northern Union.

They have won the Rugby League Challenge Cup 3 times and been Runners Up on 4 occasions. They have won the League Championship 3 times, and finished second 5 times. 16 times they have reached the Final of the Lancashire Cup, winning it 9 times.

One of the occasions they were Runners Up in the Lancashire Cup was in 1954 when Barrow defeated them 12 - 2 in the Final at Station Road, Swinton. Goodwin and Parker each scored a try for Barrow, with Willie Horne getting 3 goals. Bernard Ganley scored Oldhams points.

AMATEUR NOTES (By Paddy McAteer)

Amateur Rugby to Clubs in the Barrow and District this Season will have a new look to it, for we have joined forces in a small way with our West Cumbria neighbours in making a super League. Although it has not got off the ground in the way both Leagues would have wished at least it has got off the ground.

Four Clubs from each League was the aim but for this Season Millom, Askam, Dalton, Ulverston, Walney and Holker Pioneers will represent Barrow while Wath Brow and Hensingham will represent West Cumbria.

Over the years the Barrow and District League has supplied many stars to the Barrow Club and it is hoped that many more will follow.

Ex-Professional players now helping in coaching with amateur Clubs include Ivor Kelland (Ulverston), Mike Sanderson and Dennis Jackson (Askam), Podder Morris (Millom), Derek Hinchley (Roose), George Matthews (Walney) and Brian Backhouse (Barrow Island)

Millom came out tops again last term winning no less than seven Trophies out of nine. Barrow Island and Walney won the others.

THIS WEEK. (by Stan Morgan)

Under the above heading, each future home programme will try to revive the old days for the Craven Park fans who count the hairs on their heads on their fingers and toes. There will, however, be occasions when those with hair will relish the memories of our past glories - and we have had them!!

It is the sole intention of the writer to remind his readers that our team has had some marvellous victories - and not a few glorious defeats, during our long history. Wins are always acceptable, but if we cannot learn the lessons our defeats bring, we waste our time playing and supporting the finest spectator sport ever.

This first week's memories unfortunately include very few which uphold our pride as we were knocked out of Round 1, Lancashire Cup in 1977 and 1976 earlier. We were beaten in the same Round in 1975, 1974 and 1973, at home, by Swinton, Leigh and again Swinton. Our best recent results go back to 1964 when we played three League games in six days - 26th, 29th and 31st - two away and one at home. Keighley (a) 22 - 5, Huddersfield (a) 12 - 19, and Workington Town (h) 11 - 8. A total of 45 - 32 under the circumstances was quite creditable, the Barrow scorers being Challinor (2), Woolveridge, Redhead (2), Smales, Boylan - tries; and Irving (8), Dawes (4) - goals

We must now forget several previous years and return to the Willie Horne era - to 27/8/56, when we beat St. Helens at home in the Lancashire Cup, 1st Round by 18 - 12, only to lose to Leigh in the Semi-final by 7 - 11. The year before, 1954, we managed our only Lancashire Cup success in beating Rochdale H., Widnes and Leigh on our way to winning the Final against Oldham, at Swinton, by 12 - 2 before a crowd of 25,462. The team that day was: Poole, Hinchley, Jackson, Goodwin, Castle, Horne, Toohey, Belshaw, McKeating, Barton, Grundy, Parker, Healey - how many of you remember them? In that same season, of course, we had our only success in the R.L. C. Cup at Wembley against Workington Town, on 30/4/55. This, without doubt, was our best ever season with two Cups and a very creditable final League position of eighth, having won 24 of the 36 games played in addition to some really tough Cup matches.

These memories are just a taste of things to come - many in greater detail, and even further back than 24 years ago. If any reader wants further details of any game played since 1925 a letter to the writer will receive prompt attention.

MEET THE PLAYERS

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MARRIED:- Yes. (First child due in September)

OCCUPATION:- Teacher

HONOURS WON IN R.L.:- None

AMBITIONS IN R.L.:- To win a major Trophy

PREVIOUS CLUBS:- Oldham

Favourite R.L. Team:- Wigan

Opponent you admire most:- Bill Francis (St. Helens)

Hobbies:- Outdoor Activities, Reading and Brass Bands

Favourite T.V. Show:- Tonight

Favourite Pop Group:- Beatles

Favourite Actor:- Paul Schofield

Favourite Actress:- Jane Fonda

Favourite Food:- Fillet Steak

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Good Afternoon. We welcome today the Officials, Players, and supporters of our good friends Oldham for the Preliminary Round of the BBC Floodlit Trophy. We hope they see a good game today and wish them well in their efforts to regain a place in Division 1.

At the end of last Season a "R.L. Queen" contest was held in the Club. The Winner was *Valerie Brown* and she was crowned "Miss Barrow R.L."

Valerie went forward to the Lancashire Federation of Supporters Clubs "Queen" contest, which she in fact won, beating girls from all the R.L. Clubs in Lancashire.

It is hoped to choose another "Miss Barrow R.L." this Season, so watch out for further details girls.

Another event held in the Club at the end of last Season was the Annual Presentations. The Supporters Club award to the most outstanding player was won by Mel Mason and he received the "Bob Rigg Memorial Cup". Tommy Thompson was awarded the "Most Improved Player" which is chosen by the Directors.

Belated congratulations to the Clubs 'A' Team on winning the Lancashire Shield last season. Well done lads.

I am sure all our supporters would like to wish Mel Mason a speedy recovery from his recent knee operation, and to see him challenging for a first team spot again.

Don't forget to write us a letter for use in the Programme, or to enter the **Competition**. At the time of writing these notes the closing date for the last Competition had not been reached so we cannot print the name and address of the winner, but we will do so in the next Programme, along with the Answer.

- 11) The Gallant Youths
- 12) Leeds
- 13) Henry Rono (Kenya)
- 14) It was a dead heat
- 15) Los Angeles
- 16) Craven Park
- 17) Wigan beat Hunslet 20pts to 16pts
- 18) Norwich
- 19) Everton beat Sheffield Wed 3 - 2
- 20) 1929 (Wigan 13 Dewsbury 2)

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