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2. Geoff Munro
3. Phil Larder
4. Phil Ward
5. Eric Fitzsimmons
6. Bill Francis
7. Jimmy Arnold
8. Gareth Owen
9. Ray Martland
10. Alan Forster
11. Steve Hukut
12. Garry Walczak
13. Colin Hawkyard

- 14.
- 15.

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Runners-up:	1906-07, 1911-12, 1923-24 and 1925-26
Lancashire Cup winners:	1907-08, 1910-11, 1913-14, 1919-20, 1924-25, 1933-34, 1956-57, 1957-58 and 1958-59
Runners-up:	1908-09, 1911-12, 1918-19, 1921-22, 1954-55, 1966-67 and 1968-69
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Runners-up:	1908-09, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1919-20, 1923-24 and 1954-55
Lancashire Shield winners:	1975-76

We Welcome our Visitors — LEEDS

by DON YATES

Cup football returns to Watersheddings this afternoon in the shape of the John Player Trophy with attractive visitors from Leeds providing the opposition. The Headingley club has a glittering history of cup-tie success and they visit Oldham today as current holders of the Premiership Trophy whilst next Wednesday they visit Wakefield Trinity in the semi-final of the Yorkshire Cup confident of maintaining their proud record of having appeared in at least one major cup final during each of the past 12 seasons.

In view of that amazing record, it is surprising to recall that during the past two seasons Leeds have been eliminated from the John Player Trophy at the very first hurdle. Their overall record in this competition, nevertheless, is something about which they can be justifiably proud for since the trophy was inaugurated in 1971 Leeds have won it once, in 1973-74, were semi-finalists the previous year and have been beaten quarter-finalists on three other occasions. Oldham, alas, have never got past the second round.

Although this afternoon's match is the first between Oldham and Leeds in this particular competition, these clubs have, of course, met several times in the past. Leeds will be happy to recall their last meeting with Oldham in March 1977 for it resulted in a 56-10 victory for them as Oldham slithered down the table and out of Division One. The Headingley outfit, in fact, have not lost to Oldham for almost 13 years with one having to go back to the autumn of 1966 and a 16-13 league triumph for Oldham's last victory over Leeds although they almost snatched a win in March 1974 when the two sides fought out an 8-8 draw in a First Division match here at Watersheddings.

Whether Leeds maintain that recent good record remains to be seen but certainly Oldham will find it tough going against this experienced Leeds squad which is superbly led by hooker Dave Ward, a tireless worker who was one of Britain's successes during the recent tour of Australasia. That tour was Ward's second trip 'down under' for he also participated in the 1977 World Championships which were also staged in the Southern Hemisphere. Ward has now made ten full international appearances with Great Britain and he has also represented England once, the British under-24 side twice and Yorkshire twice. Leeds signed him from Shaw Cross Boys' Club in May 1971 and he quickly established himself in senior football to become a firm favourite with the Headingley crowd.

The other Leeds representative in Australasia during the summer was utility back John Holmes. He joined Leeds in 1968 and has been a prolific point scorer for them throughout a colourful career which has seen him play four times for Yorkshire, seven times for England and in 20 full internationals for Great Britain. He was the scorer of 26 points from two tries and 10 goals when Britain beat New Zealand 53-19 in the 1972 World Championship and similar scoring feats have littered the career of Holmes.

He is sure, therefore, to be a key figure in this powerful Leeds outfit whose appearance here at Watersheddings has been eagerly awaited ever since the draw was made.

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ROGER'S REPORT

By **ROGER HALSTEAD**

(Oldham Evening Chronicle)

There have been many famous "pairs" in Rugby League Gee and Egan, Challinor and Bevan, Davies and O'Grady, Ashton and Boston, Stirrup and Daley, to name but a few.

The better half-backs tend to hunt in pairs and the same can be said for centres and wings and second-row forwards.

At Oldham, who will forget those brilliant half-backs, Frank Stirrup and Dan Daley? Or Davies, the prince of centres, and his wing partner, O'Grady? Or that beautifully blended second-row of master ball player Charlie Winslade and devastating runner, Sid Little?

More recently, another well known Oldham twosome has broken up - Larder and Elliott.

Welsh winger Mike Elliott has retired at 34 after playing for 17 seasons and setting a club post-war appearance record of 453 games: nine more than the previous best set by hooker Kevin Taylor a year or two ago.

For 11 of those seasons the Welshman played outside Phil Larder and though Phil, also 34, is now in his benefit season things will never quite be the same again for the centre who sent Elliott in for so many of his tries.

Says Phil: "Mike was always under rated by the Oldham Public. In a better side I'm sure he would have gained top honours. He has scored some really great tries".

Elliott made his debut on October 27th, 1962 outside Ray Fisher - the first of more than 30 players to play as Mike's centre before his partnership with Larder was struck up.

He was the club's leading try scorer four times and joint top scorer twice. Larder, too, has made a significant contribution to Oldham's cause in the past decade.

Before this season started he had scored 105 tries and kicked 485 goals in 315 appearances - and he is still going strong!

It says much for his love of the game and his attitude to injury that, at 32 years of age, he bounced back after smashing his arm and having it plated to be the club's top scorer with 18 tries in 1977-8 and again with 16 tries last season.

And he has not started off too badly this time, either, with four tries in six games played so far.

Because they never enjoyed the benefits of playing in a great side, Elliott and Larder will not be remembered with the awe that surrounds the likes of Stirrup and Daley or Davies and O'Grady.

But, in their own way, they have served the club superbly over a long number of years and they will surely be remembered with affection.



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NOTES: Play used to commence with a tap kick by the defending team on the 25m line.

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If the ball is kicked out of play over the dead-ball line or the touch-in-goal line from a penalty kick, (not necessarily a kick at goal), and is not touched by any player other than the kicker, the game is re-started with a drop-out by a defending player from the centre of the 22m line in his half of the field of play.

NOTE: Play used to commence with a tap kick by the defending team on the 25m line.

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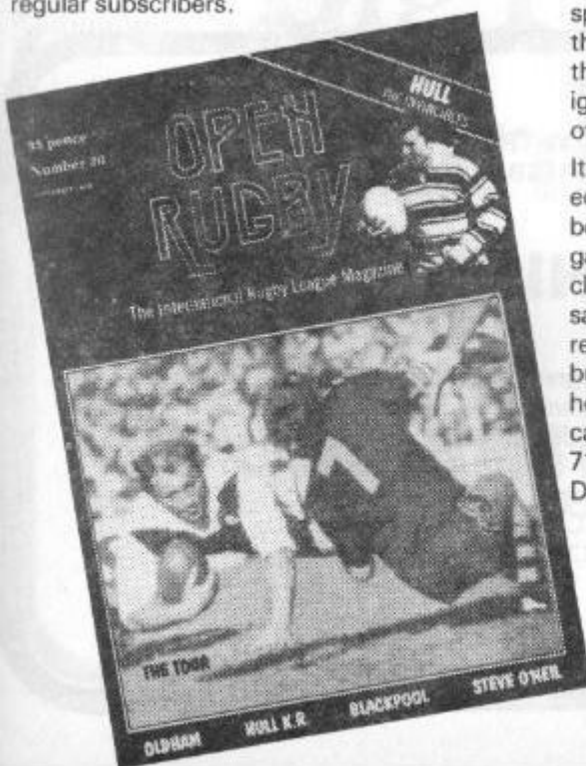
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A new-looking Rugby League magazine is now available throughout the country including news of the game at schoolboy, amateur, and professional levels, and is unique in the fact that it is the only such publication in Britain covering the affairs of the 13-a-side code.

The magazine - "Open Rugby" - has, in fact, now been published for over three years, although its production has so far been a hobby for editor Harry Edgar, a lifelong Whitehaven supporter now living in Oxford. However, after issuing 19 such editions, Harry has now decided to give up his job as a printer to take on the promotion of "Open Rugby" as a full-time occupation. The magazine was first published in May 1976 as a four-page news-sheet, but since then its popularity has grown so much that thousands of Rugby League enthusiasts, both at amateur and professional level, are now regular subscribers.



The September 1979 edition of "Open Rugby" is now available in a modernised 32-page form, including features on Blackpool Borough, the Hull duo, and several Rugby League personalities, as well as a complete look at the behind-the-scenes efforts currently happening in Oldham as the town again strives to become a force in Rugby League circles. The story covers events in the schools, in the local amateur league, and at the professional club, while also included in the magazine is a review of the recent Australasian tour, a look at how the media treat the game, and news from other Rugby League playing countries.

The aim of the magazine is to help promote and develop Rugby League at all levels, while also providing intelligent reading for all those who care about the future of the game. The publishers hope to try and assist in putting our game in its rightful position where many of the sport's outstanding players will be given the widespread praise and recognition they deserve, instead of being tragically ignored by all but a small dedicated corner of the mass media.

It is hoped that copies of the current edition of "Open Rugby", priced 35p, will be available around the ground at today's game. Amateur clubs and supporters' clubs are also able to benefit from the sales of the magazine with a slight reduction being made to anyone making a bulk order. Details of the magazine and how to place an order for future editions can be obtained from either Harry Edgar, 71 Observatory Street, Oxford, or Peter Deakin, 23 Ward Street, Oldham.

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CLUB NEWS

HOW unlucky can you be? Forget No. 13. Our unlucky number this season is definitely no. 9! Lady Luck had done anything but look down kindly on our hookers ever since the season started.

We began the campaign with Roger O'Mahoney, Kevin O'Rourke and new signing Les Cook, a youngster for the colts team, who had been signed from Widnes amateur rugby during the summer.

Les had looked really good in training and a bright future was being tipped for the boy who had been reared in the same Widnes nursery as the former Swinton hooker, Derek Clarke.

He earned his place in the sevens team at Swinton for the Jeff Whateside memorial tournament but, in the first game against Wigan, twisted awkwardly on his knee and went down in severe pain.

The injury is clearly a serious one and it seems certain that Les will be out of action for several weeks and that surgery will be needed.

That, though, was just the start. In the 'A' team's win against Workington two weeks ago, O'Rourke hurt a shoulder and he, too, was sidelined last week when the unhappy O'Mahoney shocked the club by telling us he needed a rest!

With Roger making himself unavailable for selection and both Cook and O'Rourke on the injured list we had reached a crisis point with the home game against Huyton only 48 hours away.

Immediately, club officials got together with the coaching staff and made inquiries at several clubs before the decision was taken to go for Wigan's veteran campaigner, Ray Martland.

Ray knows the hooking trade inside out after eight years at Blackpool and three at Central Park and we believe he can do a useful job for us though obviously only in the short term.

Our manager Graham Starkey dashed over to Wigan on Thursday night of last week and completed the signing.

Ray came straight into the side against Huyton and suffered the Oldham hooker's jinx in his very first tackle!

He went down with a very painful rib injury and at the time of writing these notes it was not known whether he would be fit for today's game against Leeds, the joint leaders of the First Division.

Luckily, x-rays after the match showed there was no fractures only very severe bruising.



RAY MARTLAND

New signing who was hurt in his first game.



Ray Martland in action! The Oldham hooker is pictured driving in just seconds before sustaining the rib damage that forced him to retire midway through his debut game. Coming in on the left is Huyton player-coach Geoff Fletcher, the former Oldham forward.



Alan Forster, one of our most consistent forwards, this season is pictured making a determined run in the 15-3 win over Huyton.



Ward again! Centre Phil Ward touches down for Oldham's second try against Huyton and his third in four games.

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COLT'S CORNER

OUR colts are certainly justifying the claims made before the start of the season that they could well be pressing for honours in this their first season in the Rugby League's Colts League.

Following their opening wins against Leigh (20-14) and Bradford Northern (38-2), they enjoyed two more triumphs to soar to the top of the League.

First, they travelled to Yorkshire to narrowly beat the Leeds youngsters 15-13 and then they followed up last week-end with a brilliant 29-5 demolition job on the highly-rated Bramley side.

Scrum-half Paddy Kirwan, winger Johnny Johnson and centre Mike Cowley grabbed tries at Leeds with second-row man Mick Worrall kicking three goals.

Seven tries were scored against Bramley by winger Phil Mather, Kirwan, Mick Coombes, Timmy Whittaker, Ray Ashton, Johnson and full back Steve Littler. Worrall again kicked four goals.

Littler's try was 'made' by debutant Stephen Dobb, who came on the wing as sub and put in a lovely run before giving his full back the scoring pass. It also crowned a splendid individual display by Littler, whose tackling certainly saved at least four Bramley tries.

Having played four matches the Oldham boys have now totalled an aggregate of 102 points and have conceded only 33. Well done, Colts!

They faced a tremendous task yesterday when they met Castleford in Yorkshire. The Cas lads look like being a power at under-19 level and the match would certainly be a real test for coach Brian Gartland's boys.

One, in particular, who would be out to do well would be our strong second-rower Andrew Goodway. Andrew comes for Castlefor - the Redhill club, to be precise and would certainly be going all out to shine 'in his own back yard'.



Our signing of youngster Terry Flanagan — in the face of great opposition — has set up a club record!

For the Flanagans are believed to be the only family in which a father and two sons have played for the Oldham club. Father Bill Flanagan, a hooker for Oldham in the war years, is pictured on the left of the photograph with his younger son, Terry, alongside him and surrounded by club officials. Terry's brother, Kevin, is also an Oldham player, though out of action at present as he recovers from a knee cartilage operation.

COLTS FIXTURES

1979

Aug. 18	Leigh	A
25	Bradford	H
Sept. 1	Leeds	A
8	Bramley	H
15	Castleford	A
29	Leeds	H
Oct. 6	Widnes	A
13	Hull	A
20	St. Helens	H
27	Wakefield	A
Nov. 3	Hunslet	H
10	Bradford	A
17	Salford	H
24	Hunslet	A
Dec. 1	Widnes	H
8	St. Helens	A
29	Leigh	H

F. A. 1980

Jan. 5	Salford	A
12	Bramley	A
19	Hull	H
26	Dewsbury	A
Feb. 2	Rochdale	A
9	Cup-First Round	
16	Hull KR	H
23	Cup-2nd Round	
March 1	Castleford	H
8	Hull KR	A
22	Dewsbury	H
29	Wakefield	H
April 5	Rochdale	H

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RUGBY LEAGUE NEWS By Brian Batty

(Daily Mail)

John Player are showing typical enterprise and enthusiasm by breaking into new ground this season.

They have again lifted the total prize money - it has now reached £36,500 but this step is overshadowed by the news of their new competition.

It is refreshing that they have introduced a seven-a-side competition worth £3,000 for the top amateur sides representing the leading BARLA leagues.

This is the first time an amateur competition of this nature has been staged alongside a professional cup competition.

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Jim Tonge, BARLA's chairman says 'We are delighted to be associated with John Player in this new and exciting sponsorship. It is appropriate that the company which is the League's oldest sponsor should have the vision and foresight to extend their support to the amateur ranks, the grass roots of the game'.

David Way, Special Events Manager of John Player, says, 'Thirteen years is a long time to support any sport and it is essential to maintain interest through the introduction of new ideas.

We had problems with last season's extremely bad weather. To overcome this we have introduced a new schedule of dates which has telescoped the tournaments into three months at the beginning of the season.

This means a September start and a final at the beginning of December. In this way we hope to avoid delays in the final stages and we can also hope for better games on drier pitches.

I feel that another sound move is the decision to have semi-finals on neutral grounds for the first time. It should be received with widespread approval.





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Aug. 19	County Cup 1st round	Away		22.15
Aug. 26	Warrington 2nd round	Home		6.34
Sept. 2	Doncaster	Away		25.0
Sept. 9	Huyton	Home	3.00 p.m.	15.3
Sept. 16	John Player 1st Round			
Sept. 23	Batley	Away		
Sept. 30	John Player 2nd Round			
Oct. 7	Featherstone	Home	3.00 p.m.	
Oct. 14	Whitehaven	Away		
Oct. 21	Bramley	Home	3.00 p.m.	
Oct. 28	Halifax	Home	3.00 p.m.	
Nov. 4	Huddersfield	Away		
Nov. 11	Barrow	Home	3.00 p.m.	
Nov. 18	Swinton	Away		
Nov. 25	Dewsbury	Home	3.00 p.m.	
Dec. 2	Huyton	Away		
Dec. 9	Batley	Home	3.00 p.m.	
Dec. 16	Dewsbury	Away		
Dec. 26	Rochdale	Home	3.00 p.m.	
Dec. 30	Featherstone	Away		
Jan. 6	Swinton	Home	3.00 p.m.	
Jan. 13	Keighley	Away		
Jan. 20				
Jan. 27	Huddersfield	Home	3.00 p.m.	
Feb. 3	Challenge Cup 1st Round			
Feb. 17				
Feb. 24	Challenge Cup 2nd round			
Mar. 2	Barrow	Away		
Mar. 9	Whitehaven	Home	3.00 p.m.	
Mar. 16	Keighley	Home	3.00 p.m.	
Mar. 23	Halifax	Away		
Mar. 30	Doncaster	Home	3.00 p.m.	
Apr. 6				
Apr. 13				
Apr. 20				
Apr. 27	Bramley	Away		

'A' Team Fixtures 1979/80 Oldham Rugby League Football Club.

Date	Opponent	Venue	K.O.	F. A.
Sept. 1	Workington	Home	3.00 p.m.	15.12
Sept. 7	Leigh	Away	7.30 p.m.	5.13
Sept. 13	Blackpool	Home	7.30 p.m.	
Sept. 21	Warrington	Away	7.30 p.m.	
Oct. 6	Workington	Away	2.30 p.m.	
Oct. 18	Wigan	Home	7.30 p.m.	
Oct. 26	Wigan	Away	7.30 p.m.	
Nov. 1	Leigh	Home	7.30 p.m.	
Nov. 10	Barrow	Away	2.30 p.m.	
Nov. 15	Swinton	Home	7.30 p.m.	
Nov. 24	Rochdale	Away	3.00 p.m.	
Nov. 29	St. Helens	Home	7.30 p.m.	
Dec. 7	Widnes	Away	7.30 p.m.	
Dec. 15	Whitehaven	Away	3.00 p.m.	
Dec. 20	Rochdale	Home	7.30 p.m.	
Jan. 4	St. Helens	Away	7.30 p.m.	
Jan. 10	Swinton	Away	7.30 p.m.	
Jan. 17	Widnes	Home	7.30 p.m.	
Jan. 19	Whitehaven	Home	3.00 p.m.	
Jan. 26				
Feb. 2				
Feb. 9				
Feb. 14	Warrington	Home	7.30 p.m.	
Feb. 23				
Mar. 1	Barrow	Home	2.30 p.m.	
Mar. 12	Salford	Away	7.30 p.m.	
Mar. 15	Blackpool	Away	3.00 p.m.	
Mar. 20	Salford	Home	7.30 p.m.	

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AMATEUR R. L. NEWS By Alan Burke

This afternoon sees the launching of a brand new Amateur Rugby League competition for which the British Amateur Rugby League Association have secured a £3,000 sponsorship deal with John Player and Sons - a name which is synonymous with all that is best in British sport. After giving their backing to many top class sporting events throughout the country, including cricket, motor racing, show jumping, rugby union, and rugby league, the John Player company have now decided to support a new amateur rugby league 7-a-side tournament, which will include 32 of the country's finest teams, and which will be organised in conjunction with the professional Player's No.6 Trophy competition.

Thirty minutes prior to each professional game an amateur sevens contest will take place of fifteen minutes duration, with the competition being played on knock-out lines, and with the Final being staged immediately before the Player's No.6 Trophy decider. Each team entering the tournament will receive a financial award to help cover their expenses, while the eventual winners of the new competition will be handed £500 plus the handsome John Player Amateur Sevens Trophy, with £300 going to the runners-up and with each losing semi-finalist gaining £100.

Every local amateur league in the country is to be represented in the competition, which it is hoped will become an annual event, with Oldham's qualifiers, Waterhead, having been drawn to play Moldgreen of Huddersfield at The Willows prior to the Salford-Huddersfield clash. Waterhead were nominated as the Oldham representatives by virtue of them being the current holders of the local league's 'Albert Edwards Memorial 7-a-side Trophy', and with the fact that they play in the Pennine League's Premier Division while Moldgreen compete in Division 2, it is hoped that the Oldham team will be going into the Second Round draw.

The curtain-raiser to today's Oldham-Leeds match at Watersheddings provides possibly the most interesting match in the opening round of the new competition, with National Dock Labour Board of Hull, winners of the BARLA National 7-a-side title in 1975 and 1976, taking on the Southern Amateur Rugby League's qualifiers, Ealing of London. The match will kick-off at 2.30p.m., and should the teams be level after 15 minutes play, they will change ends with the first team then to score being declared the winners.

With the ever increasing number of amateur matches now taking place it is obvious that more referees are also required to control them. However, although several new teams are being formed each season, there is a desperate shortage of match officials, especially in the Pennine area. Therefore, the Oldham Rugby League Referees' Society invite anyone interested in having a go at refereeing to come to their monthly meeting, which takes place tomorrow evening at the Royal Hotel, Lees Road, Oldham (8p.m.).

Remember - although you might like to criticise the man in the middle, no game can take place without him!



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