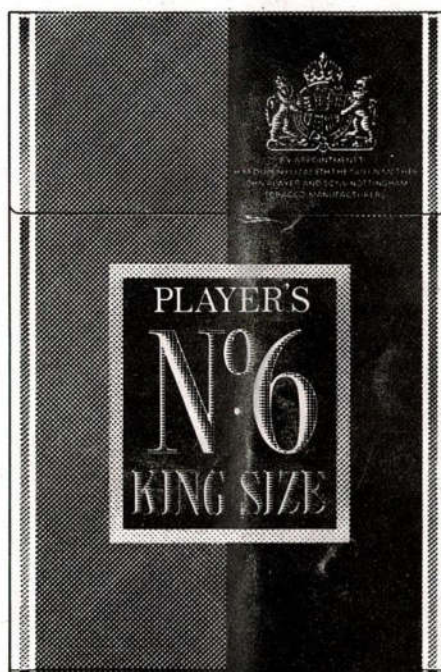


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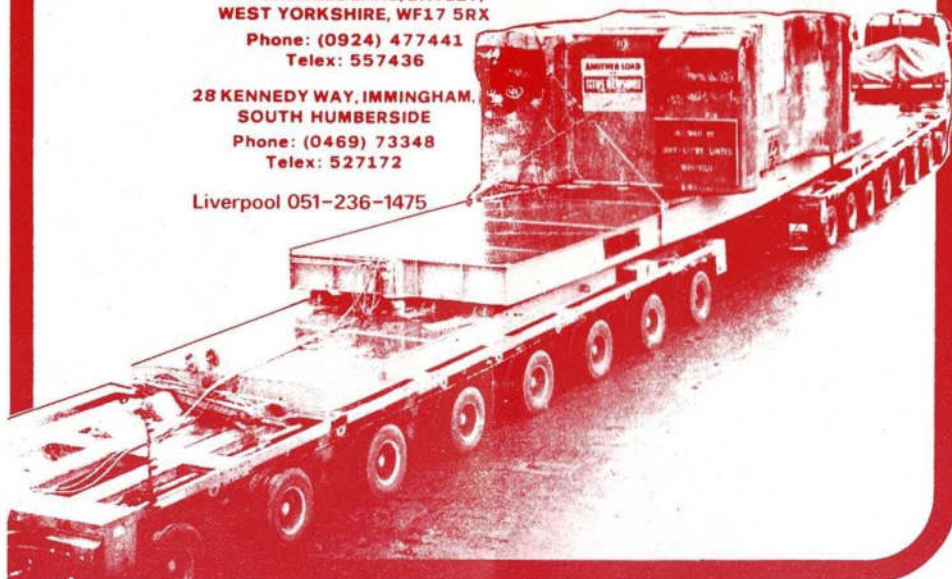
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**SUPPORTERS CLUB GOSSIP by "Batley Fan"**

ALL Supporters' Club members wish coach Tommy Smales and his team success in today's league game with Oldham.

Before and during the match our tea hut in the ground will be open for the sale of refreshments.

Results of the raffle held at the York game were: Whisky 8329, Sherry 9902, Wine 7605. All prizes were claimed. A raffle consisting of three prizes will be held today, and prizes can be claimed from the tea hut.

Coach to Swinton — Sunday 7th October 1979, K.O. 3.00 p.m. Adults (members) £1.45; Adults (non-members) £1.55; Children 85p. Batley (Branch Road) 1.45, Birstall (Market) 1.55. Bookings can be made by contacting Mr. Harry Townsley during and after the match today or at his home address, 743 Bradford Road (opposite Park) or contact Mr. T. Heylings (Batley 478479).

The number of Committee members is now over 20. This is a tremendous achievement when it is realised that the number at the end of last season was 6.

Membership of the Supporters' Club is still rising, but we would still like to see new members. Adults 20p, Children 10p. Remember, members have reduced fares to all away games.

**CLUB TOPICS AND VIEWPOINTS by B. F. Cartwright**

OUR exit from the second major R.L. competition of the season, at the hands of York, now brings the focus firmly on the league programme. The awareness that public interest may wane unless we gain something from matches in the next few weeks is only too apparent to all concerned here at Mount Pleasant — not least to the players. It cannot be said that they are not trying, however — neither can it be claimed that they do not care whether they win or lose! Rarely have they wasted an opportunity to discuss after a game just what needs to be done to succeed — an attitude which in itself shows that they care. They are also wanting badly

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to give the fans something to cheer about, having openly praised the way people have been urging and cheering them on since the season started.

The club as a whole appreciates the backing that the Batley public and the Supporters' Club movement have been giving them. To reciprocate in the only way possible is now the main idea in the minds of all personnel — and it can be added that all that can possibly be done at this stage to attract further players is being done. This is in an effort to improve areas of under-strength in our play. It is a far from easy task, though, for the directorate to persuade suitable players to sign — as for instance in the case of Terry Hudson, who expressed the wish to join his former colleagues at Featherstone, even though we were prepared to pay the identical figure involved in the transfer market deal.

Those whose job it is to pursue every conceivable avenue of approach open to them will, however, continue to do just that; and although they could undoubtedly tell us of many unsuccessful attempts, it will only be when our self-styled "Mounties" get their man that we shall hear of it — and not, as in previous times, when a string of names or "hopeful signings" were treated by folk as just paper talk! The aim is to keep faith with the Batley people, and in return to hope that they will do the same for the club. No overnight miracle has been promised here at Mount Pleasant; long-term aims have. If implementation of those long-term aims fails to materialise, then people can claim to have been badly let down.

#### **WE WELCOME THIS AFTERNOON'S VISITORS — OLDHAM R.L.F.C.**

AS another club with a burning ambition to gain top ranking again, our friends from across the Pennines, Oldham, have got off to a reasonable start this season in their search for better things. Although beaten last week by Leeds at Watersheddings 31 - 7, Oldham only flagged in the latter stages of that game after being in contention up to the threequarters stage. Prior to their dismissal from the John Player Competition they had accounted for Swinton at Station Road in the Forshaw Lancashire Cup opening round 22 - 13 but lost the second round to Warrington 34 - 6. They bounced back with two consecutive league wins — over Doncaster (away) 25 - nil, and against Huyton 15 - 3 at home.

Last year major changes all round at the club saw Graham Starkey installed as new Manager, with his former position taken up on the signing of Bill Francis from Wigan, now Player-Coach. Our former half-back Terry Gorman also received a position with them as assistant team manager. Several of Oldham's players

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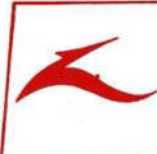
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| 6. BRIGGS           | Stand Off          |
| 7. PICKERILL        | Scrum Half         |
| 8. WALTHAM          | Front Row Forward  |
| 9. PIWINSKI         | Hooker             |
| 10. FOX             | Front Row Forward  |
| 11. TONKS           | Second Row Forward |
| 12. VODDEN/COOKLAND | Second Row Forward |
| 13. FINN            | Loose Forward      |
| 14.                 | Substitute Back    |
| 15.                 | Substitute Forward |

Referee :

- |                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| 1. HOGAN       | Full Back          |
| 2. MUNRO       | Right Wing         |
| 3. LARDER      | Right Centre       |
| 4. WARD        | Left Centre        |
| 5. FITZSIMMONS | Left Wing          |
| 6. FRANCIS     | Stand Off          |
| 7. ARNOLD      | Scrum Half         |
| 8. OWEN        | Front Row Forward  |
| 9. PITTS       | Hooker             |
| 10. FORSTER    | Front Row Forward  |
| 11. HERBERT    | Second Row Forward |
| 12. WALCZAK    | Second Row Forward |
| 13. HAWKYARD   | Loose Forward      |
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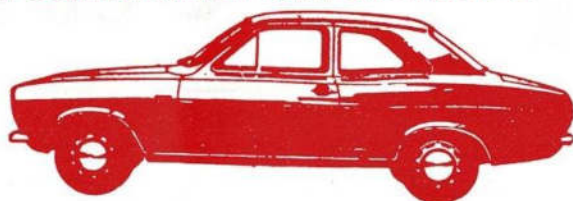
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who have been the backbone of the side for numerous seasons have recently been put up for transfer, amongst whom is full-back Murphy, but, in addition to Francis, Oldham have also splashed out on Jim Fiddler (at around £7,000 from Leigh), while young Pitts, Bradford's reserve hooker, is on loan to them, and Phil Larder, their long-serving centre still continues to impress.

Oldham's second division record of last season was 10 victories, 1 drawn game and 15 defeats. They beat us at Oldham by 24 points to nil last year, but we won at home 19 - 5. Phil Ward (4 tries), Geoff Munro (3 tries) and Fiddler (12 placed kicks and 1 drop goal) are their leading scorers so far this season.

### **ONE FROM THE PAST — Batley v. Oldham (6th Nov. 1949)**

VISITING Mount Pleasant on the above date, Oldham provided us with two league points to keep us in fourth position of the R.L. table. Batley won by 18 points to 10. Batley scorers — (tries) Hesket, Etty, Westbury and Lawton; (goals) Eaton 2, Stokes. Oldham scorers — (tries) Lea, Leyland; (goals) Barraclough 2.

Teams: BATLEY — Eaton; Etty, Stokes, Riches, Burrows; Hesket, Burnell; Hargreaves, Lawton, Hartley, Lavender, Moore, Westbury. OLDHAM — Barraclough; Batten, Mitchell, Harris, Tate; Chalmers, Lea; Pilkington, Frost, Leyland, Tomlinson, Donegan and Rostron. Mr. C. F. Appleyard (Warrington) officiated.

### **BRIEF LINES**

Our Reserves went down and out at Odsal in the Y.S.C. 1st Round game by 30 pts. to 5, after holding Bradford to six points at the interval.

David Rippon's absence from last week's game with York due to a leg injury sustained at Bramley brought to an end his consecutive run of first-team games at 72. It looks like H. S. Kitson's mid-nineteen-thirties club record of 78 on the trot is safe for a further period of time, but it is hard luck on Dave, who might well broken it. He concluded his run on the identical number of appearances as P. Jameson (August 1975 to November 1977).

The West Yorkshire Building Society Office in Branch Road, Batley, have given us the use of one window area in order to stage a small display of club history material. It will be on view from last Monday's opening day until the first weekend in October and includes programmes, photographs, and club shirts, caps and mementoes from 1885 to the present day.

John Fox's Benefit Fund received a boost of nearly £50 from the collection taken at the York game. Many thanks to those of you who contributed to it — and especially to the people involved in the actual collection. Efforts to acquire the Eddie Waring R.L. Night for mid-October should be resolved within the next few days when we will release the outcome through the press.

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| 26      | LEEDS (E.Y.C., 2nd)     | ...       | Home 6-29 (Lost)  |
| Sept. 2 | WHITEHAVEN              | ...       | Home 13-15 (Lost) |
| 7       | BRAMLEY                 | ...       | Away 6-19 (Lost)  |
| 16      | JOHN PLAYER COMP.       | 1st Round | 2-12 (Lost)       |
|         | (YORK at Home)          |           |                   |
| 23      | OLDHAM                  | ...       | Home              |
| 30      | JOHN PLAYER COMP.       | 2nd Round |                   |
| Oct. 7  | SWINTON                 | ...       | Away              |
| 14      | DEWSBURY                | ...       | Home              |
| 21      | HUDDERSFIELD            | ...       | Away              |
| 28      | KEIGHLEY                | ...       | Home              |
| Nov 4   | BARROW                  | ...       | Away              |
| 11      | HALIFAX                 | ...       | Home              |
| 18      | ROCHDALE H.             | ...       | Away              |
| 25      | DONCASTER               | ...       | Home              |
| Dec. 2  | FEATHERSTONE R.         | ...       | Home              |
| 9       | OLDHAM                  | ...       | Away              |
| 16      | DONCASTER               | ...       | Away              |
| 26      | DEWSBURY                | ...       | Away              |
| 30      | BARROW                  | ...       | Home              |
| Jan. 6  | HALIFAX                 | ...       | Away              |
| 13      | BRAMLEY                 | ...       | Home              |
| 20      | SWINTON                 | ...       | Home              |
| 27      | WHITEHAVEN              | ...       | Away              |
| Feb. 3  | HUYTON                  | ...       | Home              |
| 10      | CHALLENGE CUP           | 1st Round |                   |
| 17      |                         |           |                   |
| 24      | CHALLENGE CUP           | 2nd Round |                   |
| Mar. 2  | HUYTON                  | ...       | Away              |
| 9       | KEIGHLEY                | ...       | Away              |
| 16      | ROCHDALE H.             | ...       | Home              |
| 23      |                         |           |                   |
| 30      |                         |           |                   |
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