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Welcome to Oldham

Oldham caught the imagination of the Rugby League world last summer when they gathered together a backroom staff that must be the biggest and most expensive in the game.

A "team" of five is headed by manager Graham Starkey, whom Fartown fans will remember as player-coach here in the 1969-70 season.

His assistant is another Fartown "old boy" — our former scrum-half Terry Gorman — and the man who does the talking on the field is player-coach Bill Francis, the former Wigan, St. Helens, Wales and Great Britain stand-off.

The 'A' team coach is Bob Welding, the former Leigh, Rochdale and Bradford second-row forward, while there are two men in charge of the colts team, Brian Gartland and Derek Foy.

With such a comprehensive team of coaches — "they have more than Wallace Arnold" say the cynical — Oldham were bound to attract attention.

And results so far have justified the club's

policy which many now say will be the fore-runner of many more throughout the game.

Alex Murphy has already said: "Oldham are on the right lines. A soccer-style management team in Rugby League is the thing of the future."

At the time of writing Oldham's newly-formed colts team had won seven of its first eight matches and was on top of the Colts League.

The 'A' team had won five out of six to head the Lancashire Combination.

And the Oldham first team became the only unbeaten side in the Second Division when they beat Bramley at home on the day Huddersfield suffered that shock home defeat by Batley. Centre Phil Larder, who may miss today's game because of injury, and his winger, Geoff Munro, are Oldham's joint top try scorers this season with six apiece.

Two Oldham forwards will be keener than most to do well at Fartown — former Huddersfield player Alan Forster and an ex-Huddersfield area amateur, Colin Hawkyard.

Forster, who joined Oldham two years ago in the move that saw stand-off Glen Knight come back to Fartown, has been the Lancashire side's most consistent forward this season.

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Denis

Denis Holling is the third member of the Silkstone Connection. BD (before Denis) there was founder-member Mel Bedford, then all-purpose Club doctor David Durie. Apart from their respective (and respected) wives, the other 963 inhabitants of the village (two pubs, one fine old church, and only two miles from the M1) have nothing much to do with Fartown yet; though quite a lot of them have heard of it, and they say that suitable applicants will be given proper consideration. The three live within reasonable kicking distance of each other, and if you come to Fartown you are unlikely to miss them.

Denis is described (rather modestly I think) on the programme as 'Trainer.' The Club are perhaps fitter this year than they have ever been; they have a low injury rate, and plenty left for the last quarter. The credit for this belongs to Denis, and it remains true — whether the players realise it or not — that he could make them fitter than they are, fitter than any other club in British Rugby League has ever been; and one day, I suspect, he will do just that.

Denis is a Barnsley man, and if you are born there, you hardly need to be bred at all. He played Union with distinction at Barnsley Grammar School, and subsequently for Barnsley RUFC; but from schooldays on he played all the games there are and never with less than success. You name it, Denis did it: he swam for Yorkshire while he was still a schoolboy to name but one. When he left he started underground at North Gawber Colliery, but soon

wanted to try his increasing strength in fresher fields; so he joined the Army as a 22 year Regular. He has never regretted this — "I would do it all over again, gladly." By this time he had become Northern Counties Lightweight Boxing Champion as a Junior. "When I thickened out a bit I moved on to weight lifting; I held several Northern Counties records." He first enlisted in the RAMC — "I wanted to study physiotherapy and the treatment of sports injuries." After a year he transferred to the Army Physical Training Corps, "and twenty years went by like a lovely dream." As spinoffs to building bigger and better muscles on bigger and better soldiers, he moved on to unarmed and often armed combat, to parachuting, and eventually to adventure training — mountaineering, rock-climbing, canoeing — but especially mountaineering — "anywhere, anytime. The Alps, Mount Kenya, the Canadian Rockies — and they paid me for it too." While in Canada he organised and led an all woman team "well, almost all women" who conquered several peaks in Banff National Park. They paid him for that, too.

In the Army he had already climbed as high as he could go as a Warrant Officer Class 1 in the APTC — a formidable achievement. Formidable? "It means," he reminded me, "to be dreaded — among other things." Denis seems too nice a guy to be a dreaded Sergeant Major, but I wouldn't presume too far. At this stage he was considered for commissioned rank, but those 22 years had nearly gone, and after all his wanderings over Europe, from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean with a few African, American, and Northern Irish expeditions thrown

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in, he thought he would like to see what it was like in the big world outside. "Besides, I rather think Iris wanted me out."

After such a career, how does he like it at Fartown? "It's great. You can hardly keep me away. I've always been a Union man, but now I'm completely converted." He can't say he wasn't warned. Denis is a great achiever; he is also a great teacher, a true professional among professionals. He is a pretty good writer too, as readers of this programme will soon discover. At the moment he is more concerned with our new gymnasium, which is now under way. Without his guidance it would not amount to very much; with it we will make a better provision for our lads than any other club in Rugby League. Maybe we have made the best possible provision already.

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SECOND DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

(up to and including Sunday, 28th October, 1979)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barrow	7	6	0	1	155	66	12
Featherstone	7	5	0	2	190	114	10
Oldham	6	4	2	0	115	64	10
Dewsbury	7	5	0	2	124	78	10
Huddersfield	7	5	0	2	111	93	10
Halifax	6	4	1	1	110	43	9
Batley	7	3	1	3	81	93	7
Bramley	7	3	1	3	94	108	7
Keighley	7	3	0	4	96	132	6
Rochdale	7	2	1	4	77	56	5
Huyton	7	2	0	5	77	170	4
Whitehaven	7	1	1	5	63	99	3
Swinton	7	1	1	5	54	105	3
Doncaster	7	0	0	7	46	172	0

Supporters' Club

The Malcolm Branch Testimonial year began last Friday with a bonfire and disco, held in the Fartown grounds and Supporters' Club. Many other interesting functions are planned in which supporters will be able to see or take part. There is to be a sponsored pub crawl which is planned for a Sunday in December, which I am sure will be a huge success. On February 25th the Sunday Mirror Rugby League Road Show appears at the Slaithwaite Leisure Centre. This is certainly a date to remember as this will be a highlight of a well planned year. Watch the Press and adverts in the Club for further details.

May I once again remind supporters to please call into the social club and renew their memberships. It is 70p for Adults, 25p Juniors and 10p Pensioners.

M.R.

SUPPORTERS' JUNIOR TEAM

The Supporters' U-19 team are still trying to register their first win, but with the injury problem, have found it difficult to field a settled team. Team spirit is running high, and the first win is surely in the offing.

Last week-end the final score was Queensbury 23, Supporters 9, and this with an injury depleted side. Nevertheless, sterling displays were turned in by West, Briggs and Thomas.

To-day's game (with a morning kick-off) is away at Siddall in the first round Bradford Sunday Cup.

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First Team Appearances this Season

(League and Cup Competitions — but not Charity matches)

	App	DG	G	T	Pts		App	DG	G	T	Pts
Hugh Armitage	2	—	4	1	11	Steve Lyons	7	—	—	—	—
Alan Bates	4	—	—	1	3	Gordon McHugh	8	—	—	—	—
Tony Booth	3	—	—	—	—	David Potts	3	—	—	2	—
Malcolm Branch	9	—	—	—	—	Gordon Pritchard	8	—	—	1	—
Chris Burton	9	—	—	3	9	Adrian Rushton	6	—	—	—	—
Peter Cramp	10	—	5	3	19	David Schofield	5	—	—	—	—
Alan Greenwood	2	—	—	1	3	Ken Senior	5	—	—	2	—
Dave Heppleston	3	—	—	—	—	Mick Shepherd	7	—	—	2	—
Ian Hobson	5	—	—	3	9	Ian Slater	2	—	—	—	—
Dave Hooson	6	—	7	—	14	Graham Swale	4	—	2	1	7
Tony Johnson	7	—	—	1	3	Graham Thornton	1	—	—	—	—
Jimmy Johnson	9	—	—	1	3	Mick Ward	7	—	2	1	7
Glen Knight	7	1	1	—	3	Andy Wilson	1	—	2	—	4
Trevor Leatheley	10	—	—	3	9						

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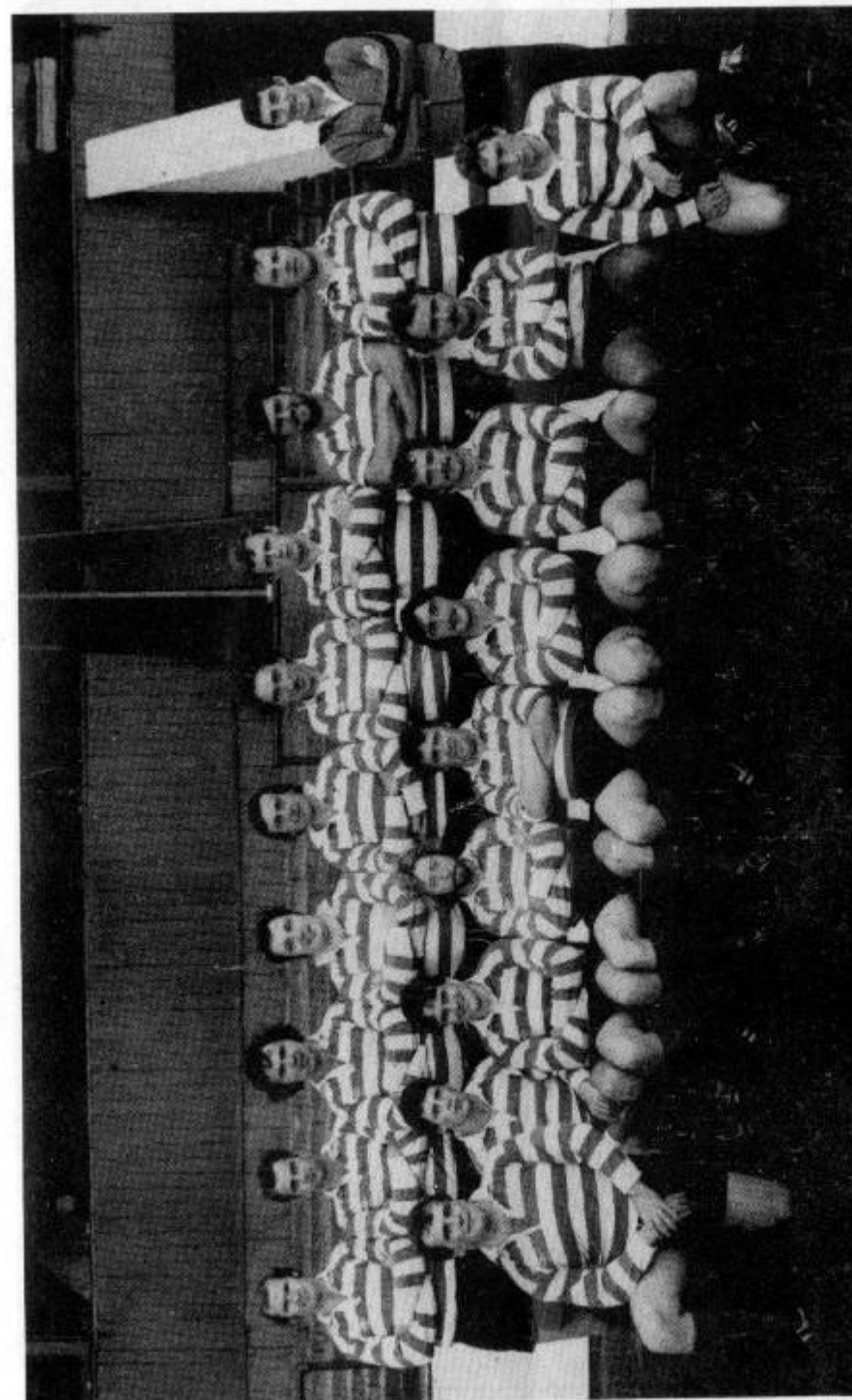
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Date	Club	Gr.	Time	Result
1979				
Sun. Aug 19	*BRADFORD N. ...	home	3-30	7 22
	(Esso Yorks. Cup, 1st Rd.)			
Sun. Sep 2	Keighley	away	3-15	14 12
Sun. 9	ROCHDALE H. ...	home	3-30	13 12
Fri. 14	*Salford	away	7-30	5 47
	(John Player Trophy, 1st Rd.)			
Sun. 23	Doncaster	away	3-00	32 14
Sun. 30	*Hull	away	3-00	2 34
	(BBC 2 TV Trophy, 1st Rd.)			
Sun. Oct 7	WHITEHAVEN ..	home	3-30	13 12
Sun. 14	Huyton	away	3-00	17 8
Sun. 21	BATLEY	home	3-30	7 11
Sun. 28	Featherstone R. ...	away	3-00	15 24
Sun. Nov 4	OLDHAM	home	3-30	...
Sun. 11	Bramley	away	3-30	...
Sun. 18	KEIGHLEY	home	3-30	...
Sun. 25	Whitehaven	away	3-00	...
Sat. Dec 1	*John Player Trophy Final			
Sun. 2	BRAMLEY	home	3-30	...
Sun. 9	Barrow	away	2-30	...
Sun. 16	FEATHERSTONE ..	home	3-30	...
Tues. 18	*BBC 2 TV Trophy Final			
Wed. 26	HALIFAX	home	3-30	...
1980				
Tues. Jan 1	Halifax	away	3-30	...
Sun. 6	DONCASTER	home	3-30	...
Sun. 20	Rochdale H. ...	away	3-00	...
Sun. 27	Oldham	away	3-00	...
Sun. Feb 3	SWINTON	home	3-30	...
Sun. 10	*State Express Chall. Cup, 1st Rd.			
Sun. 24	*State Express Chall. Cup, 2nd Rd.			
Sun. Mar 2	Swinton	away	3-00	...
Sun. 16	HUYTON	home	3-30	...
Sun. 23	Dewsbury	away	3-30	...
Sun. 30	BARROW	home	3-30	...
Sun. Apl 6	DEWSBURY	home	3-30	...
Sun. 13	Batley	away	3-00	...
Sat. * May 3	*State Express C.C. Final at Wembley			
Sat. 17	*Premiership Final			

YORKSHIRE SENIOR COMPETITION

Date	Club	Gr.	Time	Result
1979				
Sat. Aug 18	Bradford N.	away	3-00	9 19
Fri. 24	HALIFAX	home	7-30	7 11
Fri. 31	KEIGHLEY	home	7-30	13 35
Fri. Sep 7	Hull	away	7-30	29 5
Sat. 15	*Doncaster	away	3-00	26 13
	(Yorks. Sen. Cup Comp., 1st Rd.)			
Fri. 21	DONCASTER	home	7-30	29 3
Sat. 29	YORK	home	3-00	21 17
Sat. Oct 6	Halifax	away	2-30	29 12
Sat. 13	Leeds	away	3-00	0 31
	(Y.S.C. Cup Comp., 2nd Rd.)			
Sat. 20	Batley	away	3-00	10 22
Fri. 26	FEATHERSTONE ..	home	7-30	18 16
Fri. Nov 9	BRAMLEY	home	7-30	...
Fri. 16	Keighley	away	7-30	...
Fri. 23	LEEDS	home	7-30	...
Sat. Dec 1	Bramley	away	3-00	...
Fri. 7	CASTLEFORD	home	7-30	...
Sat. 15	Featherstone R. ...	away	2-30	...
Sat. 29	HULL K.R.	home	3-00	...
1980				
Sat. Jan 5	Doncaster	away	2-30	...
Fri. 11	WAKEFIELD T. ...	home	7-30	...
Sat. 19	Castleford	away	2-30	...
Fri. Feb 1	Dewsbury	away	7-30	...
Fri. 15	HULL	home	7-30	...
Fri. 22	HUNSLET	home	7-30	...
Sat. Mar 1	Hunslet	away	3-00	...
Sat. 8	BRADFORD N. ...	home	3-00	...
Sat. 15	York	away	3-00	...
Fri. 21	DEWSBURY	home	7-30	...
Sat. 29	Leeds	away	3-00	...
Sat. Apl 5	Wakefield T. ...	away	3-00	...
Fri. 11	BATLEY	home	7-30	...
Sat. 19	Hull K.R.	away	2-30	...

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Player Spotlight

'Loyalty,' 'a good Club man,' 'one of the "happy" men at Fartown.' These are just a selection of quotes from Dave Hooson's teammates and the sporting press, when asked to give their views on Dave's ten years at Huddersfield in his testimonial year (1977).

Two seasons on and he is still with us. 'I'll play for Huddersfield until my legs give way'; the ever-loyal club servant.

He came to Fartown from Halifax amateur side Mixenden, where he spends the majority of his spare-time 'helping out as best I can all-round.' A full-back or winger he signed on the 27th April, 1967. He made his first-team debut for Huddersfield at Featherstone Rovers on 15th December, 1968, and scored his first points — a try and a goal — against Wigan, on 11th January, 1969.

Hooson, who is 29 runs a grocer's business with his father, George, in Mixenden. The 5ft. 11ins. 11½ stone born comic, is married to Lillian with one son, Greg, aged 7 months.

From the moment I spoke to him the dry Yorkshire humour that I had read about was apparent. 'Oh, are you the reporter from Woman's Own.' However, beneath this front he's a man who believes that Rugby League could be made more open by the implementing of eight or ten tackles instead of the present six.

This very likeable person finished by saying that of all the wingers in the game he held the most respect for Maurice Richards (Salford), who once scored four tries against him in a match.

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Batty's Bit

by BRIAN BATTY (Daily Mail)

Harry Bath represents all that is best in Sydney club football with his wonderful record with the illustrious Sydney St. George club.

He has just coached them to their second Grand Final success in three years and put the Dragons back on top of the world.

This is not surprising when you study Harry's playing record with Warrington and as a coach with Australia.

And it becomes even clearer why he is doing well when you listen to his views on the game, particularly on the coaching of a club side.

We were discussing the different approaches to the game between clubs in this country and Australia during his holiday trip to these shores.

Harry was fair enough to admit that his boys have a head start with the climate — he spent long enough here to appreciate the difference.

'I take my boys for four nights in a week — two of them for exercise and fitness and two for tactical talks and to work out moves,' he says.

Harry is also now a director of the St. George club and he explained: 'I have been made manager-coach because there is so much to do in the running of the club.

'We are actually planning three years ahead, especially with our recruitment of players. I have country matches filmed and need to sit back and study the videos.

'This way I can pick out possible future signings. We have to be sure that we don't make mistakes with our import signings.

'Also I feel it is essential to sit down and think a lot about this game and where we are going and what is needed.

'The average age of our side is in the lower part of the twenties so we are on the right side of things and this puts us in good shape for the future.

How many clubs in the English First Division can make such a claim. It all goes to show how much we are being left behind at the moment by most of the Sydney clubs.

Did You Know

... that in the last 35 matches that Workington Town have played (23 last season, and 12 this season) their wingman Iain McCorquodale, has not only played in every one, but has scored in every one!

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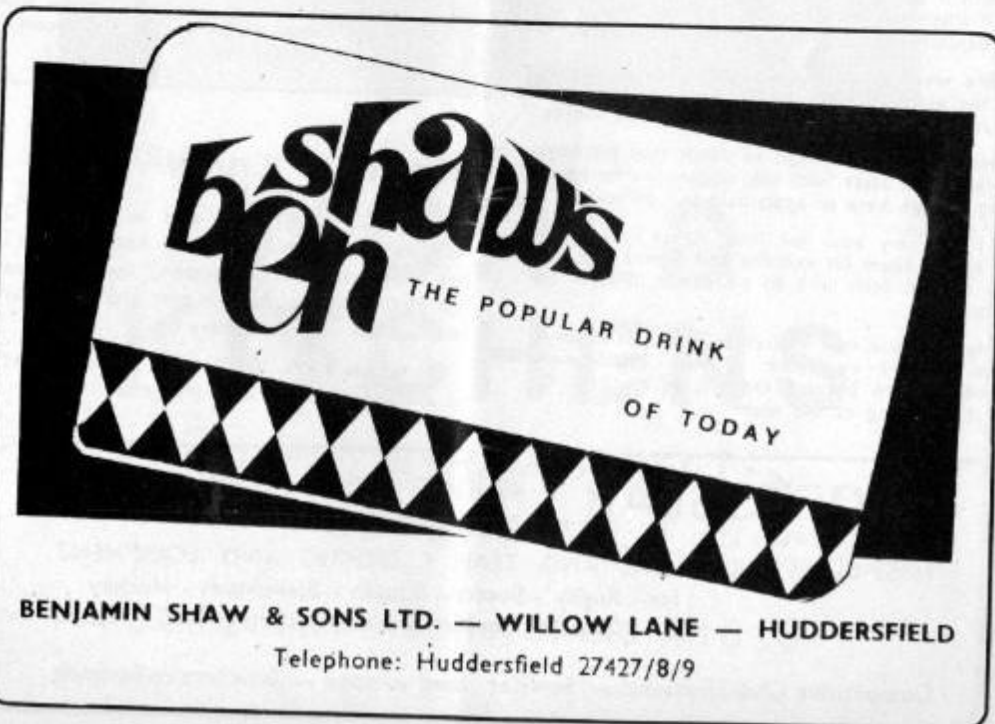
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The course is being run by the Huddersfield Schools Rugby League, with the active help of members of the Huddersfield Referees' Society.

Just bring your son along, at the above time, or if you require further information then the Secretary of the Schools' League is the man to contact — Mr. Edward Shaw Telephone No. (from Huddersfield exchange) 98/848364.

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