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Record attendance	28,000 v Huddersfield Feb 24th 1912
Record receipts	£4,897 v Leeds 3rd March 1968
Record transfer fee paid	£10,650 to Workington for Ike Southward March 1959
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Record goal scorer	Bernard Ganley 224 goals 1957/58 season
Record point scorer	Bernard Ganley 28 pts v Liverpool City April 59

CLUB HONOURS

Rugby League Championship Play-off winners:	1909-10, 1910-11 and 1956-57
Runners-up:	1906-07, 1907-08, 1908-09, 1921-22 and 1964-55.
First Division Champions:	1904-05
Second Division Champions:	1963-64
Rugby League Challenge Cup winners:	1898-99, 1924-25, 1926-27
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
Lancashire Championship Winners:	1907-08, 1909-10, 1921-22, 1956-57 and 1957-58
Runners-up:	1908-09, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1919-20, 1923-24 and 1954-55
Lancashire Shield winners:	1975-76

BEWARE, IT'S BATLEY.

TOMMY SMALES,
The Batley coach, in his playing days.



Oldham have good reason to remember Batley... they were leading 17-6 at Mount Pleasant early in the season but came away only with a draw after an exciting fight-back by the home side. That fight-back perhaps typified the sweeping changes that have taken place up on the hill at Batley in the past 12 months. There have been changes behind the scenes and changes on the field - and the results have been quite amazing!

Batley are now a happy little club, reasonably successful in terms of the Second Division, and certainly no longer a side which most other teams can afford to take for granted.

Before last week-end Batley had won four and drawn two of their 11 games and had picked up ten points - more than they achieved in the whole of last season!

In the 1978-79 campaign they finished bottom in the Second Division with only nine points from four wins and a draw.

The previous year they were third from bottom with 11 points and five wins and the season before that they were also third from bottom, but with 15 points and seven wins.

Certainly, Batley are already well on the way to their best season for many, many years and it is heartening to see them doing so well after so many years when even the most optimistic fan must have been wondering if time would ever change for the better.

The coach at Batley now is Tommy Smales, the old Barrow and Featherstone loose-forward, who was coach at Doncaster before taking over the reigns at Mount Pleasant.

Tommy was always a clever, footballing type of loose-forward and he is a shrewd coach with the knack of bringing out the best in his charges.

He has certainly put some spirit into his boys, too, as witnessed when they gave us a nasty shock with that fighting comeback on their own ground in mid-September.

Several shrewd signings have been made by the new Batley board and there is no way they must be under-estimated... and that goes for any side in the Second Division.

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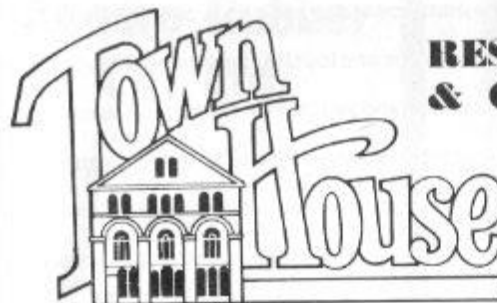
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BRITAIN NOT BLAMELESS!

By Roger Halstead
(Oldham Evening Chronicle)

There was another French farce at Leigh when Great Britain's young hopefuls - the under-24 side - beat France 14-2 in a match of niggling incidents and two full-scale brawls in the second half.

Far be it from me to condone the tactics of the temperamental French, who have given referees from both countries trouble for more years than I care to remember.

But it is too easy to put ALL the blame on the French every time a fist is raised in anger. And there will be no entente cordiale until each country takes a good look at itself and at least listens to the complaints of the other.

Just as the French go in with knees and elbows in club games, as the British game has late and stiff-arm tackles as a national characteristic.

Just as the French think nothing about a good, old fashioned free-for-all, so the British break every rule in the book at every scrum.

Many people were critical of the way the French referee at Leigh penalised Britain heavily at the scrums.

But the unpalatable truth is that hooker Malcolm Smith was across the tunnel at virtually every scrum.

In England we see such offences by both hookers at nearly every scrum in every match. We are becoming oblivious to blatant scrum offences and tend to turn a blind eye so long as the ball gets away and play is able to proceed.

In much the same manner one of the national traits of the French is the use of knees and elbows - stupid and dangerous tactics but used regularly in France and not merely when their national side plays Britain.

And who was guilty of the first foul blow of the match? British loose-forward Harry Pinner, who felled the French full back at an up-and-under.

The governing bodies of both countries have problems at domestic level, but invariably blame each other for what happens in internationals.

The language barrier and lack of neutrality of referees and touch judges merely help to inflame the situation.

We don't even play to the same rules... but year in and year out we blame the French, the French blame us - and we get no nearer a solution.

The French and English Leagues and the international committee all have a lot to answer for, I do not pretend to know all the answers, or all the solutions.

I do know that when the English League are unaware of the identity of the French referee a few days before the match, there is a drastic break-down in communications.

When the truth was out, the referee appointed to handle the Leigh match was the one whom the French promised would never handle another international after the battle at Albi in 1976.

A French farce? Right, first time!



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ALEX RULES, O.K.

By Alex Givvons
(RL Grade I Referee)



There is again much talk regarding players misconduct and how the three officials can and should deal with offenders. The varying degrees of misconduct can be designated as follows:-

TECHNICAL i.e. Differential.

DELIBERATE i.e. Penalty/Caution.

UNNECESSARY AND VICIOUS i.e. Dismissal.

Without having a play on words it is obvious that the above action by the Referee is dependant on how he views the incident and any possible prior incidents.

The Referee shall enforce the laws of the game but it is not his responsibility to make a game of it. The standard of play very much depends on the skill and frame of mind of the players, but the Referee can improve the continuity of the play by the correct application of the advantage law.

Referees are accused of coaching players but I like to think the Referee is more like a Policeman who not only detects law breaking but helps to prevent it. This happens when he gives verbal instructions to "Play the ball" which encourages other players to release the tackled player so that play can continue "quickly" whilst other players come onside. He will also warn players to stand back in the line out rather than give doubtful offside penalties over a matter of inches.

Touch Judges often come in for unfair criticism. The three officials should act as a team but a Touch Judge must not unduly interfere with the Referees control of the game by reporting incidents obviously seen by the Referee. The good Touch Judge knows when to come on with advice in the above situation, but is also particularly vigilant in spotting the scourge of Rugby Football, the "off the ball offence".

There are 10 points in the manual on laws of the game to cover players misconduct. There are also 21 common offences at the play the ball and more than 25 possible offences at the scrum. You can see why the Referee has to use common sense when applying these laws and the advantage.

I am sure few spectators would tolerate a game with more than 35 scrums and 50 penalties yet this happens constantly in Rugby Union matches where applying the law exact is paramount.

Finally I should say that the respect which Rugby League Referees command for discipline on the field must be shared with good back up from the Rugby League Council; the players who take decisions manfully, and finally to our past refereeing colleagues who give us the good standards to maintain.



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CLUB NEWS

BOB BLACKWOOD BACK

Bob Blackwood, our Cumbrian forward, is back in the fold after his six-month suspension and he played in the senior side at Huyton last week after first returning in the "A" team. Bygones are bygones and we are pleased to welcome Bob back. As our manager Graham Starkey states: "Bob starts with a clean sheet and he will be treated like every other player".

Another of our missing men could be back in the New Year. As regular supporters know, both prop Dennis Ashcroft and second-row man Clive Jones have been missing all season because of work problems.

Clive is a long-distance lorry driver and Dennis is a shift-worker who cannot afford the time off for training.

We have kept in regular touch with both players and the latest check for the up-to-date situation showed that Ashcroft might be back in the next few weeks.

Both players are keen to get back but they feel their full-time employment has to take priority. However, Dennis has told us that there might be a change in his work situation once Christmas and the New Year are out of the way.

In the recent weeks we have been pleased to welcome to Watersheddings two Rugby League men from the other side of the world.

Brian Gately, a referee from Australia, has watched a couple of matches here during a three-month sight-seeing tour of Europe with his wife and four children.

Our latest visitor from "Down Under" is Bob Mackenzie, also from Sydney and a district referee in New South Wales.

Bob is in the north of England on a three-week holiday, trying to see as much RL as possible. He is watching first team, "A" team and colts games around Lancashire and Yorkshire and hopes to fit in as many as 20 games in the 21 days. That's some going.

We are pleased to welcome Bob to Oldham and we are able to accept his invitation to run the line at a recent colts match, along with our good friend Sam Shepherd, the former referee and now an assessor of up-and-coming young officials for the Rugby League.

Our facilities at Watersheddings continue to attract tremendous praise from around the League. The latest plaudits came from the Dewsbury officials and players after our last home game.



Steve Herbert goes close! Our second-row forward, captured in mid-air by Oldham Chronicle photographer Martin Smith, fell just short of the line against Dewsbury.

Two of the Dewsbury players were injured and one of them, centre Jack Austin, had to leave the field with a suspected broken jaw.

In the event the jaw was not broken... but the Dewsbury club were very, very impressed at the immediate and thorough attention paid to their player by the Oldham club's medical staff.

They were not the first club by any means to show their appreciation. We already have on file a letter from the Featherstone club expressing their pleasure and gratitude for the facilities now afforded to visiting teams at Watersheddings.

Finally, as this is the last home game before Christmas, may we take this opportunity of thanking you all for your support so far this season.

A very happy Christmas to you all... and we will see you on Boxing Day for the visit of Rochdale Hornets in what should be a real festive season cracker!

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Half! No way through for this Dewsbury forward, stopped by Steve Lund, Ray Martland and Terry Flanagan.

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Ray Ashton goes in for the first of his two tries against Dewsbury.



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TOM WEBB'S YESTERYEAR

We are attempting to give all the Oldham R.L.F.C. results since the club started in 1876. In the following tables the letters M, G, T, stand for Minors, Goals, and Tries. Minors were scored when either the attacking team kicked or carried the ball over the dead-ball line or the touch-in-goal line, or when the defending side made the ball dead.

In the early days, a goal counted more than any number of tries.

Unfortunately, the match details are incomplete for the 1880's, and any details would be welcomed by me, Tom Webb, 3 Haggate Crescent, Rayton, Oldham. OL2 5NF.

1878 - 79:

DATE	OPPONENTS	VENUE	OLDHAM			OPPONENTS	RESULT
September 21st.	OLDHAM 2nd, XV	Home	5	5	12		WON
28th.	ROSSENDALE	Home	12	1	7	1	WON
October 5th.	DEWSBURY	Away	2				Draw
12th.	MANCHESTER	Away	1			10	Draw
19th.	CHEETHAM HILL	Home	1		1	2	1 Draw
26th.	BRADFORD UTD.	Away	5		1	4	1 Draw
November 2nd.	BROUGHTON	Home	5	2		4	2 WON
9th.	FREE WANDERERS	Away				8	3 Lost
16th.	MANCHESTER RING.	Home	3	1		4	2 WON
23rd.	WAKEFIELD TRINITY	Home		1		4	1 WON
30th.	SWINTON	Home	5		1	4	WON
December 7th.	ROSSENDALE	Away	4	1		1	WON

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COLTS CORNER

In the last few weeks the high-stepping Oldham Colts have been badly hit by injuries, but we now seem to have turned the corner and, with anything like reasonable luck, should go into the second half of the season with plenty of things in our favour.

Hooker Les Cook, who has still to play to game after badly damaging a knee in the pre-season sevens at Swinton, is almost ready for action again and is desperate to drag an Oldham jersey over his head.

The Widnes lad has had a knee cartilage operation but is now raring to go. We confidently expect that he will soon be making up for lost time!

The same applies to powerful second-row man Andrew Goodway, who was making a big impression until he broke a bone in his hand in the 19-13 home win against Hunslet on November 3rd.

At the time of writing these notes Andrew had had his hand in plaster for four weeks, so it can't be too long before he is also back in the fold and ready for selection. Still out through injury are centre Mike Cowley, who has a troublesome shoulder, and back-row man Mick Coombes, who is under the care of a Manchester specialist with back trouble.



LES COOK
Back soon?



ANDREW GOODWAY
Hand Injury

Throw in fact that new signing Alan Platt missed a couple of games immediately after he joined us, because of a shoulder knock, and you can see that our youngsters have had more than their fair share of bumps and bruises. It can be fairly assumed that with a full-strength side in action we would have the beating of any side in the Colts League.

Despite all our injuries we were still top of the Colts League - one point more than Bramley but with three games in hand - when these notes were compiled.

We had lost only two games - against Leeds at home and away to Hunslet - and that in itself speaks volumes for the contribution of everyone concerned, not least coaches Brian Gartland and Derek Foy.

Even at Hunslet with a vastly weakened side we should have picked up a point. Though losing 12-7 we had a good "try" disallowed for a forward pass in the closing stages of a match in which we certainly deserved a draw.

On the original fixture list we have a free week-end next Saturday (December 15th) and on the following Saturday - the last before Christmas - there are no games at all. So the colts players and the coaching staff are now eagerly looking forward to the New Year with the cup coming on, the Premiership and the run-in for League honours.

As this is the last programme before the festive season all connected with the colts would like to thank all their followers for their support so far and wish each one of you a happy Christmas.

COLTS FIXTURES

1979

F. A. 1980

Aug. 18	Leigh	A	16-11	Jan. 5	Salford	A
25	Bradford	H	38-2	12	Bramley	A
Sept. 1	Leeds	A	15-13	19	Hull	H
8	Bramley	H	29-4	26	Dewsbury	A
15	Castleford	A	28-11	Feb. 2	Rochdale	A
29	Leeds	H	12-19	9	Cup-First Round	
Oct. 6	Widnes	A	21-17	16	Hull KR	H
13	Hull	A	17-16	23	Cup-2nd Round	
20	St. Helens	H	P	March 1	Castleford	H
27	Wakefield	A	37-16	8	Hull KR	A
Nov. 3	Hunslet	H	19-13	22	Dewsbury	H
10	Bradford	A	8-6	29	Wakefield	H
17	Salford	H	P	April 5	Rochdale	H
24	Hunslet	A	7-12			
Dec. 1	Widnes	H	P			
8	St. Helens	A				
29	Leigh	H				



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By Brian Batty
Daily Mail



The Sky is still the limit when it comes to transfers in either Rugby League or the more lucrative sphere of Soccer.

It was rather interesting recently to see a programme on Independent Television involving many Soccer personalities including Manchester City boss Malcolm Allison and his chairman Peter Swales.

After two sides had put forward contrasting cases the audience was asked to vote on whether they felt the one million pound transfer was a good thing for Soccer. And the voting was 80 per cent against such a deal and only 20 per cent in favour.

This programme was screened only a few hours after Wakefield Trinity had rocked the League world by asking £50,000 for transfer seeking Trevor Skerrett.

Great Britain forward Skerrett was one of the few forward successes on the tour of Australia and New Zealand last summer.

The first reaction I got from half a dozen clubs, who in the past might have been interested, was that the fee was completely beyond them.

"The bubble has burst on the day of the big transfer fee. There is no longer that sort of cash around," said Bradford chairman Jack Bates.

And that summed up the general reaction yet everything is relative in sport and in Wakefield's case they feel Skerrett represents that value to them as a club.

Yet one could say that it makes the clubs record signing of Bill Ashurst at £18,000 look like peanuts even though it took place 18 months ago.

Ashurst is one of the few forwards in the game who dictate play in such inspired fashion but Skerrett has been the backbone of Trinity's pack with his high work rate of tough tackling and driving play.

But again his price must make Widnes feel they got a snip when they paid £17,000 for Les Gorley and neighbours St. Helens paid out £23,000 for his younger brother Peter.

Leeds broke their club record to pay £25,000 for Eddie Cunningham, landing an international class player who can perform equally well in the backs and the pack.

Trinity will be happy if they keep Skerrett unless they can get a player of equal talent in exchange.



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First team fixtures 1979/80 Oldham Rugby League Football Club

Date	Opponent	Venue	K.O.	F. A.
Aug. 19	County Cup Swinton	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 Leeds	Home		7-31
Sept. 19	B.B.C. St. Helens			9-20
Sept. 23	Batley	Away		17-17
Sept. 30	John Player 2nd Round			
Oct. 7	Featherstone	Home	3.00 p.m.	23-22
Oct. 14	Whitehaven	Away		13-13
Oct. 21	Bramley	Home	3.00 p.m.	22-9
Oct. 28	Halifax	Home		P
Nov. 4	Huddersfield	Away		12-3
Nov. 11	Barrow	Home	3.00 p.m.	6-5
Nov. 18	Swinton	Away		12-15
Nov. 25	Dewsbury	Home	3.00 p.m.	25-6
Dec. 2	Huyton	Away		31-4
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.	25-23
Sept. 21	Warrington	Away	7.30 p.m.	18-10
Oct. 6	Workington	Away	2.30 p.m.	P
Oct. 18	Wigan	Home	7.30 p.m.	18-17
Oct. 26	Wigan	Away	7.30 p.m.	25-15
Nov. 1	Leigh	Home	7.30 p.m.	16-3
Nov. 10	Barrow	Away	2.30 p.m.	16-22
Nov. 15	Swinton	Home	7.30 p.m.	
Nov. 24	Rochdale	Away	3.00 p.m.	P
Nov. 29	St. Helens	Home	7.30 p.m.	P
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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TONY CONTINUES THE OLDHAM YOUTH REVIVAL

By Alan Burke

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Tony Ogden, the 18-year-old Higginshaw prop-forward, has become the latest Oldham Amateur Rugby League player to attain International status, by having been chosen for the Great Britain youth team to meet the touring Australians at Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, January 12th. And, with his selection, Tony continues the recent representative achievements of youngsters from the Oldham area, as the town itself steadily becomes one of the major forces for Rugby League at youth level. Although beaten last Sunday by Warrington in the semi-final of the BARLA Inter-League Youth Shield competition, the Oldham Under-19's town-team displayed excellent form, both in last weekend's encounter and in their two previous victories in the tournament against Leigh and York. And fine individual performances in these games also brought Lancashire honours for Steve Topham and Kevin Byrne, both of whom performed admirably for their County and seem certain of retaining their places when the Red Rose Youth team also take on Australia, at Watersheddings, on January 13th (11a.m.).

Following Nicky Kiss and Terry Flanagan, both of whom are now gaining plenty of experience with their respective professional clubs, Tony Ogden has become the third Oldham youngster in successive seasons to be given the highest honour in Amateur Rugby League, and, as the Great Britain Under-19's side are due to visit France later in the season, a steady performance in the Australian match should also give him a second International appearance across the Channel. Two Great Britain caps within two months would then be the highlight of Tony's short career, having only joined Higginshaw two years ago, and having had to play all his matches in the open-age leagues.

The Oldham open-age town-team were yesterday due to meet the powerful Humberside League in the quarter-final of the senior BARLA Inter-League competition, and, of course, it is hoped that the local side could emulate the Under-19's efforts in reaching the semi-finals. Due to the Inter-League game, all this weekend's scheduled quarter-finals in the Oldham Standard Cup had to be postponed, and will now be played in January. Following the First Round matches, the revised draw for the quarter-finals is: Higginshaw v St. Anne's; Langworthy v Saddleworth; Ferranti v Fitton Hill; Mayfield v Salem Hornets.

The Pennine Amateur Rugby League have recently recommended to BARLA that the £1 registration fee, which each player has to pay each season before he can appear for an amateur side, be increased to £1.50, with the extra money to be placed in some kind of investment account, from which lump sum payments could be made to players, or their families, who may suffer due to any tragic accidents which may happen on a field of play.

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