

OLDHAM

Teams

Watersheddings - Sunday 9th August, 1981.

OLDHAM

Cherry/White Hoops,
Blue Shorts.

1. M. MURPHY
2. B. CAFFREY
3. M. PARRISH
4. C. HUNTER
5. P. WARD
6. R. ASHTON
7. A. TAYLOR
8. P. KIRWAN
9. A. ALEXANDER
10. L. COOK
11. R. O'MAHONEY
12. B. HARRIS
13. D. NICHOLSON
14. B. MORDELL
15. S. HERBERT
16. A. PLATT
17. G. OWEN
18. T. FLANAGAN

ST. HELENS

White Shirts/Red 'V',
White Shorts.

1. K. WELLENS
2. L. JONES
3. C. ARKWRIGHT
4. R. HAGGARTY
5. R. MATHIAS
6. D. LITHERLAND
7. S. PETERS
8. J. CANNING
9. M. JAMES
10. K. TAYLOR
11. R. OWEN
12. N. HOPE
13. E. CHISNALL
14. P. GORLEY
15. K. MEADOWS
16. G. BOTTELL
17. H. PINNER

NEXT MATCH AT WATERSHEDDINGS

Friday 14th August - 7.30pm v SALFORD

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OLDHAM GEARING-UP FOR THE NEW SEASON

Everyone at Watersheddings is gearing-up for the new season which starts in earnest next week-end with the first-round of the Forshaw's Lancashire Cup.

We had an excellent draw when the numbers were pulled out of the hat in Bolton on Monday morning, being drawn at home to Salford in a repeat of last year's second-round tie which we won with a memorable last-minute try by Ray Ashton after Bob Mordell had "sold" the Reds' defence an outrageous dummy.

This year's clash should be equally entertaining but both clubs felt it would be unwise to clash with the fifth cricket Test between England and Australia at Old Trafford, so the tie will take place at Watersheddings on Friday night, kick-off 7.30.

Second-round matches are ear-marked for Sunday, August 23 and then we begin our Second Division programme on the following Sunday, August 30, with a home match against Hunslet. Several major changes have taken place at the club during the close season, not least the engagement of new coaches Frank Myler and Peter Smethurst, who joined us in May.

Almost immediately they began summer training and the hard work paid off when we comfortably retained the Law Cup with a 31-15 win at Rochdale Hornets last Sunday.

Several players have been transferred during the season, among them Clive Sullivan to Hull, Ken Gwilliam to Cardiff, and Eric Fitzsimons to Hunslet.

Regarding signings the club is working hard behind the scenes to strengthen the playing squad and, at the time of writing, terms had just been agreed with Swinton for the transfer of utility back Alan Taylor and second-row forward Dave Nicholson.

There has been tremendous activity during the summer in the game as a whole, especially in the Second Division, and there is no doubt that the coming Division Two programme will be one of the most interesting and competitive ever to take place.

We will have derby matches against Rochdale, Swinton, Salford, Huddersfield and Halifax, plus the tit-bit of meeting new clubs Cardiff and Carlisle which were "born" during the summer.

Couple those tussles to the fact that Workington are also in the Second Division and Blackpool are having a new lease of life and it can be seen that we should be in for a very interesting nine months.

May we point out that as there are now 16 home league games three more than when we were last in the Second Division membership represents even greater value for money than previously.

It is also vitally important that we continue to pull in revenue from our lottery. Here again, we believe our double chance lottery provides the punter with tremendous value. He can win all the usual prizes plus star prizes of £1,000, £2,000 and £3,000 all from one ticket and all for 25p.

Finally, may we wish all supporters an enjoyable and interesting 1981-82 season.

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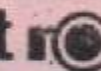
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