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Oldham fans always turn out in force to watch the amateurs and never has the final been played with less than 3,000 spectators in attendance.

Last season there was nearly 4,000 and the afternoon is normally spent in the Oldham Club house celebrating with the winners and commiserating with the runners up.

If last years match and subsequent celebrations is anything to go by not many Oldham fans would have made the journey to 'Hilton Park' on Good Friday, but I'm sure they will be here in force today. This years final incidentally is between the in form Saddleworth and outsiders Fitton Hill.

We would like to offer a warm welcome to 'Hilton Park' to all officials, players, staff and Supporters of the Oldham Club.

We would also at this stage like to offer our congratulations to Oldham Coach Frank Myler on his appointment as Coach to the Great Britain side. We are sure Frank's experience will be invaluable to the British side. Frank has already toured down under as a player and he now has the opportunity to prove himself as an International coach and we wish him well in his "impossible" task of taking the Ashes back from the Aussies.

One of the names already mentioned to take over from Frank is Oldham new signing Mick Morgan who made his home debut against us in early March and created a big impression with his ball playing skills as well as scoring a vital try for his new Club. Mick will be at No. 10 today and has certainly added much needed leadership to the Oldham pack.

That may sound unfair on players like Alan McCurrie, himself an experienced campaigner, Terry Flanagan the British Captain, and youngsters Andy Goodway and Mick Worrall who have already worn Great Britain jerseys despite their comparative short careers. But I'm sure they will agree that Mick Morgan has made a tremendous difference to their pack performances and this is the point we are trying to make.

The signing of Wally Jones a seasoned professional formerly with Rochdale was another shrewd move by Oldham. Wally is a fine forward and was a real bargain at £2,000.

We have an interesting situation at half back today where Terry Bilsbury at stand off will be facing John Woods while the opposites in the No. 7 jerseys will be Ray Ashton and Paddy Kirwan. This half back competition should be a real treat and fans should really get their money's worth watching that confrontation.

The three quarters are a blend of youth and experience and in Chris Willis at full back they have a player with a great future in front of him. Chris is yet another star from the Saddleworth Rangers Club.

Mick Parrish in the centre is certainly a strong player, his tackle on Eddie Hunter at Oldham has meant the ex Warrington forward has been on the side lines ever since and many will remember his crunching tackle on John Woods a couple of seasons ago which left John without match pay for a week or two.

Green Vigo is still a fine wingman and can score 'impossible' tries, but like our own wingmen suffers from lack of possession going his way. Des Foy on the other Oldham flank has of course, got a similar problem.

It is a pity that the top wingers in the game today are not given more running chances because with players like Vigo in full flight it is certainly what spectators pay their money hoping to see.

Colin Hawkyard is a former Huddersfield Amateur who is doing well in the very competitive Oldham centre position.



Terry Bilsbury two try hero for Oldham last Sunday.



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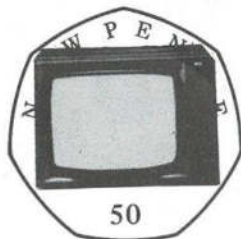
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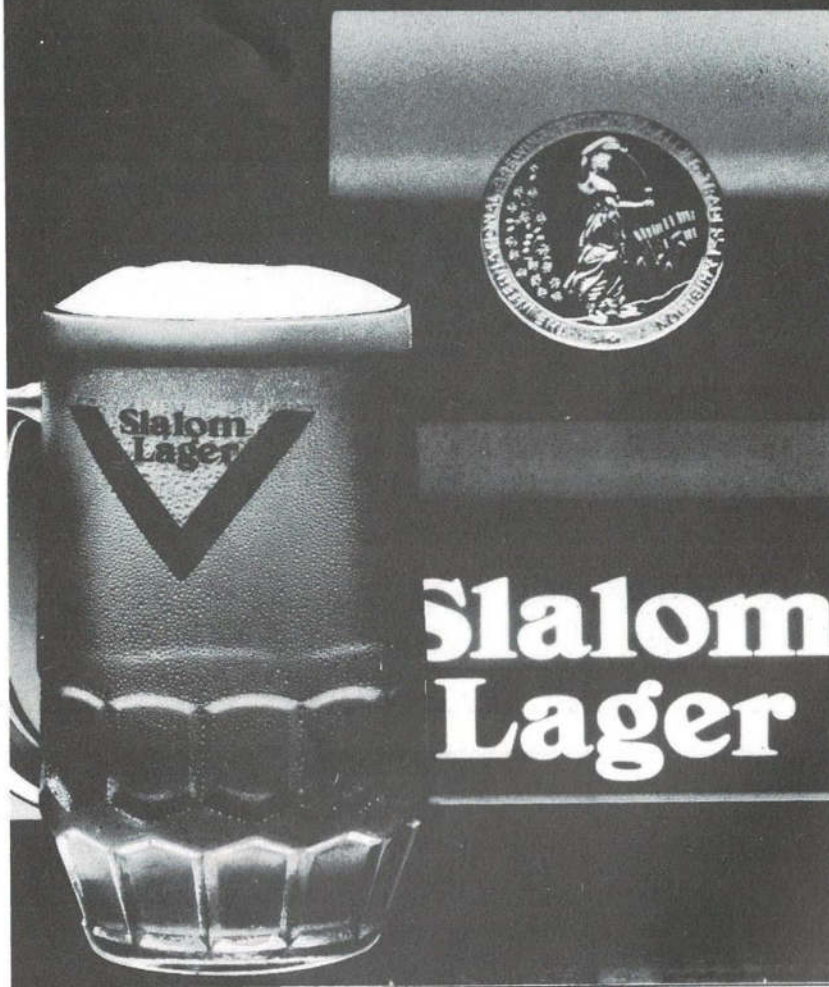
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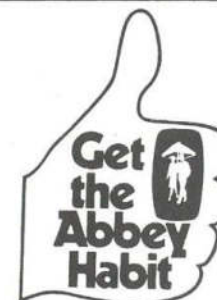
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Mr. K. Jarrett (2nd right) and his workmates who shared the March £1,000 prize on the Club 'Ten-Go' Weekly Draw. The group are seen here at their work at Leigh B.I.C.C.



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Peter Smethurst has been plagued by the baffling form of his first team squad, his run since he came here at the beginning of January reading like this:— Win, Lose, Win, Lose, Win, Lose, Lose, Win, Lose, Win, Win.

In other words the victory against Workington last Sunday was the first time the first team have recorded two successive victories in Peter's time here.

Therefore you can imagine the smile as he emerged from the dressing room after that sparkling win at Workington with, at long last, two wins in succession under his belt.

He even managed a drink at the bar — and he paid as well, so it really was a day to remember at Derwent Park!

Peter's smile was even broader on Tuesday when we suggested to him that the Board were considering re-arranging the game against Oldham for this afternoon from Good Friday. He immediately could sense a third win in a row but he was quick to turn to the players and state abruptly "Eh, it won't be easy". The lads I am sure don't need to be reminded of the lack lustre performance at the Watersheddings a few weeks ago and defeat on that occasion was difficult to swallow for Peter and he will not accept defeat today.

Going back a moment to the Barrow victory of a fortnight ago, Peter really was looking for a good result and a more consistent showing from the team but when we went 8-0 down everyone connected to the Club had visions of another shock defeat. However the lads rose to the occasion and later produced some magical football to run out easy winners.

Last Sunday we went to Workington looking for another couple of points to maintain our challenge for a top eight place and the lads provided the goods with an emphatic six try performance which left the Cumbrians with no answer and their fight for first division survival was virtually ended with our defeat of them.

So we move on to today's re-arranged game and what a vital game this is for both sides. At this moment in time Oldham are a place above us in the league and we are both endeavouring to capture a play off place.

Messrs. Kirwan and Bilsbury will both be out to prove a point with Paddy Kirwan particularly being keen to wipe out the memory he has of his poor game at Watersheddings when Ray Ashton proved too much of a handful.

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LEFT: Full back Mick Hogan congratulates John Woods on his "super" try.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Stand-in hooker Gary Ainsworth gets the ball away when confronted by Barrow's Steve Herbert.

TOP RIGHT: New signing John Westhead who made his debut in the Barrow game.

RIGHT: What a cheek! Barrow's Mick James got the biggest cheer of the afternoon for this 'bare faced' change of shorts.





Ian Potter congratulates Geoff Clarkson on his try at the start of the second half which virtually made the game safe.

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Bon Voyage MARK

Mark Bourneville flies out today to return to Auckland, New Zealand just 3½ months after arriving in Leigh for a working holiday and a chance to further his Rugby League experience as well as being able to see England.

Mark has been a very popular and dedicated player with us and we are only sorry that he did not enjoy more success with his first team outings.

He began well enough with a good try in the heavy defeat at Hull Kingston Rovers a match which ironically was the beginning of the end for the then coach Colin Clarke who was instrumental in bringing Mark here in the first place.

After Clarke's departure Mark pulled out all the stops to create an impression and a magnificent 'hat trick' against SALFORD 'A' proved he was no slouch and that three try performance earned him a first team outing or two and he was a very valuable member of the side.

In his very last game before returning home he raced in for a magnificent try against Rochdale "A" and received a great reception from the crowd, and quite rightly so because he took it so well taking the ball from John Henderson just inside his own half and outstripping the Rochdale cover in fine style.

At his farewell parties held on Thursday and Friday evenings Mark paid tribute to the many friends he had made in this Country who had helped him to feel at home. He received a great send off from his team mates on Thursday followed by an equally impressive farewell from his fans on Friday.

The Club have placed on record their best thanks to everyone in the Town who have made Mark feel very much at home, particularly Mr. Brian Griffin and his family who have had Mark with them at their home and have been delightful hosts.

We all wish Mark a pleasant and safe journey home and as the silver tray presented to him by the players proudly stated "Its been nice to have you here".



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COLTS NEWS by LYNNE STOTT

I think one of the most exciting features of this season has been the emergence of Colts Rugby League.

Not only from our own point of view with Leigh Colts having their best season but on more general terms. Colts teams are getting the recognition they deserve both from their senior clubs and from the Rugby League administrators, attendances are on the increase, coverage in the two RL papers — The Rugby Leaguer and the monthly Open Rugby — is good and the standard of rugby played by these youngsters is very high indeed.

Although Featherstone have sadly had to withdraw their Colts team from the league new clubs came into the league this season. By next season there could be as many as 22 clubs with Doncaster forming a team, Widnes re-forming their Colts side and Workington, Whitehaven and Huyton also very keen to join.

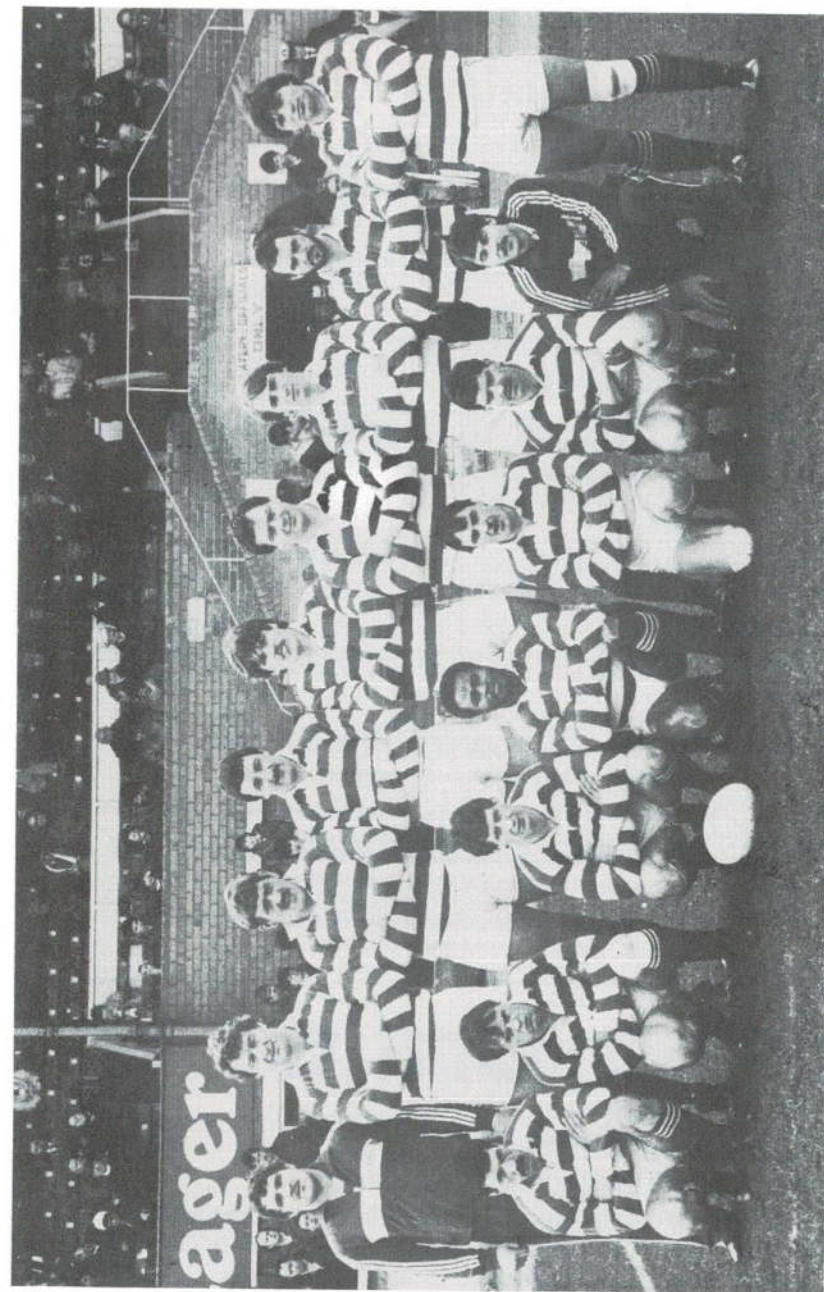
Running a third team must create a further financial headache for already struggling Rugby League clubs. But surely with a little careful planning and foresight expenses could be cut with both 'A' teams and Colts teams travelling to away games together and certain Colts fixtures taking place as match-warmers for some of the senior games. Surely it is not too much of a pipe-dream to hope that in the future almost every club will be running three teams.

Many of our brightest prospects have come from Colts rugby with many of the Yorkshire sides in particular fielding Colts sides with a fair sprinkling of signed on players. Here at Leigh we have always drawn on the Colts and other junior resources but this season in particular we have captured two "gems" from our successful Colts side.

Wayne Atherton, the international full back and stand off and loose forward or second row John Westhead have both starred this season and hooker Gary Hughes brought further credit to Leigh when he was selected for Great Britain along with Wayne.

Competition is keener too with Hull's monopoly being broken somewhat this season by the likes of Wakefield, Hunslet and Leigh. The interest shown was heightened last weekend when Hull came to Hilton Park for the return fixture. All eyes had been on this game after the 7-7 draw at the Boulevard and the cup tie at Hilton Park which Hull snatched in the dying minutes. After an outstanding game Leigh ran out worthy winners by 19 points to 10. It all augurs well for the future of rugby league.

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Team picture taken prior to the Workington Town game.
BACK ROW: Left to right — Gary Ainsworth, Geoff Clarkson, Alf Wilkinson, Roy Howarth, Ian Potter, Derek Pyke, Mark Bourneville, Graham Worgan, Ray Tabern.
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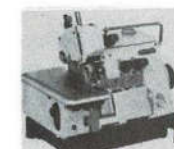
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First Team

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'A' Team

1982

Aug	15	Su	Wakefield T.	
			Charity Match	H 15-14
	22	Su	St. Helens	H 19-19
	25	W	Wigan	A 9-10
	29	Su	Widnes	A 10-9
Sep	5	Su	Rochdale Lancs Cup	H 32-20
	12	Su	Halifax	H 28-0
	15	W	Carlisle Lancs Cup	H 12-13
	19	Su	Featherstone R	H 5-7
	26	Su	Leeds	A 8-20
Oct	3	Su	Castleford	H 32-16
	6	W	Widnes	H 19-19
	10	Su	St. Helens	A 19-10
	17	Su	Carlisle	A 23-7
	24	Su	Bradford N.	H 15-23
Nov	3	W	Australia	H 4-44
	7	Su	Hull K.R.	A 9-22
	14	Su	Wigan	H 12-5
	21	Su	Hull	H 16-16

Dec	5	Su	Oldham J.P.Tr.	H 13-12
	12	Su	Hull K.R. J.P. Tr. 2nd	7-36
	19	Su	Castleford	A 7-21
	26	Su	Warrington	H 9-12

1983

Jan	2	Su	Workington T	H 25-7
	9	Su	Halifax	A 11-12
	16	Su	Hull K.R.	H 7-5
	23	Su	Bradford N	A 9-12
	30	Su	Barrow	A 23-16
Feb	13	Su	Salford (Cup1)	A 5-12
	20	Su	Hull	A 9-18
	27	Su	Carlisle	H 32-2
Mar	6	Su	Oldham	A 7-10
	13	Su	Barrow	H 22-13
	20	Su	Workington T	A 26-6
	27	Su	Oldham	H

Apr	4	Mon	Warrington	A
	10	Su		
	17	Su	Leeds	H

1982

Aug	20	Fri	St. Helens	A 10-31
	26	Th	Widnes	H 20-10
Sept	4	Sa	Whitehaven	A 8-25
	10	Fri	Salford	A 13-23
	16	Th		
	25	Sa	Barrow	H 22-15
	28	Tu	Swinton	A 13-6
Oct	7	Th	St. Helens	H 10-7
	16	Sa	Workington (Shield)	A 12-16
	21	Th	Swinton	H 29-5
	28	Th	Rochdale	A 12-18
Nov.	12	Fri	Wigan	A P
	18	Th		
	26	Fri	Widnes	A 17-15
Dec	2	Th		
	9	Th	Wigan	H 10-15
	16	Th	Warrington	H 25-17
	23	Th		
	30	Th		

1983

Jan	6	Th	Salford	H 34-0
	15	Sa	Whitehaven	H 18-7
	22	Sa	Workington	A 33-18
	27	Th	Oldham	H 18-28
Feb.	3	Th		
	11	Fri		
	19	Sa		
	24	Th		
Mar	3	Th	Oldham	A 21-23
	12	Sa	Barrow	A
	19	Sa	Workington	H 40-13
	24	Th	Rochdale	H 30-10
	31	Th		
Apr	8	Fri	Warrington	A
	19	Tue	Wigan	A