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Referee: J. McDONALD (Wigan)

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SWINTON (WHITE WITH BLUE V)	TEAMS	OLDHAM (RED AND WHITE HOOPS)
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M. LEE	7 SCRUM HALF	R. ASHTON
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D. ASHCROFT	10 BLIND SIDE PROP	A. GOODWAY
G. ARROWSMITH	11 SECOND ROW	M. WORRALL
M. PEERS	12 SECOND ROW	P. LOWNDES
L. HOLLIDAY	13 LOOSE FORWARD	A. PLATT
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Welcome to . . . OLDHAM RUGBY LEAGUE F.C.

RAY ASHTON. Signed from Widnes St. Marie's and played for Oldham Colts. Played for Great Britain Colts v. France. Lively attacking scrum half. First team debut 1979-80. Played over 100 games. Leading try scorer with 26 in 1981-82. Has dropped several goals. Scored 47 tries before this season.

BRIAN CAFFERY. From Waterhead junior side, Oldham. In previous three seasons made 87 appearances, scoring 9 goals and 13 tries. Can play wing, centre or full back.

MICK COOMBS. Out with a dislocated shoulder. Has worked up from the Colts to first team. Has tremendous drive. Well over 6 feet and 15 stone.

STEPHEN DOBB. Went with Oldham schoolboys to Perpignan, France along with Flanagan, Kirwan, Foy and others. A good defensive winger who should eventually become a first team player. Colts international.

TERRY FLANAGAN. Brother of Kevin, formerly Oldham and Rochdale Hornets and son of Bill Flanagan the former Belle Vue Rangers hooker. Already an international and county loose forward. Played 116 games for Oldham before this season scoring 25 tries and the odd goal, his one dropped goal taking a point away from Wigan last season.

DES FOY. An Oldham lad who joined Widnes before moving to Oldham last season. One of the fastest of Oldham backs and brother of the Wigan halfback.

ANDREW GOODWAY. A Castleford lad who developed with Oldham Colts. Already an international and a powerful forward. Played over 50 games and scored around a dozen tries for the club.

COLIN HAWKYARD. Another out with a dislocated shoulder. Started as a forward but earned a regular centre berth. Had made over half a century of appearances and scored about 10 tries.

JIM HORNBY. A recent signing from Wigan where he played for about nine seasons. Played for Great Britain Under-24's against both Australia and France in 1978 and 1979.

WALLY JONES. Signed from Rochdale Hornets. Guested for Blackpool Borough last season.

PADDY KIRWAN. Colts international and Lancashire County player. Good scrum half overshadowed by Ray Ashton. Recently obtained a degree from UMIST, Manchester. Is almost the regular back substitute. Scored 17 tries for the club, 10 in 1981-82.

STEVE LITTLE. Just graduated to the full back position from the Colts and 'A' teams. Is an excellent prospect.

PAUL LOWNDES. Another youngster on the verge of first team football. Played for Lancashire and Great Britain Colts.

ASHLEY McEWAN. New Zealand player who joined Oldham after a spell with Blackpool Borough. Played over 50 games scoring 16 tries. A utility back.

ALAN McCURRIE. Joined Oldham from Wakefield Trinity in an exchange deal involving Billy Harris. Previously was with Whitehaven and has made many appearances for Cumbria. The Oldham captain and hooker. Already made over 50 appearances and had scored 11 tries by the end of last season.

MICK MORGAN. Recruited late last season from Carlisle after previous service with Wakefield Trinity where he had a benefit. Mick comperes the Rugby League Road Show. A great character both on and off the field.

GEOFF MUNRO. Longest serving player on the club books with something like 200 first team appearances. Started as a second row forward but set the Division Two record for most tries as a winger. Scored over 80 tries.

TOM NAIDOLE. Son of former Huddersfield Fijian player. Had a short spell with Wigan. Is one of the most enthusiastic players to take the field.

DAVE NICHOLSON. Needs no introduction at Station Road. Followed Frank Myler to Oldham along with Alan Taylor who has now started a new career away from the game.

MICK PARRISH. The first man to score in every game in a season for two clubs, Hunslet and Oldham. Has scored over 300 goals and 20 tries for the Watersheddings club.

ALAN PLATT. A Colts international. A powerful kicker who hails from the Leigh district. Has played or substituted in over 60 games.

MICK TAYLOR. Joined the club from a Huddersfield amateur side late last season. Is a crowd pleaser with his dashes down the touchline.

GREEN VIGO. The former Wigan and Swinton winger. Scored 28 tries in his two years at Station Road and 7 for Oldham last season.

MIKE WORRALL. Still another Colts international. Played over 60 games for Oldham and is a reliable stand-in when a goal kicker is needed. Has a brother with Warrington.

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TRY OF THE MONTH – AUGUST

THE PANEL – **John Way** (Director), **Stan Gittins** (Coach), and **Brian Higgins** (Hooker) selected newcomer **Derek Bate's** try against Batley as the most outstanding of those caught by the video camera in August. Quick passing and good backing up by several players resulted in winger, **Derek Bate**, taking the final pass to ground the ball in the corner.

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Chairman's Report

Dear Friends,

It is now about 2½ years ago since I took over as Chairman of this very fine Club and much of that time has been spent in trying to "steer the ship" back on financial course. I am pleased to say that slowly but surely the battle is being won.

This last few years have been very difficult from a financial point of view for most professional sports and Rugby League is no exception. Clubs have Bank overdrafts that they cannot support — they create trading losses and progressively continue on the road to liquidation. This does not apply only to Second Division clubs but even some of our more famous Clubs have got substantial cash flow problems.

Success on the "park" is of paramount importance but equally so the finances have to be in a firm foundation with Clubs showing profits in real terms so that further investment and development can take place. It is simply not good enough to go on struggling from year to year and I am determined in the task for financial stability at Swinton.

I am the first to admit that it is not easy to make profit, but every Club should strive hard to achieve it by raising income to the maximum and axing expenditure wherever possible. Cut backs are never pleasant to either those who have to suffer them or those who have to impose them and cuts in many areas, playing and otherwise, have been made at Swinton. I have every praise for the loyal Swinton players who have "taken the medicine" like men and I only hope that they will be rewarded financially and in the other ways by the Club aspiring to First Division rugby.

The financial side is one not only for myself as Chairman, or for my colleagues on the Board, or for the shareholders — it is for **YOU** — the genuine Swinton supporter — and I am so proud that we have such a loyal band of supporters at Swinton. **YOU** can help by:-

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YOU — the supporter — are a vital member of this Club and if you have any ideas on how to improve it, within the resources available, then I invite you to contact me personally.

Life does not always go smoothly and Rugby League is no exception. However, whatever the circumstances, **let us all work together** to develop the future of this very fine Club.

Yours in Sport,
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Poor start is raising old points

by Brian Batty, "Daily Mail"

It is easy to be smug and point out that Kent Invicta's disappointing start should have surprised no one in the game.

Sadly my worst fears were confirmed not only by the result of the Maidstone club's opening encounter but the size of the crowd.

When I wrote in this column towards the end of last season that I nursed several doubts on different counts about the wisdom of bringing in Kent I was the subject of considerable sniping.

It was actually suggested in one quarter that being constructive and wary about the problems facing such a move were in fact negative thinking.

I was hoping to be proved wrong in my fears – and still am – but now I hear quite a few voices all raising the sort of points that I put in the first place.

Even I did not anticipate a game as alarmingly low as 1,815 which dropped to the 500 mark for the defeat of Doncaster a week later.

It is not just the lack of interest from fans that is the sole reason for concern in Kent.

I am not convinced that they have assembled the right type of players for the high cost being quoted in many places.

Suddenly everything looks totally different about the project although I sincerely hope that the club gets off the ground and manages to survive.

If it doesn't then it leaves the game open to the sort of criticism it can do without at a time when most sports are struggling to make an impact.

I felt it was obvious that Kent would have a hard time recruiting the men good enough to bring them immediate success because there are just too few good players to go around these days.

It is okay offering employment in the South but the quality players are not going to uproot and move when they can play for First Division sides.

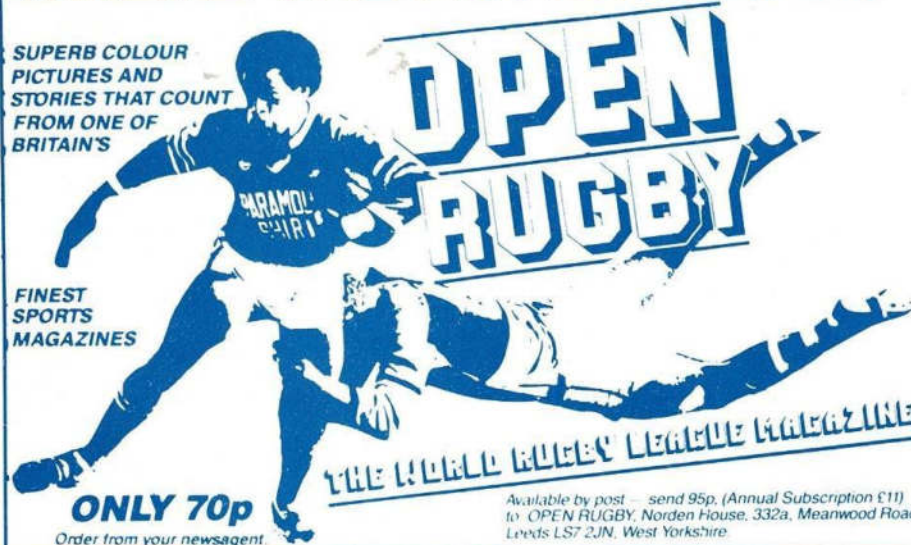
Perhaps the next few weeks will produce some results and crowd figures to bring renewed optimism and I hope so for the sake of hard working Kent boss Paul Faires and his staff.

'It is going to be hard but we have to battle on and hope to pull in the fans with the right results,' he says.

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New International Laws of the Game

The 1983-84 season will herald the introduction of seven new or amended laws of the game commissioned by the Rugby League International Board. Their Meeting of November 1982 approved the new rules which were introduced in Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea from the start of their current season last March.

(1) FOUR POINT TRY

Four points will be awarded for a try.

* * Previously a try was worth three points.

(2) THE SIXTH TACKLE

When the team in possession are tackled for a sixth consecutive time, without the opposition having touched the ball, the tackled player has to immediately release the ball and place it on the ground at the point where he was tackled.

Play will be resumed by the nearest opposing player playing the ball, but this play-the-ball will not count towards their permitted six tackles.

* * Previously a scrum would have been formed.

(3) HEAD AND BALL

At a scrum, the non-offending side will have both the loose head and the feed. In the case of a mutual infringement, the attacking side will have the head and ball. When the ball is kicked into touch, having bounced within the field of play, the NON-KICKING side will have both head and ball.

* * Previously the allocation of the loose head and the scrum feed varied according to which half of the field the scrum was being formed.

(4) THE SCRUM FEED

The ball will be put into the scrum from the referee's side by the ball being rolled along the ground. It must be put into the centre of the tunnel, the player feeding the scrum holding the ball horizontally, point to point, propelling it from a position between his knees and ankles.

* * Previously the feed was from below the waist in a downward direction.

(5) SCRUM FORMATION

When a scrum is formed, there will never be more than seven players outside of the pack.

Thus, when a team is at full strength, the loose-forward must remain in the scrum. A forward can detach himself from the scrum only if the back division is depleted by dismissal or injury.

* * Previously the loose-forward was allowed to detach himself from the scrum at any time.

(6) THE KICK OFF

When the ball is kicked off and bounces over the dead-ball line or into touch-in-goal, without being touched by a defending player, play will be resumed by a drop-out from beneath the posts.

If the ball is kicked directly out of play, play will be resumed by a penalty kick from the centre spot.

* * Previously play would have been resumed in the first instance by a tap from the 25-yard line.

(7) OFFSIDE AT PLAY THE BALL

At the play-the-ball, both sides must remain in an onside position until the ball has come clear of the tackled player and the player marking him.

* * Previously players could move up once the ball had touched the ground.



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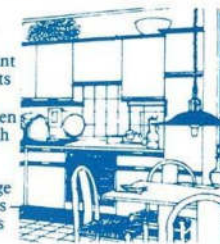
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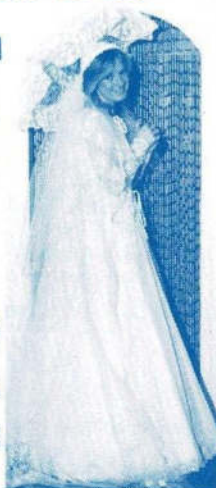
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MEMBERS of the Supporters' Club are reminded that general meetings will take place at 7.30 p.m. in the Lounge Bar on the first Tuesday of each month (except for December and January) throughout the season.

At the meetings, the members will be brought up to date by the committee and will be entertained by the way of a video-show of the best of the action from the Lions' games played during the previous month plus a "Surprise Extra" whenever possible. The "Try of the Month" contest will be staged that night giving the fans a chance of winning free travel.

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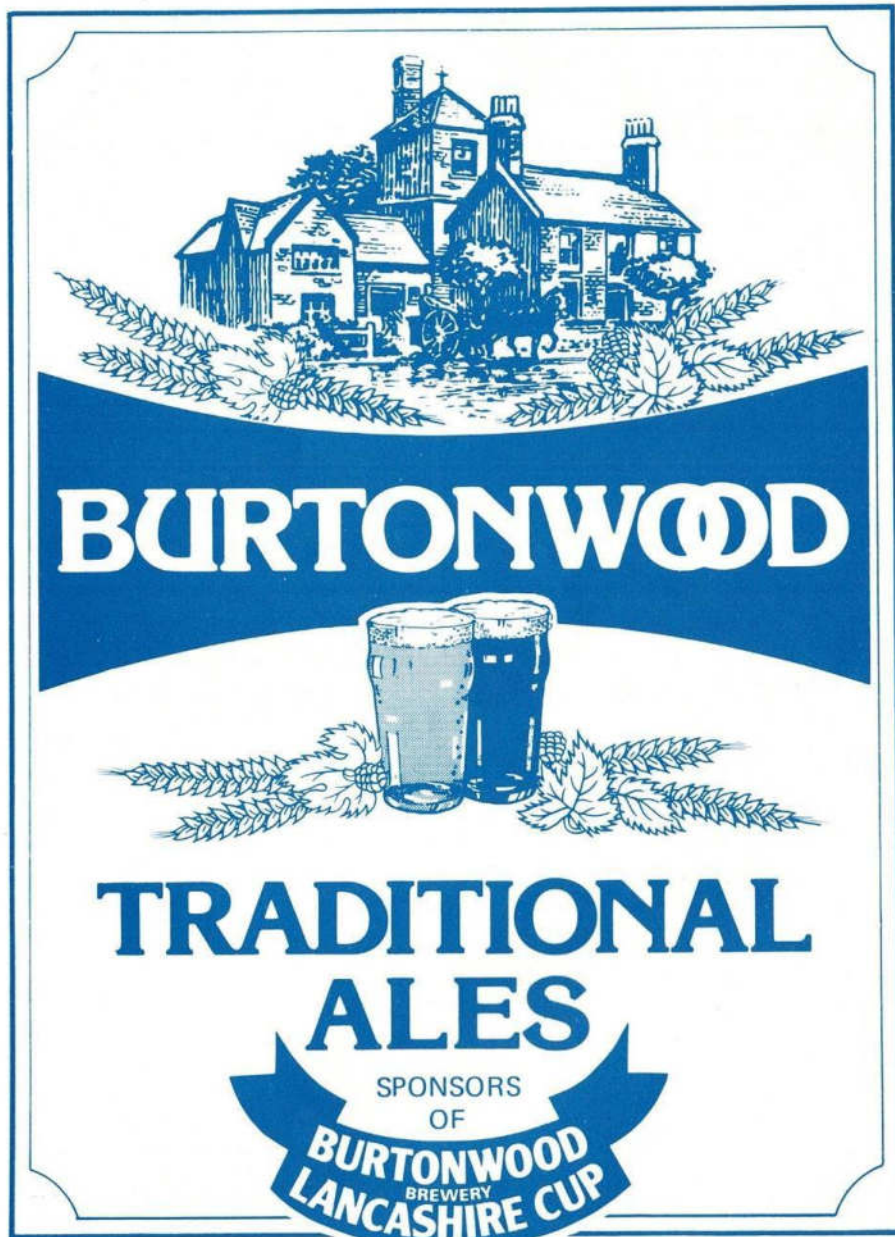
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The Oldham club started life in 1876 following a challenge match between Oldham Parish Church Institute and Oldham Lyceum (the latter a superior kind of Mechanics Institution). The original meeting to establish the club took place in the Prince Albert Hotel, Union Street West. Among the founders were Charles Hodgkinson the Chief Constable of Oldham and Alfred (later Lord) Emmott who chaired the meeting.

The first match with Stalybridge was lost and indeed four of the first six games were lost and the other two drawn. The seventh game was with Bridgewater at Patricroft and the result is given as a draw as the Oldham club left the field. Towards the end of the season several games were won and a second team established.

The ambitious club started its second season with a game with Wakefield Trinity away when the result was "a draw in favour of Oldham". Trinity had not scored any minor points but had to touch the ball dead twice and so conceded two "touch downs". Other minor points were dead balls when the attacking side sent the ball dead or touch-in-goal. Dewsbury Athletic and Mirfield, two other Yorkshire sides were met and the first games were played with Swinton. The game in Swinton was a draw, Swinton being credited with two dead balls and a touch down to no minors by Oldham. Swinton won at Oldham by one goal and one dead ball to one touch-in-goal by the home side. One goal was superior to any number of tries as the Oldham "A" team once discovered when a local side scored one dropped goal against eight tries by the losers.

Gradually Oldham became a powerful Rugby Union side and became the champions of Lancashire when the Lancashire Senior Competition was set up in the 1890s.

When the Northern Union was formed, Oldham became one of the founder members. Swinton and Salford held aloof for one season but joined in 1896-97.

Oldham were the first club from Lancashire to win the Challenge Cup, then known as the Northern Union Challenge Cup in 1898-99 and when the trophy became the Rugby League Challenge Cup in the 1920s Oldham appeared in four consecutive finals, winning in 1924-25 and 1926-27. It is surprising but true that in the following season on all three occasions Swinton won the trophy.

Oldham were Northern Rugby League Champions in 1909-10, 1910-11 and 1956-57 and division one champions in 1904-05. Twice the championship of the second division has been won.

The Lancashire Cup has been won nine times while seven times Oldham lost in the final. When the Lancashire League was in operation Oldham won the championship seven times.

Oldham's record scorers are Reg Farrar with 49 tries in 1921-22 and Bernard Ganley with 219 goals in 1957-58. Joe Ferguson, father-in-law of Oldham's international hooker, Edgar Brooks, made around 700 appearances for Oldham between 1899 and 1923. Joe once won a long distance kicking contest at Wigton, Cumberland sending a soccer ball 83 yards. Second was Sam McClure of Blackburn Rovers with 62 yards and third was Jack Cox of Liverpool with 61 yards. He once dropped a goal from his own 25 yard line which must have been a tremendous kick in those days when much heavier balls were in use.

In 1911 a whole team was sent off the field at Watersheddings. After 10 minutes play, the Barrow team was sent off for wearing the old type cricket belt with a metal buckle to hold up their pants. The team was allowed to return after removing "the dangerous equipment."

Yorkshire clubs often accuse Oldham of having more coaches than Wallace Arnold. However the club only has three, Peter Smethurst, who started his Rugby League career with Swinton Methodists, Frank Barrow his assistant and Brian Gartland, colts coach.

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