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WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

IT cannot have failed to come to your notice that Rugby League clubs generally are fighting a battle for survival as the recession continues to bite.

The Oldham club is no exception and we would urge all fans, members and supporters of the club to consider ways and means of helping us to ensure that we try to keep the Watersheddings ship on an even keel.

If you are asking yourself: What can I do? Then perhaps we can make a few suggestions. Perhaps not all of them will appeal to you.

But if, among the ideas we are currently throwing around, you feel there is something you could do to help the club along in these difficult days then we will be delighted to hear from you.

1. You may feel it is still not too late to take out membership for the season. This is only our second match and there are another 13 First Division games at Watersheddings to go. Membership is not only an invaluable way of helping the club but it provides certain advantages and privileges for the supporter, such as a voice in the running of the club, free entry to "A" team matches, use of members facilities on match days and for stand members first chance of seat tickets for cup-ties etc.

2. Whether as a supporter or member do try and come to all home matches. If you can bring along a friend so much the better. The team played marvellous football to beat Leeds and also produced some great stuff to watch until the last few minutes against Workington. The emphasis is on entertaining you, so come yourself and spread the word around.

3. A major part of our income is still derived from the lottery, which now has the added attraction of a chance to win a major permutation on Vernon's Pools. Every little helps... one ticket bought is a step in the right direction.

You may, of course, feel able to become an agent. Perhaps you run a shop, or a public house. If so and you are prepared to help the club along please contact the Development Association office in Clegg Street (620 4870) NOW. There are, of course, considerable benefits to be gained from being a lottery agent.

4. You will have perhaps already seen in previous programmes a form for entry into our Ambassador Club. Simply, this is a scheme in which you pay £4 per month by bankers' order to the club. Each month there will be a draw for a major cash prize, which will take place here on the Watersheddings pitch before a home game.

The Club is definitely under way on October 1, so if it appeals to you please don't delay any longer. We feel there are many, many friends of the club who intend to join but who perhaps keep putting it off for various reasons. If everybody puts things off "until tomorrow" nothing will happen and the club will edge deeper and deeper into financial trouble. If you are going to become an Ambassador of Oldham RL Club join NOW, in today's programme.

5. Other money-making ventures are in the pipeline. We hope to start soon a novelty money-spinner involving players' photographs posted in the social club. In November, we are having a boxing evening.

In short, we MUST try and increase the flow of cash into the club. If everyone takes the attitude "why me?" the club will go nowhere.

What you must remember is that every penny that comes into the club is a help along the way. Can we rely on help from YOU?

These notes had to be written before our Lancashire Cup second-round tie at Swinton last Wednesday evening but let us hope that we are in the semi-final and looking forward to a crack at a final spot come next Wednesday evening.

We have made a good start to the season so far with wins over Leeds, Workington and Featherstone and there is sufficient evidence to believe that we can be in for a happy time indeed over the next few months.

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HISTORICAL NOTES ON RUGBY LEAGUE IN THE SOUTH

by Tom Webb

THE first game of Rugby League football, then known as Northern Union Rugby Football, to be played in the South took place at Stamford Bridge, Chelsea on February 2nd 1908. This was between the Northern Union and the New Zealand tourists which resulted in a win for the visitors by 18-6 on the occasion of the second test. New Zealand also won the third test played at the Athletic Grounds, Cheltenham by 8-5. The attendances were reported as 15,000 and 4,000 respectively. These figures encouraged interested parties to invite Wakefield Trinity and Warrington to stage a game at the Memorial Ground, Canning Town, West Ham, which Trinity won by 11-6. The attendance was a disappointing 500 when the game took place on April 18th, 1908.

When the next tourists, the Australians came a season later, a game was staged at Park Royal, London where the Acton and Willesden club operated in 1935-36. The Australians claim this as the first test but we counted it as an England v. Australia game, not a Northern Union v. Australia test. The attendance was only 2,000 with receipts of £70.

The Australians sent another touring party in 1911-12 and one game was played at Craven Cottage, Fulham. This time in a representative game, but not a test match, England beat the Australians by 11-6. The attendance was 6,000 and the receipts £226. The tourists also played 'Wales and the West' at Bristol, winning 23-3. The attendance of 1,000 and receipts of £65 were very disappointing.

The war intervened and it was not until 1921-22 that the third Australian party visited this country. An England side defeated the visitors by 5-4 at Highbury with most satisfying support figures of 19,000 and £830. This was a "one off" occasion as the following season 1922-23 England played Wales at Herne Hill, winning by 12-7 when the attendance was only 2,584 with £250 taken at the gates.

Not until 1929-30 was another game played in the Capital and the Australians defeated Wales at Wembley by 26-10 before a crowd of 18,000.

Of course Wembley dominated our efforts in the South and the playing of the Challenge Cup finals at the Stadium has become part of the game's traditions. Interest grew and when Wigan Highfield were in difficulties they were invited to play at the White City which they did in 1933-34 under the title of London Highfield before returning to the North to become Liverpool Stanley, later Liverpool City and currently Huyton. Games were normally played in midweek under floodlights but the attendances were not encouraging enough for the game to continue at that venue.

A couple of years later two London clubs, with double barrelled names, 'Acton & Willesden and Streatham & Mitcham entered the league when Sidney E. Parkes decided to promote the game. He undertook to carry on for two years and although Acton & Willesden and Streatham & Mitcham entered the league when Sidney E. Parkes decided to promote the game. He undertook to carry on for two years and although Acton & Willesden folded after one year, Streatham & Mitcham carried on for a second season. The Streatham club did not last out and clubs with unfulfilled fixtures were granted two points so that the final league table could be completed. Thus by the end of 1936-37 season the experiment to have London Rugby League clubs in operation ended.

After the second world war an amateur organisation grew up in the London area, Bill Hogg promoting the Mitcham club while other clubs were formed at Brixton and Slough. Eventually that gallant effort failed in spite of the organisers getting the War Office to permit Rugby League to be played in the forces. The Coldstream Guards played the occasional game.

Following the Hunslet v. Wigan Challenge Cup final in 1965, the amateur game was revived and it has continued in spite of difficulties until today the Southern Amateur League consists of two divisions, backed up by schoolboy and youth teams.

The advent of Fulham has been a wonderful advance for the game and the spread of the game to Kent for the coming season promises greater things for the game in future.

FULHAM'S FIRST VISIT

A LITTLE bit of Rugby League history is made today with the visit to Watersheddings for the first time of London club Fulham, whose entry in the Rugby League in the summer of 1980 set the trend for the birth of newcomers Cardiff, Carlisle and Kent Invicta.

Until now, when both Oldham and Fulham find themselves in the First Division, fate has decreed that the two clubs be kept apart. We have not even met in a cup competition, so today's match takes on added significance with the Londoners here for the first time and Oldham looking forward to their first trip to Craven Cottage later in the season.

Under the guiding hand of manager Harold Genders and coach Reg Bowden, Fulham have done remarkably well so far in their first three years in the Rugby League.

In their first season they earned promotion and though they failed to hang on to their First Division place the following season they were relegated from 13th position and only one point away from safety.

Last season, of course, they won the Slalom Lager second division championship to fully warrant once more their place in the top flight.

They possess a strong and experienced side which, at full strength, could give any side in the game a run for its money.

Chris Ganley, an under-24 international, is first-choice full back, though he has a very capable deputy in former Widnes player Steve Mills. One of the most versatile members of the Fulham squad is David Allen, another ex-Widnesian, and he can also play well at full back as well as most positions in the back line — and second-row, too!

Fulham boast what they believe is the best trio of club wingers in the game in Hussain M'Baki, the former Moroccan RU captain, Steve Bayliss, the former St. Helens player from Wales, and Adrian Cambriani, an ex-Welsh youth RU international.

Trevor Stockley, the former Wigan and Salford player, links up at centre with goalkicker Steve Diamond, a £7,500 buy from Wakefield Trinity.

Diamond has the distinction of playing in every one of Fulham's games since he joined the club more than two seasons ago.

John Crossley, a prolific try scorer and very fast off the mark, plays at outside-half alongside one of the game's most celebrated names, Reggie Bowden.

There is no need to relate here what Bowden has achieved in a glittering career. He is, indeed, the King of the Cups, having been captain of Widnes during their remarkable spell of cup winning in the 1970s.

The forwards of Fulham are equally well known in Rugby League. Their front row is especially experienced with Harry Beverley and Tony Gourley at prop and John Dalgreen, described by Genders as "the best hooker in the game" in the middle of them.

Dalgreen played for Britain at Wigan last season in the second Test and was regarded by many as unfortunate to lose his place to Brian Noble of Bradford for the third Test against the Aussies.

Joe Doherty can fill in admirably for Dalgreen, and the Londoners are equally well covered in the back-row where several players chase the three available positions.

David Hull (ex St. Helens and Widnes), Peter Souto (former Cardiff RU club and Wales 'B') and Sean Hoare (a £32,000 buy from Rochdale Hornets) all contest the second-row spots together with the latest recruit, former Widnes forward Alan Dearden, who has signed for a series of trial games.

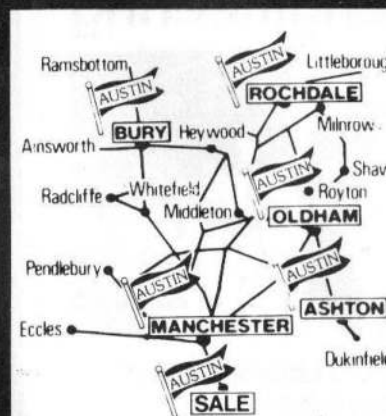
Martin Herdman, who has played for Wales, is also in contention while the favourite for the loose-forward job is Tony Kinsey, who used to play for Widnes colts.



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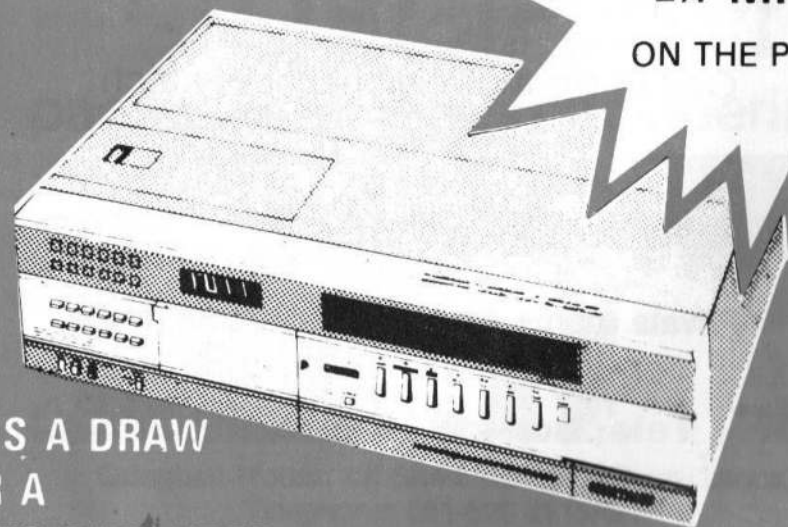


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Terry Flanagan leads an Oldham raid deep into the Featherstone defence.



Stop me if you can. Andy Goodway makes one of several telling breaks at Post Office Road.

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BRIAN BATTY Daily Mail

IF Australia get their way in having the international signing ban retained next month it will prove a considerable blow to many English clubs.

It will also be a big setback to many of the Australian players.

From the start of moves to lift the ban it was generally accepted that most of the top Sydney stars would not be involved in coming to this country.

But a large number of promising Queensland and Sydney district players are lined up and keen to gain experience of playing styles and conditions in this country.

Certain top clubs over here have hinted that they feel it is a bit of a waste of time bringing over Australian players who would have to return home as early as January and February.

The feeling exists as to why unsettle some of your own players by leaving them on the sidelines for men who won't be able to remain to help the club out at the height of the chase for honours.

There is sense in this but then the majority of players prepared to come over would not have been needed to go back so early.

Naturally there is the worry among a lot of officials that we will become so saturated with overseas stars that we will neglect developing our own stars and the game will suffer.

Again this is a fair point when you consider what has happened in cricket and that we have a situation where they could well select a Test side now without a single player having been born in this country.

It is a case of getting the balance right because our game needs personalities and characters as much as any sport to survive.

But back to the ban for League secretary David Oxley is still optimistic that it will be lifted when he and League chairman Jack Bateman fly to Auckland for the meeting.

He says: 'With clubs in both Australia and Britain going through a difficult time financially and with the ever present need to capture public interest it could be that a system based on player exchange will be agreed.'

We will be talking with Australia and Britain right up to the meeting on September 29 in an attempt to draw up mutually beneficial conditions for the transfer of players between the two countries.

IN THE COLTS DRESSING ROOM

THE Colts opened up their season falling heavily to a very big Leeds side by 35 points to 7, the only encouraging feature being that on a very hot day and a bone hard ground the lads never gave up and although we finished the match with ten men due to injuries we scored the try of the match by Ian Sanderson in the last ten minutes when we were reduced to ten players.

Scrum half Stephen Patterson was outstanding until he had to retire with badly blistered feet. Stand off Chris Wilkinson kicked a goal and dropped a goal. We badly missed Nicky Marnier and Bryn Parfitt who are both playing cricket until the end of September and our new signing Phillip Morris who is away on holiday but will be back in time to play against Bradford which is going to be a curtain raiser to the first team match next week.

Well, for the people who went to Bradford you will know we went down heavily for the second time. Again we were giving far too much weight away but make no mistake about it, we will be doing everything we can to put this right over the next few weeks. All was not gloom about the match and we saw the potential that Paul Garnett has when he scored a super try. Also there was outstanding performances from again Steve Patterson our young scrum half Keith Atkinson and Ian Sanderson who always gives 100% and young second row player Robert Marsden. The lads know the task they have got ahead of them and even though we have suffered two heavy defeats, team spirit is sky high and we had 17 players training on Tuesday which is very encouraging.

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Oldham: Murphy (try), Stondin (3 goals), Larder (try), Munro, Lund, Paterson, Bates, Charles, O'Mahoney, Hughes, Hall, Herbert, K. Flanagan (try). O'Brien and Taylor replaced Paterson and Flanagan.

Dewsbury: Brunney, Hegarty, Lowe, Artis (try), Mitchell, Stephenson (2 goals and a try), Ferris, Hankins, Price, Weavill, Grayshon, Craven, Welsh. Jennings and Clark replaced Ferris and Craven.

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Wigan 3 1 9 Oldham 5 2 16

Wigan: Kevin O'Loughlin, Vigo, Hill, Francis, Keiron O'Loughlin, Ayres (try), Nulty, Bence, Gray (3 goals), Watts, Hollingsworth, Smethurst, Cunningham. Irving replaced Watts.

Oldham: Blair (5 goals), Elliott, Davies, Wainwright, O'Brien, Murphy, Kavanagh, Ashcroft, Taylor, Hall, Goodwin, Munro (try), Farrell. Peters (who appeared as A.N. Other) replaced Taylor and scored a try.

Referee: R. Wood, (Dalton-in-Furness). Attendance 3,469. Half-time score 9-7

Oldham won on aggregate by 28-23. Wigan had won 14-12 at Oldham on September 11.

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Oldham: 2 1 7 Working Town 1 1 5

Oldham: Murphy, Elliott (try), Larder, Buckley, Whitehead (goal), Briggs (goal), Canning, Wilson, Taylor, Fletcher, Irving, McCourt, Hughes.

Workingtown Town: Charlton (goal), Davies, Tait, Wright, Sewell, Kitchen, Whittaker, Martin, Allen (try), Eve, Smith, McFarlane, Pattinson.

Referee: H. Hunt (Giseley). Attendance 4,577. Half-time score 2-2.

Information concerning substitutes not mentioned would be welcomed by Mr. Webb who has complete team details but not substitutes.



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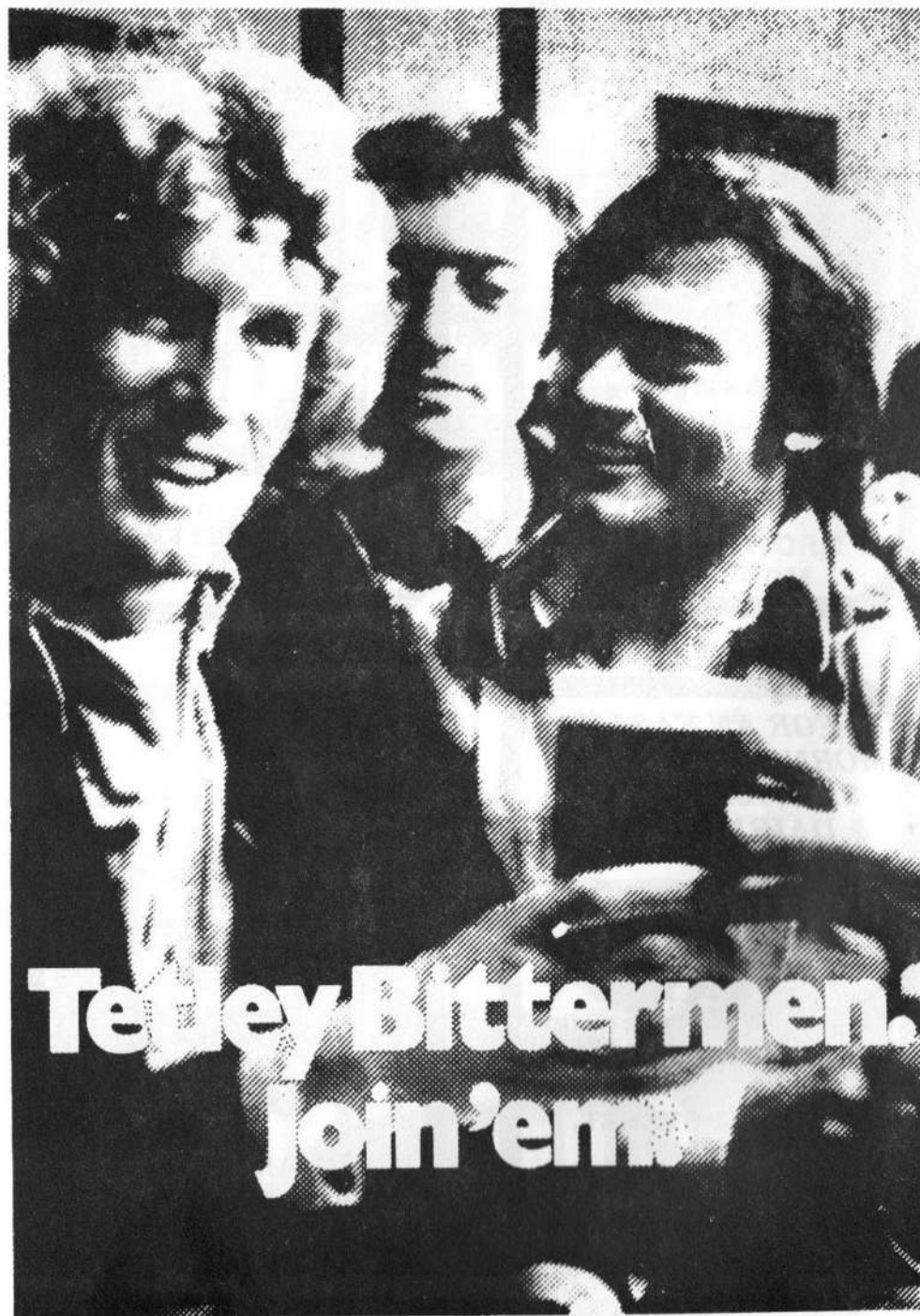
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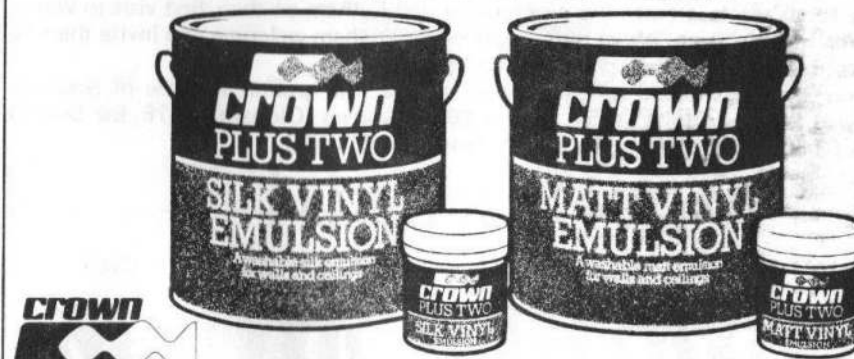
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