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Mick Morgan
David Hobbs
Terry Flanagan
Gary Warnecke

KIRWAN
FINCH

Scrums

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Referee:

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Touch Judges:

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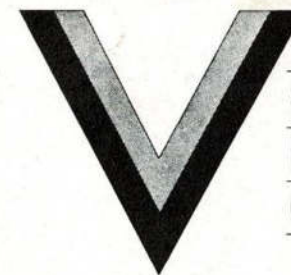
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Naughton Park News

FRANK'S MEN HERE TODAY

Our visitors this afternoon are Oldham, and we welcome their players, officials and supporters to Naughton Park. Oldham always provide stiff opposition and one only needs to look back to last Boxing Day when Widnes scored a narrow 14-10 victory, levelling the tables after suffering a 2-18 defeat at the Watersheddings some weeks earlier.

Oldham began this season with some disastrous results and received a couple of good hidings. None hurt more than losing at Leigh 40-12 in the 1st round of the Lancashire Cup.

However, with the arrival of their overseas stars and a return from injury of several key players they appear to be completely transformed from the team that began the season. On September 29th Oldham beat a strong Warrington side and haven't looked back since. They have had a run of impressive victories and convincingly defeated high riding Castleford last Sunday 46-22 at Watersheddings.

They are of course coached by Widnesian Frank Myler who is still regarded as one of the Chemics all time greats both on and off the field.

We wish Frank and Oldham a very successful season (this afternoon excepted of course.)

NO NOEL

It was a bitter disappointment last Wednesday when it was reported that our recent Aussie import Noel Cleal had been declared unfit for the game against Salford, having collected a virus on the way over from his homeland. As well as officials and spectators, none was more

disappointed than Noel himself, and we are all very optimistic that his long awaited debut will take place this afternoon.

TOP OF THE TABLE

Despite a lot of criticism this season, our victory over Salford on Wednesday evening puts Widnes at the top of the Slalom Lager Championship with 12 points (6 wins and 2 defeats). There is an awful long way to go yet, and it makes the dreadful defeat at Swinton three weeks ago more difficult to bear. We all know where strengthening has to take place and with the arrival of Noel Cleal and the arrival soon of Kurt Sorensen, the team should take on a completely new dimension and we hope their influence will bring out the best in all those around them.

Our victory over Salford was well earned, though at one point in the second half, with the visitors just four points in arrears, Widnes had to face up to some terrific pressure. Had Salford scored then it could have been a lot more difficult. But the game is full of 'ifs and buts' and credit to the boys for riding the storm and hitting back where it hurts—over the try line.

KICK OFF AMENDMENT

Please note that our away fixture at York on November 10th will now kick off at 2.15 p.m.

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OLDHAM—PROFILES

LIDDIARD, David. Joined Oldham from Paramatta, Australia and is on contract to Penrith for the next Australian season. Has only just arrived at Watersheddings, and has played in only two games. Much is expected from this 24 years old attacking full back.



M'Barki, Hussein. Moroccan by birth, and first came into the English Rugby League scene via Fulham for whom he had three exciting seasons. Joined Warrington last season but never seemed to regain his exciting form and is now in the red and white of Oldham.

Foy, Des. Joined Oldham from Widnes three seasons ago when he was just 18. Impressed the selectors sufficiently to make the 1984 Australian Tour, and his natural ability and speed off the mark makes him a centre to be feared.



Parrish, Mick. Expected to resume the centre position after a recent injury. Mick is a superb goal-kicker and has won Oldham many a game with his kicking ability. Age 25, he signed from Hunslet three years ago.

Taylor, Mike. Snapped up two years ago from a Huddersfield Amateur side despite some stiff competition. Aged 23, and is a very good finisher, something that is missing from so many wingmen today.



Topliss, David. Needs little introduction to Chemics fans. Won the man of the match award against Widnes in the 1982 Challenge Cup Final replay at Elland Road. Began his illustrious career with Wakefield before moving to Humberside to join Hull, whom he then left as a free-agent to join Oldham. He is just regaining full fitness after an injury and finding his top form again.

Ashton, Ray. Widnesian by birth, signing for Oldham in 1979 from St. Maries A.R.L. Club. Made the 1984 tour to Australia, he is a formidable scrum half who is currently battling with Paddy Kirwan for the No. 7 jersey.



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Jones, Wally. Solid scrummager, he joined Oldham for a bargain fee of £2000 from nearby Rochdale Hornets two seasons ago. Strong driver of the ball and a most reliable front row forward.

Sanderson, Ian. Began the season as third choice hooker, but after a suspension served on Alan McCurrie and an injury to Paul Lowndes he has taken his chance with both hands (or rather feet) and has impressed coach Frank Myler sufficiently to keep his place.



Morgan, Mick. Ex Wakefield, York, Featherstone and Carlisle player, who is well known by everyone in the game for the tremendous amount of work he does off the field as well as on. In the twilight of his career, but is still a great pack leader and can still cause havoc to the opponents.

Hobbs, David. Joined Oldham at the end of last season for a club record transfer fee of £40,000 from Featherstone Rovers, his only previous club. Scored two tries in the 1983 Challenge Cup Final at Wembley to win the Lance Todd Trophy. He is an excellent goal kicker as well as a powerful running forward.



Graeme, Mal. Australian by birth, he came to England last season and impressed with Hunslet. Chose to join Oldham this season and is rated as a very good forward by those who have seen him.

Flanagan, Terry. Normally plays at loose forward, but could end up in the second row this afternoon. Skillful ball handler and master tactician, he is 25 and joined Oldham from local amateur R.L. Ex Captain of the side, he has just been taken off the transfer list at his own request.



Warnecke, Garry. Another Australian, joining Oldham from Sydney Club Western Suburbs. Played most of his rugby at loose forward but is equally dangerous at stand off or centre. Age 28.

Lowndes, Paul. Warrington born, signed for Oldham in 1980. He is a former G.B. Colts International, and originally came as a prop forward, but has successfully reverted to the hooking role.





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John Fieldhouse just slips Kiwi Hugh McGahan's tackle.
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Kurt Sorenson drops Great Britain's Ian Potter in the Headingley test.
(Photo M. Flynn)

INTERNATIONAL CHEMICS

GREAT BRITAIN 22

NEW ZEALAND 24

October 19th at Headingley

Tony Myler is tackled low by Dane Sorenson during the test.
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John Fieldhouse gets a firm grip on New Zealand winger Dean Bell during the first test at Leeds.
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CLOSE ENCOUNTER

(By Mike Flynn)

This afternoon's game with Oldham has been brought forward from a later date in the season, due to Hull Kingston Rovers involvement in the Yorkshire Cup Final with Castleford.

Widnes should have travelled to Craven Park for a league fixture with Rovers, and the Widnes club wish to express their appreciation to the Oldham committee for agreeing to rearrange today's match.

Last season's game at the Park was a close encounter, the home side winning 14-10, with tries from Mick Burke and Andy Currier, Burke kicking three goals. For Oldham Paul Taylor crossed for a try and Mick Parrish added three goals, the earlier game at Watersheddings was won by Oldham 18-2.

Over the past ten seasons the teams have met in the league on twelve occasions and in three cup ties, the Chemics have had the upper hand, winning eight games and two cup successes, so the visitors have some ground to cover before they get on terms.

Frank Myler will be keen for his lads to follow up last weekend's victory over Castleford with another today. On view in the Oldham line up will be Australian full-back David Liddiard, who had a dream debut against 'Cas', scoring a brilliant try. He is reported to be a speed merchant.

He played most of his football on the wing with top Sydney club Parramatta for the past four years, but before leaving to join Oldham signed up to play with Penrith on his return home at the end of the season. Although playing wing he favours the full back spot. Other noted players with the visitors are forward Mal Graeme, who had a spell with Hunslet before returning to Australia at the end of last season, Oldham stepping in to sign him up.



Chris Middlehurst, Andy Currier and Fred Whitfield stop the progress of this Oldham attack in the game at Naughton Park last season.

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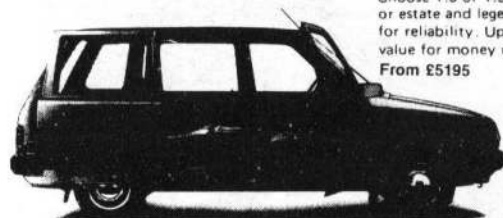
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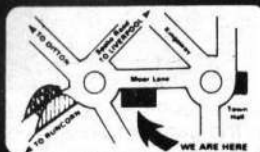
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Hopefully former Hull captain Dave Topliss and Moroccan winger Hussein M'Barki will be also in the side. Hussein had a spell with Fulham and Warrington under Reg Bowden. If the homeside have taken the points in the mid week home game against Salford, they will be defending a one hundred per-cent record at the Park today.

One of the main Rugby League talking points during the week has been the disappointing defeat of the new look Great Britain side by the New Zealand tourists in the first Whitbread Trophy Test. How close they came to upsetting the high class Kiwis. The Widnes contingent can hold their heads up for the part they played.

Tony Myler had one of his best games for some time, forward John Fieldhouse at prop, silenced one or two critics (including yours, truly) he had an outstanding match and must keep his place for the second show down with the Kiwis. Both Mick Burke and Joe Lydon had sound games. Joe set the Headingley ground alight with his spectacular try, after good work from the Black 'Flash' Ellery Hanley, the Chemics flier adding to the goal to put the Lions in front with minutes to go. The game was won or so we all thought. Up to this part of this great game Australian referee Barry Gomersall, could not be faltered, but how he let Kurt Sorenson's pass go, resulting in Leuluai scoring the winner. I will never know, it was without any doubt a yard forward, but all credit to New Zealand for the way they came back to win the match, putting them in the driving seat in the Test.

British coach Maurice Bamford will not have many problems when he selects his team for the Central Park test. Although there could be changes in the forwards. At times during the game one or two were standing about not supporting the man with the ball. Young David Hulme must have been sick, he was ready, to come on ten minutes before time, but was not called, his chance must come. We can now expect a bumper crowd for the second encounter at Wigan on November 2nd. New Zealand visit Naughton Park the following Monday, with the final test the next Weekend November 9th at Elland Road.



John Myler is put to ground before letting the ball out to David Hulme, in last seasons game at the Park.

(Photo by M. Flynn)

APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

(Up to and including, Wednesday, October, 23rd, 1985)

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Barrow, S.....	3	1	—	—	1	4	3	1	—	—	1	4
Basnett, J.....	11	—	—	—	3	12	139	—	—	—	72	257
Burke, M.....	8	—	27	—	—	54	260	3	674	1	57	1540
Currier, A.....	1	1	—	—	1	4	36	6	3	—	20	86
Dowd, B.....	1	—	1	—	—	—	6	3	1	—	4	17
Elwell, K.....	11	—	—	1	1	5	591	4	16	36	91	351
Eyres, R.....	3	—	—	—	—	—	24	6	1	1	6	27
Fieldhouse, J.....	9	—	—	—	2	8	22	2	—	—	4	16
George, W.....	9	—	—	—	3	12	9	—	—	—	3	12
Gormley, I.....	5	1	—	—	1	4	12	5	—	—	1	4
Haughton, P.....	3	1	—	—	1	4	3	2	—	—	1	4
Hulme, D.....	11	—	—	—	5	20	89	22	—	—	50	182
Hulme, P.....	—	3	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—
Lamb, D.....	4	—	—	—	1	4	5	1	—	—	1	4
Linton, R.....	10	—	—	—	3	12	45	9	—	—	20	76
Lydon, J.....	9	1	6	1	5	33	88	5	110	1	52	415
Lyon, D.....	2	4	—	—	—	—	24	13	—	—	2	8
Myler, A.....	9	—	—	—	4	16	94	15	—	—	42	142
Myler, J.....	11	—	1	1	—	3	154	39	127	17	30	373
Newton, K.....	1	2	—	—	—	—	14	15	—	—	3	11
O'Neill, M.....	11	—	—	—	—	—	208	26	—	—	47	150
O'Neill, S.....	5	—	—	2	—	2	106	20	—	7	8	37
Platt, D.....	1	—	—	—	—	—	7	3	13	—	3	38
Rogers, S.....	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Ruane, A.....	—	1	—	—	—	—	14	8	—	—	1	4
Sephton, G.....	1	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	1	—	—	2
Souto, P.....	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Stockley, T.....	2	1	—	—	1	4	15	2	—	—	7	28

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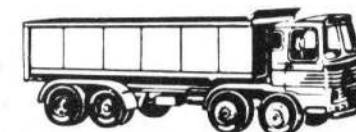
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THE PHOENIX CLUB meets at 8 p.m.

Sunday, 27th October, 1985
Match Day v. Oldham

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and Thursday — **FIRST COME FIRST SERVED.** So please be early.



First Team Fixtures

Date	Opponents	Gnd	Score	Att.	Tries	Goals
1985						
Aug. 25	Leigh (friendly) (3.30)	A	16-2	1505	George (2), Elwell	Burke (2)
Sept. 1	Hull (3.00)	A	33-10	7,017	Lydon (2), T. Myler, Gormley	Burke (6)
						S. O'Neill (D/G)
	4—Halifax (7.30)	H	12-9	3016	Hulme	Burke (4)
	8—Featherstone R. (3.00)	H	30-16	3,003	Lydon (2), Fieldhouse (2), George	Burke (4), Lydon
	15—Lancs Cup 1st Rnd. Rochdale (3.00)	A	17-6	1,150	Basnett, George	Burke (4)
						S. O'Neill (D/G)
	22—Wigan (3.00)	A	10-32	17,143	Lydon, Currier	Burke
	25—Lancs Cup 2nd Rnd. Leigh	A	18-14	3,729	T. Myler, Lamb, D. Hulme	Lydon (3)
	29—Bradford N. (3.30)	H	28-26	3,470	D. Hulme (2), T. Myler, Haughton	Burke (5)
						Lydon (D/G), J. Myler (D/G)
Oct. 2	L.C. Semi-final Warrington	A	4-11	5,681	Stockley	Dowd
	6—Swinton (3.00)	A	6-17	1,811	Linton	Burke (3)
	13—Dewsbury (3.30)	A	18-15	1,749	Linton, D. Hulme (2)	
	23—Salford (7.30)	H	27-12	3,628	Basnett (2), George, Barrow, Elwell.	Lydon (3)
						Elwell (d/g)
	27—Oldham (3.00)	H				
Nov. 4	New Zealand (7.30)	H				
	10—York (2.15)	A				
	17—Swinton (3.00)	H				
Dec. 24	J.P. Trophy 1st Rd (Whitehaven)	A				
	1—John Player Trophy 2nd Rnd.					
	8—Halifax (3.00)	A				
	15—Hull K.R. (3.00)	H				
	22—York (3.00)	H				
	26—Oldham (3.00)	A				
1986						
Jan. 1	St. Helens (3.00)	A				
	5—Warrington (3.00)	H				
	12—Wigan (3.00)	H				
	19—Leeds (3.00)	A				
	26—Castleford (3.30)	H				
Feb. 2	Salford (3.00)	A				
	9—Chall. Cup 1st Rd.					
	16—Dewsbury (3.00)	H				
	23—Chall. Cup 2nd Rd.					
Mar. 2	Leeds (3.00)	H				
	9—Castleford (3.30)	A				
	23—Bradford N. (3.30)	A				
	28—Warrington (3.00)	A				
	31—St. Helens (3.00)	H				
Apr. 6	Featherstone R. (3.30)	A				
	13—Hull (3.00)	H				
	20—Vacant					

(To be arranged
Hull K.R. away).

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Rugby League Alliance Fixtures

Date	Opponents	Gnd	Score	Att.	Tries	Goals
Aug. 31	Barrow (3.00)	H	30-0	169	P. Hulme (2), Currier, S. Wright	Sephton
					D. Ruane, Eyres, Lyon	
Sept. 5	Featherstone (7.30)	A	26-2		Platt, Rigby, Eyres, Currier,	
					A. Ruane	Dowd (3)
	12—Leigh (7.30)	H	42-6	307	Stockley (2), Barrow (2), D. Ruane (2)	
					Currier	Dowd (7)
	19—Wigan (7.30)	H	34-8	464	Eyres, Currier, Dowd, D. Ruane	
					Sephton, Newton	Dowd (5)
	27—Halifax (7.30)	A	22-5		Eyres (2), Dowd, D. Ruane	Dowd (3)
Oct. 3	L.C.C.S 1st Rd. St. Helens (7.30)	H	39-10	336	Newton(2) D. Ruane, Sullivan,	Dowd (7) Dowd (d/g)
					Dowd (2)	
	10—Huddersfield (7.30)	H	52-4	349	Currier (3), Platt (2), Wood, D. Wright	Platt (6)
					P. Hulme, D. Ruane, S. Wright	
	17—Wigan (L.C.C.S. 2nd Rd.)	H	30-12	666	Lyon, P. Hulme, D. Wright,	Dowd (5)
					Currier, D. Ruane	
	24—St. Helens (7.30)	H				
Nov. 2	Whitehaven (3.00)	A				
	7—Swinton (7.30)	H				
	16—Swinton (7.30)	A				
	21—Salford (7.30)	H				
	30—Barrow (2.30)	A				
Dec. 5	Halifax (7.30)	A				
	12—St. Helens (7.30)	A				
	20—Huddersfield (7.30)	A				
	27—Oldham (7.30)	H				
1986						
Jan. 3	Warrington (7.30)	A				
	8—Wigan (7.30)	A				
	18—Whitehaven (3.00)	H				
	25					
	30—Warrington (7.30)	H				
Feb. 6	Leigh (7.30)	A				
	15—(Chall. Cup 1st Rd.)					
	22—Carlisle (3.00)	H				
Mar. 1	(Chall. Cup 2nd Rd.)					
	7—Salford (7.30)	A				
	15—Carlisle (3.00)	A				
	20—Featherstone (7.30)	H				
	28—Oldham (7.30)	A				

'Slalom Lager' Alliance League Table

(As at 22.10.85)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Widnes	6	6	—	—	208	25	12
Hull	6	6	—	—	179	92	12
Wakefield T.	6	5	—	1	157	82	10
Castleford	7	5	—	2	164	127	10
Salford	5	4	1	—	153	68	9
Bradford N.	6	4	—	2	130	72	8
Leeds	6	4	—	2	148	97	8
Dewsbury	6	4	—	2	137	113	8
Oldham	6	3	1	2	152	131	7
Whitehaven	6	3	1	2	134	131	7
Warrington	6	3	1	2	140	156	7
Barrow	5	3	—	2	136	96	6
Hull K.R.	5	3	—	2	88	83	6
Leigh	6	3	—	3	112	153	6
Wigan	4	2	1	1	87	70	5
St. Helens	5	2	—	3	96	84	4
Hunslet	5	2	—	3	81	90	4
Carlisle	6	1	1	4	103	200	3
Swinton	6	1	—	5	113	152	2
Featherstone R.	5	1	—	4	59	107	2
Batley	7	1	—	6	95	158	2
Huddersfield	6	—	—	6	94	200	—
Keighley	6	—	—	6	79	207	—
Halifax	6	—	—	6	55	206	—

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