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FROM THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Once again it's SILK CUT CUP time - the years just skip by. This year we welcome Oldham to McLaren Field in the First Round match. Let's hope for better weather today — remember last year at the same time when we had all on in order to get the ground ready for the St. Helens tie following an heavy overnight snowfall?

Unfortunately our results record against the Watersheddings men isn't too encouraging but with our new coaching and management team a breath of fresh air has been pumped into the club and I have no doubt that the Villagers will give a good account of themselves here today.

Of course, Oldham haven't been without their troubles. They are suffering a run of bad results this season and are in the relegation danger area in the League tables. This has resulted in the sacking of their coach, Tony Barrow. John Fieldhouse, the former GB player, is now in the hot-seat, and for a time was assisted by our Maurice Bamford on a voluntary basis before he took up his appointment as General Manager with our club.

Our game at Batley last Sunday didn't go our way despite the closeness of the scores until threequarter time. The heavy score against us must have disheartened the lads, especially following the previous weekends good results, when all three teams had won their matches. The most encouraging fact to come out of it was that over half the players were under 21 years. of age. Playing in that match would have been a huge experience to the Bramley youngsters.

Particularly impressive was centre Marquis Charles, on loan from Hull, who with his anticipation and long-striding form scored two tries to leave the Batley defence trailing.

With our lowly league position we have little hope of qualifying for a top 8 place and the intention of the club must now be on giving youth a chance. We have nothing to lose, although we have nine league games remaining and seven of those are at home, so we could finish the season in a much higher league position and with a bit of luck avoid the proposed Third Division, if it is implemented.

Welcome back to the fold to speedy wingman, Eric Olpherts and prop Steve Edmondson, who have been missing from the club for various reasons. They celebrated with an immediate recall to first team duty at Batley. Both have been keeping fit playing with local amateur sides.

After seeing last weekends results, the biggest cheer of the day must have gone to poor old Runcorn, when they drew 12—12 with Carlisle. They are still propping the two Divisions up in the tables but are off the mark with one point. However they are chasing their first win in 73 matches, but as the British Rail advert goes — “they are getting there.” Good luck to them. it won't be long before they are celebrating their first victory in over two years.

Silk Cut Challenge Cup Draw

The draw for the second round of the 1991 Silk Cut Challenge Cup will be made live on BBC TV Look North, from both Leeds and Manchester, on Monday, 11th February.

The draw panel will be Chairman Bob Ashby, President Harry Jepson and Chief Executive David Oxley, with the eight ties to be played on the weekend of 23/24 February.

The star personality analysing the draw will be Great Britain vice-captain and Leeds skipper, Garry Schofield.

BBC TV Look North will also stage the live draw ceremonies for the third round on Monday, 25th February, and for the semi-finals on Monday, 11th March.

During the current Gulf crisis Look North has been retimed to start at 6.45 p.m. with the Silk Cut Challenge Cup draw ceremony scheduled for around 7.00 p.m.

Silk Cut Challenge Cup Draw — First Round

Other ties in the First Round being played today and my predictions in bold capital letters are:—

BARROW	v	HUNSLET
BRADFORD N.	v	LEIGH
CASTLEFORD	v	WIGAN (Played yesterday)
DONCASTER	v	WIDNES
HALIFAX	v	FULHAM
KEIGHLEY	v	RUNCORN H.
LEEDS	v	DEWSBURY
NOTTINGHAM C.	v	WHITEHAVEN
ROCHDALE H.	v	CHORLEY B.
RYEDALE - YORK	v	WARRINGTON
SALFORD	v	BATLEY
SHEFFIELD E.	v	FEATHERSTONE
SWINTON	v	ST. HELENS
WAKEFIELD T.	v	TRAFFORD B.
WORKINGTON T.	v	HULL K.R.

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STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP — SECOND DIVISION BRAMLEY RLFC — FIRST TEAM FIXTURES 1990/91 SEASON

Date	Versus	Venue	K.-off	Result
AUGUST				
26	FEATHERSTONE R. (Y.C. 1st Round)	Away	3.30	L 4—36
SEPTEMBER				
16	SWINTON	Away	3.00	L 19—34
23	HALIFAX	Home	3.30	L 8—56
30	CARLISLE B.R.	Away	2.30	L 15—44
OCTOBER				
7	FULHAM	Away	3.00	L 6—20
14	CHORLEY B.	Home	3.30	W 27—18
21	BARROW	Away	3.00	L 7—26
28	No Match			
NOVEMBER				
4	SALFORD	Away	3.00	L 0—40
11	RUNCORN H.	Home	3.30	W 44—6
21	HALIFAX	Away	7.30	L 12—42
25	NOTTINGHAM C.	Away	1.00	L 21—24
DECEMBER				
2	REGAL TROPHY — 1st Rd. Dewsbury	Home	2.30	W 30—16
11	REGAL TROPHY — 2nd Rd. Bradford	Away	7.30	L 0—28
16	RUNCORN H.	Away	2.15	W 13—12
23	DONCASTER	Home	2.30	L 12—14
30	HUNSLET	Home	2.15	L 14—26
JANUARY				
1	(TUES.) HUNSLET	Away	3.30	L 18—30
6	DONCASTER	Away	3.30	L 2—58
13	BATLEY	Home	1.00	L 12—28
20	WORKINGTON T.	Away	3.00	L 9—52
27	BARROW	Home	2.30	W 16—14
FEBRUARY				
3	BATLEY	Away	2.30	L 16—40
10	SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP—1st Rd.—Oldham	Home		
17	WORKINGTON T.	Home	3.30	
24	SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP — 2nd Round			
MARCH				
3	CHORLEY B.	Away	3.00	
10	HUDDERSFIELD	Home	3.30	
17	SWINTON	Home	3.30	
24	SALFORD	Home	3.30	
29	(FRI.) No Match			
APRIL				
1	(MON.) FULHAM	Home	3.30	
7	CARLISLE B.R.	Home	3.30	
10	(WED.) HUDDERSFIELD	Away	7.30	

TO BE ARRANGED — NOTTINGHAM C. AT HOME
ALL MATCHES ON SUNDAY UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

QUOTE — UNQUOTE

'There's no substitute for pace' —

Maurice Bamford on recalling Eric Olpherts to the First Team.

'He needs half-a-stone off' —

Maurice Bamford (again), commenting on Steve Edmondson's beer-belly.

'What job do you want me to do at the Club this week — Chairman???

Roy Dickinson after the first week he was player, and the next week player - coach.

'We need only £1 off 50,000 people in Bramley to keep this club going for a season' —

Maurice Bamford — General Manager.

'Can you get SKY TV with that?' —

Wag in crowd at Batley on seeing Eric Olpherts 'tuft' on his head.

'When are you going to get some decent records for half-time?' —

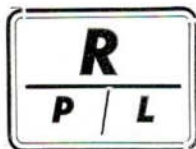
Difficult to please Batley fan to Batley Chairman, Steve Ball, after his side had won 40—16! You can't win!

'It doesn't affect my rugby, honest Mr. Bamford, Sir' —

Martin Kemp after being instructed to have his hair cut.

'We've been trying for years to get Martin to have his hair cut without success' - Martin's mother.

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Date	Versus	Venue	K.-off	Result
AUGUST				
24 (FRI.)	SHEFFIELD E.	Away	7.30	L 8—45
SEPTEMBER				
1	WORKINGTON T.	Away	2.30	L 7—12
6 (THUR.)	TRAFFORD B.	Home	8.00	W 16—14
15	HUNSLET	Home	2.30	L 18—40
22	FULHAM	Home	2.30	L 14—26
30 (SUN)	CARLISLE	Away	12.30	L 18—66
OCTOBER				
4 (THUR.)	HALIFAX (YSC Cup 1st Rd)	Home	7.30	L 13—54
11 (THUR.)	BRADFORD N.	Away	7.30	L 0—76
27	No Match			
NOVEMBER				
1 (THUR.)	KEIGHLEY	Home	7.30	W 33—32
15 (THUR.)	ROCHDALE H.	Home	7.30	L 2—13
22 (THUR.)	KEIGHLEY	Away	7.30	L 10—58
29 (THUR.)	BRADFORD N.	Home	7.30	L 17—28
DECEMBER				
8	TRAFFORD B.	Away	2.30	Postponed
13 (THUR.)	SHEFFIELD E.	Home	7.30	W 26—12
21 (FRI.)	DONCASTER	Away	7.30	L 0—51
JANUARY				
5	DONCASTER	Home	2.30	L 14—20
12	FULHAM	Away	2.30	Postponed
19	WORKINGTON T.	Home	2.30	Postponed
26	WHITEHAVEN	Away	2.30	W 11—10
FEBRUARY				
2	BATLEY	Home	2.30	Postponed
9	ROCHDALE H.	Away	2.15	
16	SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE CHALLENGE CUP 1st Round			
23	WHITEHAVEN	Home	2.30	
MARCH				
2	SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE CHALLENGE CUP 2nd Round			
9	BATLEY	Away	3.15	
16	HUNSLET (at Dewsbury)	Away	2.30	
APRIL				
7 (SUN.)	CARLISLE	Home	12.30	

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FACTS AND FIGURES

Founded: 1879

First Season: 1896/97

Nickname: The Villagers

Honours: BBC 2, TV Floodlit Trophy Winners 1973/74

Record Attendance: 12,600 v Leeds (League Match) 7th May 1947

CLUB RECORDS

Score for	62 pts v Dewsbury 30.10.88
Score Against	92 pts v Australia (Tour Match) 9/11/21
Tries in a Match	7 by Joe Sedgewick v Normanton 16.4.06
Goals in a Match	11 by Barney Ward v Doncaster 1.9.74 (Yorkshire Cup - 1st Rd)
Points in a Match	28 by Barney Ward v Doncaster 1.9.74 (Yorkshire Cup - 1st Rd)
Tries in a Season	34 by Peter Lister 1985/86
Goals in a Season	130 by Johnny Wilson 1961/62
Points in a Season	276 by George Langfield 1956/57
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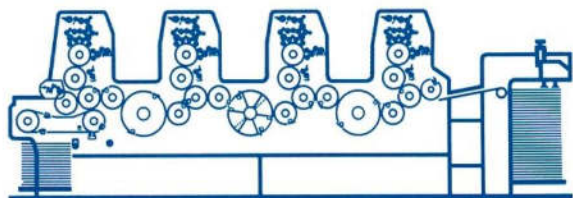
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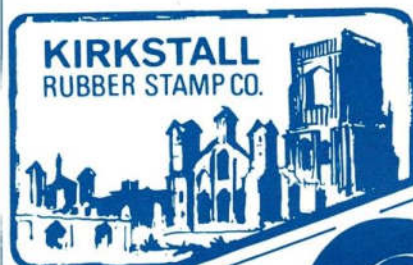
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Home	Away
1900 - 01 2nd Round Lost 7—10	1933 - 34 3rd Round Lost 6—8
1928 - 29 1st Round Lost 0—16	1959 - 60 3rd Round Lost 2—8
1930 - 31 2nd Round Lost 0—11	

Results against our opponents in the Challenge Cup have met with five defeats in as many games. Apart from the 1929 first round loss by 16 points to nil, others have been close affairs. Therefore one would expect that today's match will be another close-fought game.

Because Oldham have been mostly a First Division outfit our league encounters have been limited. However out of 34 meetings we have had seven victories at home and three successes at the Watersheddings.

Last season we met in the first round of the Regal Trophy and suffered a humiliating 48—16 loss.

SICK BAY

Since I joined the club a couple of months ago I have had to deal with so many injuries that I have thought about asking the Chairman if we can travel to away games by ambulance.

Away at Runcorn, Paul Nahu was carried off after only seven minutes with badly twisted knee and ankle ligaments. Paul was joined on his journey to hospital by Gary Brentley who broke his forearm in two places. Both Paul and Gary are making steady progress though they have some way to go before regaining match fitness.

Ever since the Runcorn match injuries have mounted up. Steve Carroll and Paul Spedding have both suffered fractured cheekbones, Dave Evans dislocated two fingers on New Years Day, Ronnie Sharp also dislocated a finger and has recently undergone surgery to rectify the problems it has given him. Justin Wallace damaged his ankle, Peter Lister and Andy Vincent injured their thumbs, Neil Clawson suffered concussions, Damien Hunter damaged a shoulder. Steve Durham had a recurrence of an old eye injury, the list goes on and on. At one stage there were sixteen players on the sick or injured list from the first and "A" teams, plus a number of youngsters from Paul Fletcher's D.D.A. under nineteens side.

I am pleased to say that the situation is now improving and many of the players listed above are again in a position to work for a place in the first team. Fortunately I have the support of the excellent Dr. Mike Hall and the co-operation of the lads when it comes to treating injuries which make my job that much easier.

Finally I would like to take the opportunity to make an appeal on behalf of the British Blood Transfusion Service. With the Gulf war now being stepped up, blood is urgently needed for the treatment of wounds and injuries. Giving blood is painless, takes very little time, and helps save life. As a reservist it is important to me that the Allied troops are given the same sort of support that I would want when and if I am finally called up. Thank you.

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Car — Can't remember.
Favourite Food — Bath Buns.
Favourite Sport / Pastime — Rugby League.
Favourite TV Programme — Rugby Special.

FLASHBACK

19th MARCH 1960

**OLDHAM v BRAMLEY — 3rd Round CHALLENGE CUP
LOST 8—2**

OLDHAM TEAM — Ganley (1 goal), Southward, Davies, Noon, Nestor
(2 tries), Kellett, Pitchford, Smith, McIntyre, Dufty, Winslade,
J. Crook, Robinson.

BRAMLEY TEAM — Wilson (1 goal), Noble, Kelly, Wrigglesworth,
Murthick, Rushton, Quinn, Hainsworth, Kennedy, Tinsdale, Marker,
Rogers, Barker.

OLDHAM R.L.F.C. PEN-PICS 1990-91

JOHN FIELDHOUSE — Oldham pack leader and former Warrington, Widnes and St. Helens star. Seven full caps for Gt. Britain and voted man-of-the-series against New Zealand in 1985. Joined Oldham from Saints.

MIKE FORD—A young man of 24 who has already played at Wembley and toured Australia. While with Wigan he picked up a Challenge Cup Winners medal, three Lancashire Cup medals (one losers), two John Players Trophy medals and a 1st Division Championship medal. After a short spell at Leigh he joined Oldham in January 1988.

DES FOY—First signed for Widnes as a youngster but returned 'home' to Oldham in the Brian Hogan deal in August 1982. Played twice for Gt. Britain under 24's in 1983 and went on to play in three full Tests, including the 1st Test against Australia in Sydney on the 1984 tour. Played stand-off opposite the great Wally Lewis. Played nearly 200 games for Oldham despite a spell with Aussie club Newcastle Knights.

TOMMY MARTYN — Baby of the squad at 18, Tommy has the perfect pedigree. His father and uncle both played for Gt. Britain as forwards. Signed from Leigh Minors, Tommy Jnr. toured Australia with BARLA Young Lions in 1989 and hit the headlines when he scored the winning try in Oldham's fantastic comeback against Hull K.R. in the 2nd Division Premiership Final at Old Trafford in May 1990.

CHARLIE McALISTER—Big centre or wing, now playing in the back-row of the pack. Charlie was spotted playing Union for Bradford and Bingley. Signed after trials in January 1988. Before coming to England he played for New Zealand Maoris at Union

and was an All-Blacks trialist. Talented with the ball and a powerful runner, he had a spell with Sydney League club Newcastle Knights in 1988.

DUNCAN PLATT — Another Widnes player, signed for Oldham in December 1988 and was one of Tony Barrow's first signings. Landed 125 goals last season despite damaging an ankle in the Lancashire Cup Final and missing the next seven matches.

PAUL ROUND — Signed from St. Helens. Played twice for Gt. Britain under 21's in 1984 and represented Saints at Wembley in 1987, scoring a try in an appearance as substitute.

ANDY RUANE—Started his career with home town Widnes and moved to Rochdale Hornets from where he joined Oldham in the summer of 1988. Scooped most of the Club's Player-of-the-Year Awards in 1988/89 but had bad luck with injuries in 1989/90 when he began to face competition for the hooking job from Richard Russell.

RICHARD RUSSELL — Oldham snapped him up from Wigan in the summer of 1989. A Gt. Britain Colts and under 21 player as a centre but switched to hooker in a master stroke.

BRETT CLARK — An Aussie who first came to England to play for St. Helens. Was the Saints stand-off in their 19—18 defeat by Halifax at Wembley in 1987. Joined Oldham at the start of the 1989/90 season.

TONY ANDERSON — Signed from Halifax in the Spring of 1990. Had wretched luck since moving from Thrum Hall. In his second game for Oldham he broke his nose and on his comeback, at Workington, he broke his ankle. Spent summer of 1990 getting back to fitness and looking forward to 1990/91 season after recuperating at Lilleshall.

L I N I N G - U P

BRAMLEY

Coach: Roy Dickinson

- 1 Andy Vincent
- 2 Damien Hunter
- 3 Stuart Welbourne
- 4 Marquis Charles
- 5 Eric Olpherts
- 6 Peter Lister
- 7 Steve Carroll
- 8 Roy Dickinson
- 9 Dean Blankley
- 10 Gary Hall
- 11 Andy Timson
- 12 Steve Edmondson
- 13 Keith Jones
- 14 Phil Connell
- 15 Karl Green

OLDHAM

Coach: John Fieldhouse

- 1 Duncan Platt
- 2 Steve Robinson
- 3 Tommy Martyn
- 4 Des Foy
- 5 Tony Anderson
- 6 Brett Clark
- 7 Mike Ford
- 8 Austen Donegan
- 9 Andy Ruane
- 10 John Fieldhouse
- 11 Paul Round
- 12 Charlie McAllister
- 13 Richard Russell
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Referee: D. Campbell (Widnes)

Touch Judges:

F. Lofthouse (Red Flag)

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