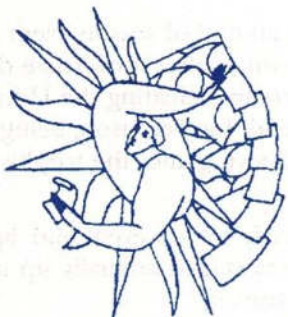


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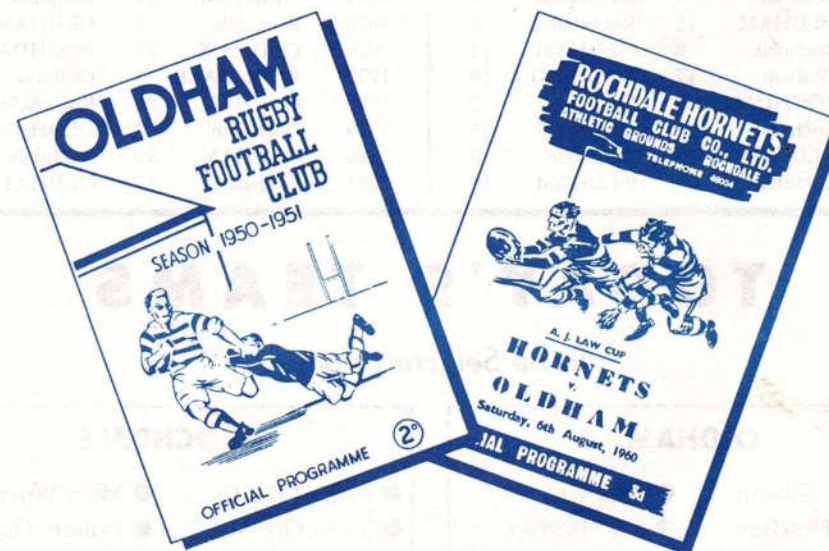
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THE A. J. LAW CUP 50TH ENCOUNTER

OLDHAM v ROCHDALE HORNETS



SUNDAY 22nd AUGUST 1993

K.O. 3.00pm

THE LAW CUP

Results of Previous Encounters (Winners in CAPITALS)

1921	Rochdale	0	Oldham	0	1952	OLDHAM	25	Rochdale	8
replay	OLDHAM	12	Rochdale	2	1953	ROCHDALE	31	Oldham	19
1922	OLDHAM	12	Rochdale	8	1954	OLDHAM	17	ROCHDALE	17
1923	ROCHDALE	13	Oldham	5	1955	ROCHDALE	23	Oldham	17
1924	OLDHAM	15	Rochdale	4	1956	OLDHAM	34	Rochdale	5
1925	ROCHDALE	27	Oldham	15	1957	Rochdale	5	OLDHAM	31
1926	OLDHAM	34	Rochdale	0	1958	ROCHDALE	25	Oldham	10
1927	ROCHDALE	11	Oldham	0	1959	OLDHAM	28	Rochdale	11
1928	OLDHAM	18	Rochdale	0	1960	Rochdale	11	OLDHAM	35
1929	Rochdale	2	OLDHAM	15	1961	OLDHAM	53	Rochdale	13
1930	OLDHAM	14	Rochdale	7	1962	Rochdale	2	OLDHAM	24
1931	Rochdale	11	OLDHAM	29	1963	OLDHAM	29	Rochdale	13
1932	OLDHAM	24	Rochdale	3	1964	Rochdale	7	OLDHAM	39
1933	ROCHDALE	28	Oldham	8	1965	Oldham	14	ROCHDALE	19
1934	OLDHAM	20	Rochdale	7	1966	ROCHDALE	13	Oldham	5
1935	Rochdale	14	OLDHAM	15	1972	OLDHAM	18	Rochdale	16
1936	OLDHAM	12	Rochdale	4	1973	ROCHDALE	30	Oldham	14
1937	Rochdale	4	OLDHAM	9	1974	OLDHAM	27	Rochdale	15
1938	OLDHAM	18	Rochdale	8	1975	Rochdale	2	OLDHAM	29
1946	Rochdale	8	OLDHAM	14	1976	OLDHAM	21	ROCHDALE	21
1947	Oldham	17	ROCHDALE	18	1977	ROCHDALE	14	Oldham	5
1948	ROCHDALE	9	Oldham	2	1978	OLDHAM	26	Rochdale	8
1949	Rochdale	2	OLDHAM	35	1979	Rochdale	9	OLDHAM	14
1950	OLDHAM	10	Rochdale	9	1980	OLDHAM	32	Rochdale	15
1951	Rochdale	7	OLDHAM	18	1981	Rochdale	15	OLDHAM	31

TODAY'S TEAMS

To be Selected from -

OLDHAM

- Wally Gibson
- Paul Fletcher
- Nigel Heslop
- David Jones
- Darren Abram
- Shaun Irwin
- Scott Ranson
- Paddy Mitchell
- Steve Kerry
- Tiny Solomona
- Gary Price
- Paul Groves
- Ian Sherratt
- Jason Fogerty
- Shane Tupaea
- Mike Kuiti
- David Bradbury
- Martin Strett
- Joe Graziano
- Hugh Gumbs
- Martin Holden

ROCHDALE

- Paul O'Keefe
- Jason Green
- Emon Ratu
- David Chrimes
- Paul Hourigan
- Brett Clark
- Ian Bates
- Carl Partington
- Mal Reddigan
- Cavill Heugh
- Mick Worrall
- Robert Hall
- Richard Gotts
- Ian Halsall
- Colin Brown
- Darren Pitt
- John Bannon
- Mike Williams
- Ian Finney
- Jason Viller

THE LAW CUP

A brief history compiled by Michael Turner

THE LAW CUP, or Infirmary Cup as it was originally known, was first contested in May 1921. The trophy was donated by Mr A.J. Law, MP of Rochdale and the purpose of the match was to raise money for the infirmaries located in the two towns.

In 1949, after the nationalization of the Health Service, the cup was renamed after its original benefactor with receipts from the match being given over to junior Rugby League and local charities.

Only the first ever playing of the game saw the match as an end of season event and this was also the only time the match produced a replay, when after a no score draw at the Athletic Grounds, Oldham became the first winners by defeating the Hornets by 12 points to 2 at Watersheddings with 'Roughyed' legend, Joe Ferguson, being the first captain to lift the trophy. In two other subsequent drawn games the trophy was shared.

After the initial encounter the contest became a pre or early season event and, apart from a break during the second world war, the match was staged annually up until 1966, with home advantage usually alternating season by season.

The game was revived again in 1972 and it endured until 1981 when Oldham last won the cup by 31 points to 15 at Rochdale.

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