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Oldham Football Club,

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Oldham v. Broughton Rangers

Saturday, August 26th, 1933.

Rugby League Championship.

Kick-off 3-30 p.m.

CLUB CHAT.

Our Prospects. To-day we open another season, and naturally we are all wondering what Fate has in store for us. Last season we had a somewhat lean time, and finished in exactly the middle of the League table—the fourteenth position out of the 28 places. Not a very gratifying position to occupy even though there were as many clubs below us as there were above us. We certainly anticipate improving upon last season's work. So far as the practice games have gone, our players appears to be in good trim, and though we may not have any outstanding "stars," still we have a list of players which should be capable of rendering a good account of themselves. Our forwards look good enough for all comers, and the fact should give our backs much encouragement. Our two new players, Hodgson and Sadler, have each shown fine form in the practice games, and there should certainly be no qualms as to our front rank. We shall probably not see Jack Stephens in harness just yet, but as he has commenced training again, perhaps his return to the team will not long be delayed. All other last year's back division are available, and once the happy combination has been struck, we can reasonably expect our share of victories. There is one point in our favour—we know that all our players are genuine triers. May they meet with a greater meed of success than they did last season.

Our Officials. Mr. G. F. Hutchins having fulfilled the office of President during the past two seasons, has, in accordance with our rules, vacated the presidential chair and is succeeded by Mr. James Parkinson. One has only to have a brief acquaintance with our new chief to discover his enthusiasm for the game. He is absolutely "full to capacity" in his desire for the welfare of our club, and we can rest assured that it will not be for anything lacking on his part if things do not move smoothly and successfully. He will have the support of an enthusiastic committee which includes a new-comer in the person of Mr. H. W. Froggatt, a gentleman who should be a fine acquisition. Our old friend, "Dicky" Thomas is back in official capacity, and his genial presence will always be welcomed by all who know him. After an official connection extending well over 30 years, Mr. Harry Langton has retired from active service, and he will carry with him into his retirement the good wishes of all who have known him for the splendid service he has rendered to our club.

FIXTURES 1933-34.

1st TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	T	F	A
1933-34				
Aug. 26	Broughton R'g'rs. H	3	30	
Sept. 2	Rochdale Hornets... A			
9	Australians... H	3	30	
16	St. Helens ... A			
18	St. Helens ... H	6	15	
23	Leeds ... H	3	30	
25	Lancs. v. Yorks. ...	5	45	
30	Widnes			
	(1st Rd. Lancs. Cup) H	3	30	
Oct. 3	Rochdale H. (I.C.) A	6	0	
7	Hunslet ... H	3	30	
14	Salford ... A			
21	Keighley ... H	3	0	
28	Warrington... A			
Nov. 4	Widnes ... H	3	0	
11	Barrow ... A			
18	Salford ... H	2	45	
25	Leigh... A			
Dec. 2	Batley ... H	2	45	
9	Wakefield ... A			
16	Barrow ... H	2	30	
20	London Highfield... A			
	(Wednesday)			
25	Swinton (Xmas Day) H	2	30	
26	Hull Kingston R... A			
	Boxing Day			
30	Wigan ... A			
Jan. 1	Hull Kingston R. H	2	30	
6	Warrington ... H	2	30	
13	Leigh ... H	2	45	
20	Batley ... A			
27	London Highfield H	3	0	
Feb. 3	Hunslet ... A			
10	Challenge Cup 1 rd.			
17	Keighley ... A			
24	Halifax ... H	3	30	
Mar. 3	Widnes ... A			
10	Wakefield ... H	3	30	
17	St. Helens Recs. ... A			
24	Wigan ... H	3	30	
30	Swinton (G.F.) A			
31	Halifax ... A			
April 2	St. Helens Recs. ... H	3	30	
3	Leeds... A			
7	Rochdale Hornets H	3	30	
14				
17	Broughton Rangers A			

"A" TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	T	F	A
1933-34				
Sept. 2	Rochdale Hornets A H	3	30	
16	St. Helens "A" ... H	3	30	
23	Leeds "A" ... A			
Oct. 7	Swinton "A" ... A			
14	Salford "A" ... H	3	30	
21	Brighton R'g'rs 'A' A			
28	Warrington "A" ... H	3	0	
Nov. 4	Widnes "A" ... A			
11	Barrow "A" ... H	3	0	
18	Salford "A" ... A			
25	Leigh "A" ... H	2	45	
Dec. 9	Wakefield "A" ... H	2	30	
16	Barrow "A" ... A			
23	London Highfield 'A' H	2	30	
26	Broughton R'g'rs 'A' H	2	30	
30	Wigan "A" ... H	2	30	
Jan. 6	Warrington "A" ... A			
13	Leigh "A" ... A			
20	Leeds "A" ... H	2	45	
27	London Highfield 'A' A			
Feb. 3	York "A" ... H	3	0	
18	St. Helens "A" ... A			
Mar. 3	Widnes "A" ... H	3	30	
10	Wakefield "A" ... A			
17	St. Helens Recs. 'A' H	3	30	
24	Wigan "A" ... A			
31	Swinton "A" ... H	3	30	
April 2	St. Helens Recs. 'A' A			
7	Rochdale Hornets 'A' A			
14	York "A" ... A			

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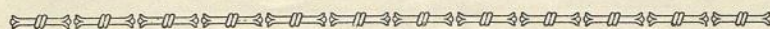
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Our Fixture List. In accordance with the position in which we finished in last year's table, we find a slight variation from our last year's fixture list so far as meeting Yorkshire clubs is concerned. For instance, we do not meet either Hull or York this season. It is a good number of years since Hull was not on our list, and even though they have only won a couple of games at Watersheddings since the formation of the then Northern Union—a cup-tie and a League game—they have always been very welcome visitors. We have some recompense, however, in having Leeds again on our list, and other new Yorkshire teams from those of last season are Keighley and Batley. A glance at our fixture list will show that we have some very interesting home engagements in the earlier part of the season, including the big event, the Australians! Leeds, St. Helens, Hunslet, and Salford are all due at Watersheddings when the "going" should be good.

The Supporters' Club. Our enthusiastic ally—the Supporters' Club, are again already in active harness. During the past recess they have paid special attention to their two canteens on our ground; one of which is situate near the centre stand entrance on the Pavilion side, and the other near the flag pole on the popular side. In both of these canteens our members and visitors can be sure of obtaining excellent refreshments, either before the game, during the game, at the interval, or after the game. Anyone who has not yet patronised these canteens will have a very pleasant surprise when they do so.

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The Australian Fixture. Of course the big topic of conversation just now is the anticipated visit of the Australian team which takes place a fortnight hence. Given a fine day we are expecting a record crowd to welcome the Kangaroos. For some time past a small sub-committee comprising our President, Mr. G. F. Hutchins, and Mr. H. Summerscales, have had in hand the arrangements for this great event, and those are now practically completed. A special Souvenir Programme will be issued in connection with this event, and the price of the same will be twopence each. These programmes will be on sale in the town on the Friday evening prior to the game. The Waterhead Brass Band will be in attendance at Watersheddings on the Saturday and play selections prior to the game and at the interval. The Australian players will enter the field to the music of their favourite song, "Advance Fair Australia," and, they will give us a sample of their lung powers by singing the first verse which is as follows:—

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Our Visitors. To-day we welcome our old friends, Broughton Rangers. They have recently acquired new quarters at Belle Vue, and are showing an enterprise in which they will have the good wishes of every follower of our code. Last season, the first time for a number of years, the Rangers won both games, beating us here 5—3, and at The Cliff by 14—8. We are hoping to return the compliment this season, and our form shown in practice games gives us sufficient confidence to expect a victory in to-day's game.

Please Note. Our Committee have frequently been asked to supply official lists of teams selected for our games. Will hotel proprietors, restaurant proprietors, clubs, and others who are desirous of exhibiting team sheets kindly communicate with our secretary, Mr. R. Wylie, Pavilion, Watersheddings, and a printed copy of the first and second teams will be forwarded each week immediately after they are selected.

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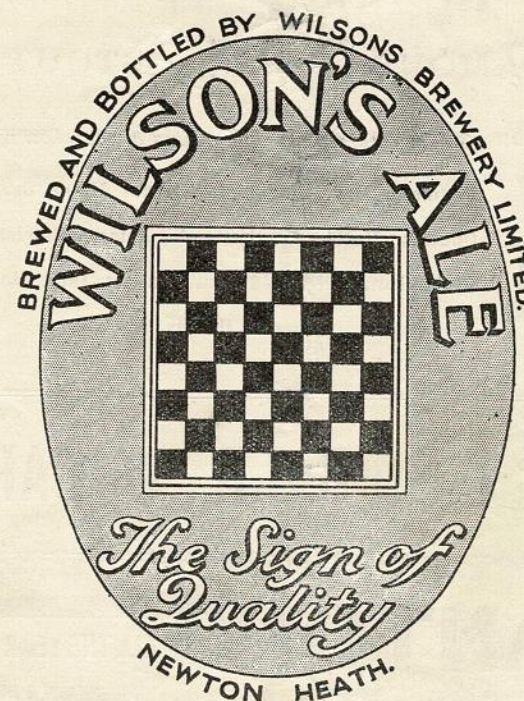
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