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Oldham v. Bramley

Saturday, March 10th, 1934.

Rugby League Challenge Cup—3rd Round.

Kick-off 3-30 p.m.

CLUB CHAT.

The League Our defeat at Widnes last Saturday went a long way towards **Struggle.** wiping out whatever chances that were left of our figuring in the first four when the supplementary games come to be played at the end of the season. Only a superhuman effort on our part, and a few lapses on the part of those above us, can enable us to figure in the top quartette when the final table is announced. Salford are still very firmly fixed at the head of affairs and have now a total of 49 points for 29 games played, a lead of six clear points over their nearest competitor, York. Then comes Hunslet and Warrington. Just outside the first four are Leeds and Halifax, and they, with one game less played are only one point behind Warrington, and three points behind Hunslet, so that there is still a fine chance for either of those two teams to be "in at the death." Swinton have fallen from their high estate with a bump, and have evidently been unable to do the right thing since York extinguished their Cup prospects. Castleford have also done badly lately, and, from having had a fine chance of figuring in the first four for the first time, they have slumped badly. It is rather curious to note that Castleford have not won a single game since Sadler joined them. He was in the side which drew with Hunslet in the recent Cup tie, but in all other games he has been on the losing side.

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FIXTURES 1933-34.

1st TEAM FIXTURES					"A" TEAM FIXTURES					
Date	Opponents	T	F	A	Date	Opponents	T	F	A	
1933-34					1933-34					
Aug. 26	Broughton R'g'rs. H	3-30	31	0	Sept. 2	Rochdale Hornets A	3-30	19	7	
Sept. 2	Rochdale Hornets... A		15	6	16	St. Helens "A" ... H	3-30	33	7	
9	Australians... H	3-30	6	38	23	Leeds "A" ... A		5	23	
16	St. Helens ... A		8	25	Oct. 7	Swinton "A" ... A		7	5	
18	St. Helens ... H	6-15	16	3	14	Salford "A" ... H	3-30	5	0	
23	Leeds ... H	3-30	24	7	21	Br'ght'n R'ng'rs 'A' A		5	7	
25	Lancs. v. Yorks. ... H	5-45	12	15	28	Warrington "A" ... H	3-0	2	10	
30	Widnes (1st Rd Lancs. Cup) H	3-30	2	0	Nov. 4	Widnes "A" ... A		2	24	
Oct. 3	Rochdale H. (I.C.) A	6-0	8	28	11	Barrow "A" ... H	3-0	27	10	
7	Hunslet ... H	3-30	18	8	18	Salford "A" ... A		7	11	
Oct. 11	Broughton Rangers (2nd Rd Lancs. Cup) A		12	0	25	Leigh "A" ... H	2-45	10	0	
14	Salford ... A		8	18	Dec. 9	Wakefield "A" ... H	2-30	7	0	
21	Keighley ... H	3-0	8	8	16	Barrow "A" ... A		0	13	
25	Wigan (Semi-Final) Lancs. Cup) A		21	15	23	Lond. Highfield 'A' H	2-30	42	5	
28	Warrington... A		5	30	26	Broughton R'g'rs A	H	2-30	23	0
Nov. 4	Widnes ... H	3-0	12	0	30	Wigan "A" ... H	2-30	35	0	
11	Barrow ... A		8	24	Jan. 6	Warrington "A" ... A		5	11	
18	St. Helens Recs. (Lancs. Cup Final) at Swinton		12	0	13	Leigh "A" ... A		9	5	
25	Leigh... A		3	19	20	Leeds "A" ... H	2-45	13	0	
Dec. 2	Batley ... H	2-45	17	9	27	Lond. Highfield 'A' A		15	8	
9	Wakefield ... A		20	15	Feb. 3	York "A" ... H	3-0	7	13	
16	Barrow ... H	2-30	27	16	17	St. Helens "A" ... A		6	8	
20	London Highfield... (Wednesday) A		8	7	Mar. 3	Widnes "A" ... H	3-30	7	12	
25	Swinton (Xmas Dy) H	2-30	11	4	10	Wakefield "A" ... A				
26	Hull Kingston R... Boxing Day		5	5	17	St. Helens Recs. 'A' H	3-30			
30	Wigan ... A		2	6	24	Wigan "A" ... A				
Jan. 1	Hull Kingston R. ... H	2-30	12	8	31	Swinton "A" ... H	3-30			
6	Warrington ... H	2-30	5	5	April 2	St. Helens Recs. 'A' A				
13	Leigh ... H	2-45	1	8	7	Rochdale Hornets A				
26	Batley ... A		9	19	14	York "A" ... A				
27	London Highfield ... H	3-0	5	4						
Feb. 3	Hunslet ... A		5	33						
10	Dewsbury ... H	3-30	19	2						
17	Keighley ... A		18	15						
24	St. Helens Recs. ... A		7	7						
28	St. Helens Recs. ... Challenge Cup 2 rd									
Mar. 3	Widnes ... H	3-30	18	5						
5	Wakefield ... A		5	18						
10	Bramley ... H	3-30	8	0						
14	Salford ... H	5-30								
17	St. Helens Recs. ... A									
24	Wigan ... H	3-30								
30	Swinton (G.F.) A									

1st TEAM FIXTURES (cont.)				
Date	Opponents	T	F	A
Mar. 31	Halifax ... A			
April 2	St. Helens Recs. ... H			
3	Leeds ... A			
7	Rochdale Hornets H			
14	Broughton Rangers A			

SALFORD'S VISIT.

Don't forget to make a note of our postponed League game with Salford. We play at Watersheddings NEXT WEDNESDAY, the 14th instant, and the kick-off will take place at 5-0. We are hoping for a big crowd to welcome the League Leaders.

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Financial Loss. We won our postponed League game all right against Wakefield Trinity last Monday, but there was not much occasion for rejoicing over that fact. We had one of the smallest "gates" of the season, and naturally our two games with the Trinitarians this season will show a very big margin on the wrong side of the financial ledger. It must be some time since a club was so badly hit as we have been this season in the matter of "financial luck." Our success in the Lancashire Cup must have cost us a few hundred pounds, and so far we have made precious little out of the Rugby League Cup. It will require a big "gate" to-day to put us on the right side in balancing up our Saturday gates. Of course, we cannot have both the halfpenny and the toffee at the same time; but gaining honours at a financial loss is not a game that gives much encouragement. The game on Monday was not one to euhuse over, and no one appeared sorry when the match was ended. We won comfortably enough, and have thus achieved another season's double on the old Yorkshire Cup warriors. One pleasing feature of the game was the fine form shown by Norman Pugh, our latest recruit. It was pretty generally conceded by the critics present, that he will will soon develop into a really useful forward. Amongst the Wakefield team, Bonner, their full back, played a wonderful game up to the time of sustaining a slight injury in the second half.

Reminiscences The fact that we are due to play Bramley in the third round of the Rugby League Challenge Cup to-day has roused some very interesting memories in the minds of some of the older

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| 3. Bardsley, S. | |
| 4. Stephens, S. J. | |
| 5. Lewis, L. | |
| 6. Reynolds, J. B. | |
| 7. Givvons, A. | |
| 8. Read, J. | |
| 9. Scaife, J. M. | |
| 10. Clayton, A. | |
| 11. Thomas, W. T. (Capt.) | |
| 12. McNally, J. P. | |
| 13. Ashworth, F. W. | |
| 14. Hodgson, E. | |

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| 2. Eccles, C. | |
| 3. Ballantyne, W. | |
| 4. Rees, I. | |
| 5. Hoult, J. E. | |
| Gee, W. | |
| 6. Abram, S. (capt.) | |
| 7. Curtis, W. T. | |
| 8. Reed, G. | |
| 9. Bowden, H. | |
| 10. Litt, C. | |
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followers of our club. It is over thirty years since we played our first game with Bramley and that was in a cup tie at the Barley Moor enclosure, where they still do battle. There were some fine players taking part in that game. On our side we had such notabilities as Dicky Thomas, Tom Fletcher, "Vic" Huzzey, Sammy Lees, Arthur Lees, Joe Lawton, Bonsor, Frater, Geo. Wilkinson, and Jim Vowles to mention a few at random, whilst on the Bramley side there was Jimmy Lomas, and Harry Topham, two fine players who were destined to become members of our team a few years afterwards. They had also a three-quarter named Albert Hambrecht, a big fine powerful exponent of the game, who, when he got under weigh took a lot of pulling up. We won that game after being well behind at half time. A cleverly planned try by Tom Fletcher, and an equally brilliant try by Huzzey, which he completed by jumping over Hambrecht, and then kicking a goal from close to the touch line, were the chief means of causing Bramley's exit on that occasion. That day Bramley made history by taking over £400 in gate receipts.

"The Counting House." For that game Bramley had rented a cottage adjoining the Barley Moor Hotel (which adjoins the ground) and used that as an office. After the match the gate money was brought therein to be counted and checked. We well remember that one lot of monies was brought in a bucket which had contained the lime wash for the touch lines, etc. There must have been something else in that

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bucket too, for when the contents were emptied on the table, the smell was not exactly what you would expect in a perfume manufactory. It was overpowering. One of our fellows suggested sending for a bottle of whiskey "just as a precaution." There were two constables "on duty" at the door, guarding the wealth, and one of these officers was sent to the adjoining pub for the whiskey. We all thought that "Robert" was a long time in returning into our room, and when we went in search we found the two men in blue had got well into our medicine. One of them said, "We thought it was for us." We rescued about half the bottle, and that probably saved our lives. A portion of the crowd that day climbed on the top of the wash kitchen adjoining the headquarters, and the roof fell in and dropped some of them into the wash tubs. The bill for the repair of the damaged roof landed at our Secretary's office; but we don't remember paying it.

A We read that on the occasion of the Bramley v. Hull game last **Freak**, Monday, Oliver, of Hull, smashed one of the windows of the Barley Moor Hotel, when he successfully had a shot at goal. Those windows overlook the playing pitch from goal to goal and are not a great distance away from the dead ball line. Over 40 years ago Ernest Abbey, playing on the same ground for Brighouse Rangers against Bramley kicked a goal, and, after passing the cross bar, the ball forced itself into one of those windows and stuck there.

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