NEXT HOME MATCH

Oldham

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Salford

SEPTEMBER 15th, 1947

KICK-OFF 6 P.M.

OLDHAM
FOOTBALL CLUB

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v.
LIVERPOOL
STANLEY

TUESDAY, SEPT. 2nd, 1947

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Official Programme - 2d.

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CLUB CHAT.

Our team this evening entertains Liverpool Stanley in the 2nd match of the 1st Round of the Lancashire Senior Cup.

The 1st leg played on Saturday at Liverpool resulted in a good win for us by 26 points to 3, and this evening we are forced to make changes in our team owing to injuries to Evans and Mitchell and a re-organized team takes the field this evening with 23 points lead which should be sufficient to enter round 2 of the Competition.

Although the score at Liverpool last Saturday may suggest a good win and some good play, mistakes by our players, in fact all players make mistakes, often broke down a passing movement when a score was looking good.

However, the team as a unit played well and were yards faster than their opponents.

Liverpool Stanley are having a hard time in their effort to establish Rugby League Football on Merseyside, and from possibly domestic reasons have been forced to transfer two of their best forwards, Derbyshire and Riley to Warrington, and are reported to have received a fee in the region of £1,800 for these players.

The "gate" on Saturday last was very poor and the transfer of these two players might have been some cause for the small gate.

However we cannot afford to lose a single club in the Rugby League and possibly we may now hear of Stanley being purchasers of players.

Ups and Downs of Rugby League Clubs.

This season the Ruby League consists of twenty-eight clubs, fifteen Yorkshire, twelve Lancashire and one Cumberland.

There has only been one Welsh team admitted to the League since 1918, namely Pontypridd. Actually the twenty-five same clubs, which operated when war involved postponement of competitive football, resumed in 1919, and it was in 1921-2 that an additional club came in the League by the elevation of Featherstone Rovers to senior status. Wigan Highfield followed in 1922-23, bringing the total to twenty-seven clubs, and remained so until 1926-7, when Castleford, following their neighbours, Featherstone, became a senior club and joined the League the same time as Pontypridd. In its first season the Welsh Team played thirty-one matches, won seven and drew one, and actually finished up higher in the League than Bradford and Castleford.

The next campaign, 1927-8, set off with twenty-nine clubs, but finished up with twenty-eight clubs, Pontypridd resigned from the League on November 2nd, 1927, being unable to carry on because of the poor gates they were receiving, and their record was accordingly expunged from the table.

However, there were twenty-nine clubs to commence season 1928-9, for Carlisle City took the place of Pontypridd, but the Cumberland venture of first-class Rugby was short-lived, as Carlisle played their last match on November 3rd, 1928, having won one game out of ten played, and once more lack of public support was the reason for failure.

Season 1935-36 saw an attempt to launch the game in London with Acton and Willesden, and Streatham and Mitcham, both opening on splendid enclosures.

After one season London still kept the flag flying, but with only one club, Acton and Willesden disappearing after one season, and the following season Streatham and Mitcham also became defunct.

A venture of a new club at Newcastle came into the league in season 1937-38 but only completed one season and were not re-elected to the league at the Annual Meeting of the League in 1938.

Season 1945-46 saw the arrival of a Senior Cumberland Club, Workington, and we are pleased to say they have justified their membership of the league.

TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM (Red and White Jerseys)	**LIVERPOOL STANLEY** (Black and White)
1. Glanville, H.	1. Cahill
2. Inglesfield, S.	2. Jones.
3. Mahony, J. B.	3. Bradbury.
4. Harris, N. (Capt.)	4. Newton.
5. Large, E.	5. Carswell.
6. Smith, J. B.	6. Forsyth.
7. Smith, R. A.	7. Prescot.
8. Ambler H. D.	8. Martin.
9. Frost, N.	9. Mitchell.
10. Moore, N. J.	10. Grey.
11. Thomas, L. M.	11. Beesley.
12. Pugh, N.	12. Hill.
13. Ayres, T.	13. Murtagh.
Reserves.	Reserves.
Kenny, V.	Dunn.
Thompson, N.	Moran.
	Preston.

Referee ..... C. F. Appleton of Warrington.
Touch Judge ..... E. E. Hill of Wigan.
do. ..... V. Waddilove of Leigh.