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CLUB NOTES.

OLDHAM

Oldham are another side which has changed considerably during the season. They transferred Welsh Internationals in Thomas to Leeds, Mahoney to Dewsbury and N. Harris to Leigh. In return they obtained Batten and Tate wingmen from Leeds. Batten is the brother of Eric Batten of Bradford and son of Billy Batten, both of these have been internationals and tourists. In addition they got other wings in Casey, Wigan, and Warham, Swinton. Leyland a second row man from St. Helens cost another big fee. Other signings have been Williams a centre from Cross Keys and Daly from Leigh. Ward the stand off was on Halifax transfer list at £3,500. Barraclough at full back used to be with Featherstone. They have two good hookers in either Brooks or Mundy. There are four Barrovians on their register, Spencer, Rea, George Woods and Hewson. Of these Spencer, cousin of Arthur Spencer, makes occasional first team appearances.

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3 Barrow	31	22	8	1	45
21 Oldham	30	11	17	2	24

UNFIT PLAYERS

Harry stretch has not sufficiently recovered from his appendix operation to be able to resume training.

Jim Pickernell is awaiting admission to hospital for a cartilage operation.

COMPARISONS

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