

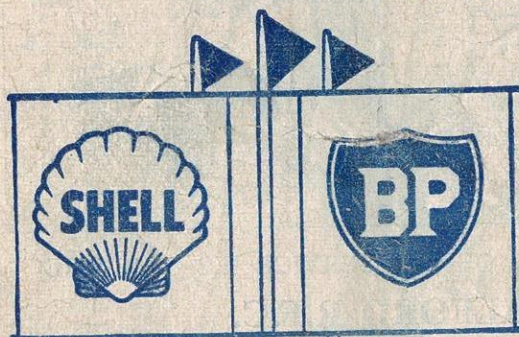
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OLDHAM FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP ?

Our welcome visitors to-day are old friends Oldham, who are at present riding on the crest of a revival and making a strong bid for League honours. The limited space at our disposal does not allow of a detailed description of the many thrilling games in which we have participated.

Oldham, whose wise buying in recent years has been the basis of this season's successes, has been the home of many famous players. Mention of the names of Joe Ferguson, Alf Wood, Dave

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Oldham can take credit for the progress of the game, for since the club's inception 57 years ago they have subscribed lavishly.

Outstanding among the many brilliant displays of this season was the achievement of being one of the two clubs to hold the Australian tourists to a draw of 7 points. Their defeat of Wigan at Central Park last Saturday was also a magnificent performance and denotes the power of the side.

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Lancashire County honours, they have in full-back Bernard Ganley a player tipped as a possible Australian tourist. Their forward power is also formidable. Welsh internationals are Bryn Goldswain, ex Hull Kingston Rovers, their captain; Bryn Day, former Belle Vue Rangers player; and Charlie Winslade. Sid Little, second-row man, is a former Harlequin and Cumberland County Rugby Union player, and a jet fighter pilot.

The following post-war record of our meetings reveals that Oldham have won eight of the fourteen engagements:—

1945-46.	Salford (a) lost	2-1-7	2-2-10
	„ (h) lost	1-2-8	5-5-25
1946-47.	Salford (h) lost	1-1-5	1-4-14
	„ (a) lost	0-2-6	2-4-16
1947-48.	Salford (a) lost	0-0-0	4-6-26
	„ (h) won	0-3-9	0-0-0
1948-49.	Salford (h) won	4-4-20	3-1-9
	„ (a) draw	1-0-2	1-0-2
1949-50.	Salford (h) won	1-3-11	1-0-2
	„ (a) won	1-2-8	1-1-5
1950-51.	Salford (a) lost	2-2-10	2-4-16
	„ (h) won	3-2-12	3-1-9
1951-52.	Salford (h) lost	1-1-5	5-3-19
	„ (a) draw	3-1-9	3-1-9

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PETER MARSTON.

Our photograph to-day is of Peter Marston, who was signed from Leigh on December 20th last.

Peter is a Yorkshireman from Bradford and he joined Leigh from a Rugby Union club after completing his service in the Royal Navy. He is 23 years old, 6 ft. in height, and weighs 15 st. 10 lb. and we feel that he can fill the position so long held by Dai Davies. At the moment he is resident in Leigh, but we hope that he will move over to Salford in the near future when he is fixed up with a job, and we hope that his association with the Reds will be a long and happy one. We can look forward to Tom McKinney giving us plenty of the ball with Peter's assistance.

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1952.	F.	A.	1953.	F.	A.
Aug. 23—Whitehaven ...	A.	10 17	Jan. 1—Swinton	A.	7 3
27—St. Helens	H.	9 15	3—Keighley	H.	11 7
30—Warr'ton. (LC) H.	17 19		10—Doncaster	A.	8 5
Sept. 3—Warr'ton. (LC) A.	8 30		17—Oldham	H.	
6—Doncaster	H.	35 11	24—Liverpool	A.	
8—Workington ...	A.	14 23	31—Hunslet	H.	
13—Bramley	H.	20 9	Feb. 7—R.L. Cup 1st Rd.		
20—Dewsbury	A.	14 7	1st Leg.		
27—Liverpool	H.	18 5	14—R.L. Cup 1st Rd.		
Oct. 4—Leigh	A.	7 10	2nd Leg.		
11—Dewsbury	H.	5 14	21—Keighley	A.	
18—St. Helens	A.	6 14	28—R.L. Cup 2nd Rd.		
25—Whitehaven ...	H.	35 10	Mar. 7—Belle Vue	A.	
Nov. 1—Hunslet	A.	13 15	14—Leigh	H.	
8—			21—		
15—Barrow	H.	8 10	28—Rochdale	A.	
22—Oldham	A.	3 32	April 3—		
29—Warrington ...	A.	—	4—Swinton	H.	
Dec. 6—Rochdale	H.	—	6—Wigan	H.	
13—Bramley	A.	16 6	11—Workington ...	H.	
20—Belle Vue	H.	32 0	18—Warrington ...	H.	
25—Wigan	A.	8 34	22—Widnes	A.	
26—Widnes	H.	8 0	25—R.L. Cup Final.		
27—Barrow	A.	0 41			

CUP DRAW.

The draw for the first round proper of the Challenge Cup made history when it was televised from the Pavilion at Odsal, Bradford, a week last night. It produced some very interesting games, with the clash between St. Helens and Oldham the tit-bit. It resulted as follows:—

Hunslet v. Workington Town.
Salford v. York.
Whitehaven v. Hull.
Bradford Northern v. Batley.
Dewsbury v. Halifax.
Belle Vue Rangers v. Keighley.
Risehow & Gillhead or Hull N.D.L.B. v. Widnes.
Leigh v. Bramley.
Huddersfield v. Castleford.
Barrow v. Featherstone Rovers.
St. Helens v. Oldham.
Orford Tannery or Llanelly v. Warrington.
Wigan v. Rochdale Hornets.
Hull K.R. v. Doncaster.
Liverpool City v. Swinton.
Wakefield Trinity v. Leeds.

On three previous occasions have Salford clashed with York in the competition, and in two of the meetings we won through to reach the Final. In 1900 we scored three tries in the first round to win by 9—0. Three years later we were victors of a fourth round tie by 2 goals 7 tries (25 points) to a goal; but in the third round of 1931 we were surprised at home and defeated by 3 goals 2 tries (12 points) to a goal.

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	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Points Agst.	Pts.
St. Helens	22	19	1	2	425	152	39
Halifax	23	19	1	3	399	193	39
Bradford N.	20	17	0	3	462	153	34
Leigh	23	16	2	5	382	217	34
Huddersfield	21	16	1	4	445	229	33
Oldham	21	15	0	6	378	138	30
Barrow	22	15	0	7	296	200	30
Wigan	25	13	2	10	493	304	28
Leeds	23	13	0	10	411	327	26
Warrington	20	11	1	8	322	291	23
Workington	22	11	1	10	281	247	23
Whitehaven	19	11	1	7	268	231	23
Castleford	20	11	0	9	269	226	22
Salford	22	11	0	11	287	289	22
Hull	22	11	0	11	245	274	22
Batley	19	10	2	7	219	288	22
Hunslet	22	10	0	12	264	237	20
Wakefield	21	9	0	12	233	311	18
Featherstone	21	8	1	12	244	317	17
Keighley	22	8	1	13	263	350	17
Swinton	21	8	0	13	211	275	16
Belle Vue R.	23	8	0	15	198	435	16
Rochdale H.	21	7	1	13	259	341	15
Doncaster	21	7	0	14	236	353	14
Widnes	20	5	2	13	177	263	12
Hull K.R.	21	5	1	15	202	384	11
York	21	5	0	16	200	306	10
Dewsbury	22	5	0	17	188	310	10
Bramley	19	3	0	16	136	460	6
Liverpool C.	17	2	0	15	103	385	4

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Palin (Dewsbury).....	63
Horne (Barrow).....	54
Schofield (Rochdale).....	53
Blan, A. (Swinton).....	52
Gee (Wigan).....	50
Thompson (Dewsbury).....	47
Perry (Batley).....	44
McKeown (Whitehaven).....	43
Talbot (Hunslet).....	41
Gregory (Belle Vue).....	41
Clarkson (Halifax).....	40
Risman (Workington).....	40
Cheetham (Wigan).....	39

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Bevan (Warrington).....	30
Bevan (Wigan).....	29
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Hawes (Bradford).....	26
Henderson (Huddersfield).....	26
Allan (Leigh).....	21
Greenall (St. Helens).....	21
Bradley (Halifax).....	19
Castle (Barrow).....	19
Wilson (Workington).....	18
Hartley (Salford).....	17
O'Grady (Oldham).....	16
Lewthwaite (Barrow).....	16
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	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
St. Helens	18	16	1	1	346	100	33
Leigh	17	14	1	2	289	145	29
Oldham	15	11	0	4	281	82	22
Barrow	17	11	0	6	232	170	22
Wigan	20	10	2	8	396	236	22
Workington	18	9	1	8	238	198	19
Whitehaven	15	7	1	7	188	209	15
Salford	16	7	0	9	201	229	14
Swinton	16	7	0	9	165	195	14
Warrington	13	6	1	6	175	166	13
Rochdale H.	16	6	1	9	201	228	13
Belle Vue R.	16	5	0	11	139	302	10
Widnes	14	2	2	10	109	186	6
Liverpool C.	13	2	0	11	71	301	4
Bramley	16	2	0	14	108	392	4

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TOPICAL TALK.

For the first time in the history of the game a rule has been amended in mid-season. To-day you will see the new version of the play-the-ball which was adopted and brought into immediate use by the clubs at the extraordinary general meeting at Leeds on Monday. Never has a rule been under such constant fire. By 25 votes to 4 the scrambling affair which has been in operation since the start of this season was thrown out.

The new amendment is :—

“One opposing player may stand immediately opposite the tackled player. All other players are on-side if they are *more than one yard behind their own player who is taking part in the playing of the ball*. The distance of one yard shall be measured from the rear foot of the player playing the ball to the foremost foot of any player on his own side. Players must remain on-side until the ball is dropped to the ground by the tackled player. An off-side player shall be penalised if he gains or attempts to gain an unfair advantage provided that such penalty is not to the disadvantage of the non-offending side. Neither the tackled player nor the player opposite him shall raise a foot from the ground before the ball is dropped.

To-day a collection is being taken at half-time for the Cancer Relief Fund, and we hope you will donate generously to this most deserving cause.

For the first round first leg of the Challenge Cup against York on February 7th the prices will be as follows : Ground, 1/6 and 1/9 ; Side and Popular Stands, 2/9 ; Seating—Patrons' Stand 6/0, Main Stand 4/0 ; O.A.P. Ground, 9d ; Boys, 6d.

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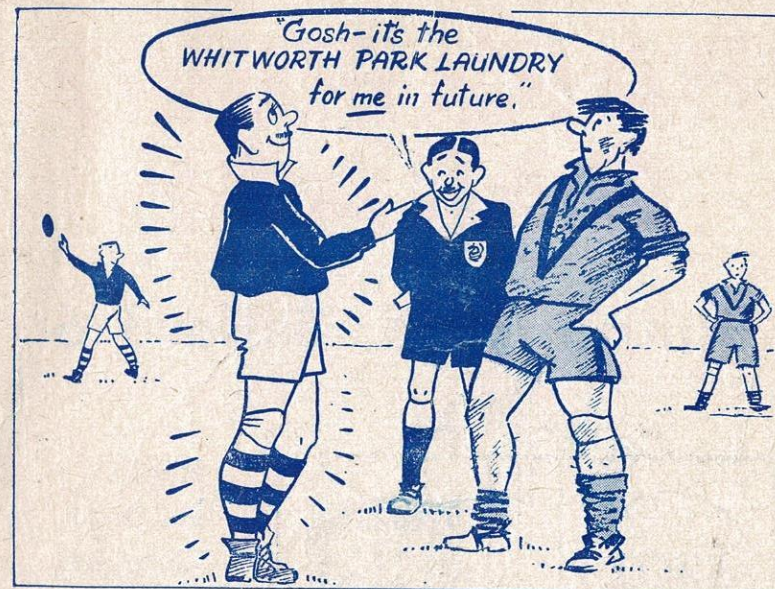
	Played	Tries	Goals	Points
SMITH, F.	23	2	9	24
BAINES, S.	10	5	—	15
FINNAN, W.	16	9	—	27
DANBY, T.	24	6	1	20
HARTLEY, B.	21	17	—	51
DAVIES, J.	9	—	12	24
KEAVNEY, B.	6	—	—	—
ALDER, F.	14	1	—	3
McKINNEY, T.	20	—	4	8
GRAINGER, J.	17	2	—	6
ROBSON, R. S.	13	2	6	18
WHALLEY, J.	6	1	14	31
BIRKIN, F.	12	—	—	—
HINDLE, R.	10	1	—	3
HARRISON, T.	18	2	—	6
ROGERS, J.	17	2	8	22
MOSES, D.	20	1	—	3
WILLIAMS, S.	4	1	—	3
HESKETH, E.	4	—	—	—
DAVIES, D. M.	2	—	—	—
HALTON, F.	14	11	—	33
BURRELL, C.	7	3	—	9
EASTERBROOK, A.	12	1	—	3
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