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SPOTLIGHT ON THE VISITORS

The luck of the draw decreed that we should meet Oldham in the first round of the Lancashire Challenge Cup, and we count ourselves fortunate to have such attractive opponents.

Few, if any, visitors to The Stadium last season aroused as much admiration for fast, open football, as did the men from Watersheddings, and many of us felt that at long last the enterprise shown on and off the field would have its reward, and that some of the season's trophies would make a welcome re-appearance in Oldham, after many years' absence.

However, hopes were not fulfilled completely, and our visitors had to be content with "second prizes," in the shape of runners-up medals in the Lancashire Cup and the Northern Rugby League Championship.

Nevertheless, they established themselves among the League's "big guns," and they are certain to continue to be a match for the best this season, so, while commiserating with them, that the trophies eluded them last season, we congratulate them on the progress made, and trust that their return to the honours lists will not be long delayed.

At the time of writing, the Oldham Team had not been finalised, as there were hopes that further additions to their forward strength would be made in time for to-day's game, but the majority of our visitors are well known to all R.L. followers.

Bernard Ganley has apparently made a successful recovery from his operation for knee trouble, and will probably be occupying the full back position and be ready to make the fullest use of goal-kicking opportunities.

Internationals Dick Cracknell and Terry O'Grady are again available for the wing positions, and their ability is well known to us.

Centre and Captain Alan Davies will no doubt be as forceful a personality as ever this season, making every endeavour to catch the Test selectors' eyes to add to his collection of caps.

His centre partner looks like being local boy Roland Barrow, who is now fulfilling his earlier promise, and has been keeping out of the senior side John Etty who was signed from Batley last season.

At scrum half will be the Leigh boy, Frank Pitchford, whose play last season caused such a furore, and a continuance of that form must put him in the forefront of scrum halves, and for stand-off half, choice can be made from two more natives of Leigh, that grand and enthusiastic utility player, Frank Stirrup, young Nestor, signed last season, or Frank Daley, who was also previously with the Leigh Club.

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Although the Oldham Committee are still seeking forwards, there is no lack of candidates for places, and many clubs would be happy to have men like Ogden, Keith, Jackson, Little, Winslade, Tomlinson, Jarman and Goldswain to choose from.

It will be seen from the wealth of talent available, ours is no easy task to-day, and Oldham are certain to entertain hopes of at least being finalists again this year.

Remembering last year's scintillating display, we look forward to a pulsating struggle for entry into the second round of the Cup, and the right to play at home against the winners of to-day's Leigh *v.* Lancashire County Amateurs game.

A USEFUL PUBLICATION

The attention of all supporters is drawn to an entirely new publication called "The Rugby League Manual," which is obtainable from the Offices of the Rugby Football League, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7. Price 2/6, plus postage 3d., or from most newsagents.

The book, primarily designed for the guidance of Referees, Players, Officials and Clubs, is equally important for spectators, as its purpose is to amplify the Laws of the Game, and give the official interpretation.

A section of particular interest to followers of the game will be the one on referees' signals, which is amply illustrated.

BITS AND PIECES

Awaiting us on our arrival at Batley on Saturday last was a telegram conveying good wishes for the season from Ronnie Mather, the Wigan hooker, who assisted us last season. A very nice gesture and one which was appreciated.

As these notes go to print, negotiations are still proceeding for the addition of two forwards to our playing staff, and there were good grounds for believing that these would be completed in time for at least one of the players to assist us to-day.

It is hoped to be able to include in our "A" Team against Barrow on Tuesday a well-built and speedy wing three-quarter who assisted a Yorkshire club last season.

Tom Horrocks, who had again been offered on loan to us by the Wigan Club, has stated that, while he is more than anxious to re-join us, he feels that Wigan should now transfer him permanently, and has asked the Wigan Board to agree to this course.

Syl. Lannon, who was signed during the close season as a hooker, took up the role of loose forward at Batley, with all the assurance of a player who had known no other position. His two tries were gems, and his intelligent play throughout suggested that he can make this position his own.

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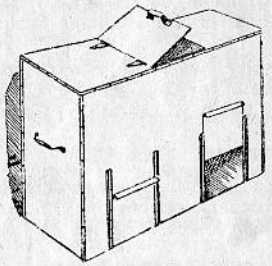

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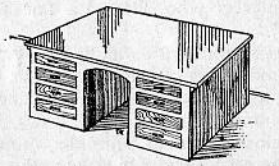

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Although, like the seniors, our " A " Team received a trouncing from the Wigan " A " Team on Saturday last, there was some satisfaction in the excellent form shown by young Terry Dunn at scrum half, who continues to come along in great style, and trialist 17-year-old, second row forward, John Gregory. This 5 feet 11 ins. and 13 stone youngster comes from the Wigan Spring View Club, and shows excellent promise, and we feel that much more is going to be heard of him.

NEW ZEALAND GAME

It should be common knowledge now that the New Zealand Touring Team will open their tour by playing the " Borough " at Bloomfield Road on Saturday, 10th September ; kick-off 3.0 p.m.

No effort is to be spared to make this visit a memorable one for the " Kiwis."

They have accepted an invitation to travel to Blackpool on the Friday evening, which coincides with the switching on of the Illuminations, and they will be present at the Town Hall when this takes place. Afterwards they will tour the Illuminations as guests of His Worship the Mayor, who is also entertaining them to lunch on the day of the match.

Following the game they will be guests of the Club at a Dinner at the Winter Gardens, when they will be the recipients of numerous souvenirs, and later other activities are planned for them.

Altogether we hope that, despite the grand hospitality we know they will enjoy throughout their tour, they will say their first week-end in this country was the most enjoyable.

While writing about this game, a word about Stand Tickets. These are now available at Bloomfield Road, price 7/6, 5/6 and 5/-, but for the time being ONLY POSTAL APPLICATIONS CAN BE ENTERTAINED. Applications should be made to the Secretary, Blackpool Football Club Ltd., Bloomfield Road, and should be accompanied by remittance and stamped, addressed envelope.

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Aug. 20	Batley	Away	18	19
,, 23	**Wigan**	**Home**	6	31
,, 27	**Oldham.** First Round Lancashire Cup	**Home**		
Sept. 3	Warrington	Away		
,, 10	**New Zealand** (at Bloomfield Road)	**Home**		
,, 14	**Warrington**	**Home**		
,, 17	Workington Town	Away		
,, 24	**Hull Kingston Rovers**	**Home**		
Oct. 1	St. Helens	Away		
,, 8	**Salford**	**Home**		
,, 15	Castleford	Away		
,, 22	**St. Helens**	**Home**		
,, 29	Hull	Away		
Nov. 5	**Batley**	**Home**		
,, 12	**Hull**	**Home**		
,, 19	Swinton	Away		
,, 26	**Broughton Rangers**	**Home**		
Dec. 3	**Rochdale Hornets**	**Home**		
,, 10	Hull Kingston Rovers	Away		
,, 17	**Leigh**	**Home**		
,, 24	Leigh	Away		
,, 26	Liverpool City	Away		
,, 27	**Oldham**	**Home**		
,, 31	**Widnes**	**Home**		
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Jan. 7	**Castleford**	**Home**		
,, 14	Salford	Away		
,, 21	Barrow	Away		
,, 28	**Whitehaven**	**Home**		
Feb. 4	Widnes	Away		
,, 11	Challenge Cup			
,, 18	**Barrow**	**Home**		
,, 25	Whitehaven	Away		
Mar. 3	**Workington Town**	**Home**		
,, 10	**Swinton**	**Home**		
,, 17	Oldham	Away		
,, 24	Wigan	Away		
,, 30	Broughton Rangers	Away		
,, 31	Rochdale Hornets	Away		
April 7	**Liverpool City**	**Home**		

SUPPORTERS' SNIPPINGS

It has been said that there is not enough display of the Club's colours around the ground on match days. This is indeed a truth. However, there is good news for those fans who wish to wear a club scarf during the coming winter. An approved pattern scarf is now on sale exclusively at Messrs. Rawcliffe's Ltd., Gentlemen's Outfitters, Church Street, Blackpool. They are now in stock and on sale to anyone, price 8/11 each.

For those gentlemen who love to sport a blazer with an attractive badge, there is also good news. Les. Jordan, one of your Executive Committee, has designed an extremely distinctive badge for members of the Supporters' Club. It is unusual in design and blends the Club colours ideally with the emblems of the Red and White Roses of Lancashire and Yorkshire. The price, at the moment we cannot tell you. However, those who are interested can see the sealed pattern at Messrs. Rawcliffe's, in Church Street. It must be stated, however, that Messrs. Rawcliffe's will not accept an order for a badge unless a current Supporters' Club membership card is produced. Having announced this news in response to many enquiries, there should now be no doubt as to where scarves and badges can be obtained.

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Oscar to

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