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A TEAM OF THE SEASON

WITHOUT doubt, Oldham are again one of the teams of the season. They come to Wilderspool today with an impressive record and having retained the Lancashire Challenge cup, they will be out to annex the Northern League Championship and the Lancashire title. They will also try to emulate the feat of Swinton, Huddersfield and Hunslet in winning four cups in one season. So far the glory of a visit to Wembley has evaded the East Lancashire men. We were one of the teams to prevent this dream. We recall the occasion when in 1954 on a difficult Watersheddings pitch Brian Bevan switched the play in the most dramatic style. We went to Wembley and then triumphed at Odsal.

Bevan was also one of the men of the match when we again beat today's

visitors in the Northern championship in 1955. It was at Maine Road and on another terrible ground that we won the trophy for the third occasion. Since then Oldham have come on apace and have steadily strengthened their playing personnel—in charge of a former Warrington winger, Griff Jenkins, who was in our Wembley team of 1936.

Leading Oldham is Bernard Ganley an ace goal-kicker, who has recently beaten Jim Ledgard's fastest ever century of goals. Bernard was honoured by the international selectors for the Great Britain v. France Test match at Central Park. The honour was richly deserved. Memories will be revived among our older followers who remember Bernard's father who assisted Leigh and Huddersfield.

Other internationals in the Oldham side are Alan Davies, Syd Little,

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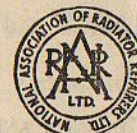
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and Derek Turner (World Cup players), Ken Jackson, Dick Cracknell, Frank Pitchford, John Etty and Charlie Winslade. So you will see that this is the most attractive side and the game of the day. There should be a big crowd to see this interesting clash.

Also in the side are grand players like Don Vines, Jack Keith and Victor Nestor. The Oldham pack is not only strong, but mobile. Turner, who was bought from Hull Kingston Rovers at a big fee, is perhaps the fastest loose forward in the game and there are few second row men in the World to beat Little (a Cumbrian) and Winslade (a Welshman).

Our revenge?

Earlier this season we put up a good show at Watersheddings in the second round of the Lancashire Challenge cup being beaten 18-12, after making a present of a try and goal. We did not take our chances four days later in the league game and lost by only two points. But at the time these were

creditable displays by our much changed teams.

In the first engagement Jackie Edwards scored a really brilliant try—one of the tries you dream about but seldom see. He put in a cork-screw run and beat man after man before scoring under the posts. The effort drew one of the biggest cheers of the day and the Watersheddings supporters are still talking about the try.

On both those occasions the weather was very bad and we hope for better conditions today. On a Wilderspool mud-patch last December we surprised the critics by winning 12-2. This was a real thriller. Oldham were unfortunate to lose Alan Davies with an ankle injury.

Teams on that day were;

Warrington; Fraser: Bevan, Challinor, Naughton, Gilfedder: Price, Arnold: Nicholls, McKinney, O'Toole, Thompson, Bath, Fryer.

Oldham; Ganley: Cracknell, Nestor, Davies, Etty: Daley, Pitchford: Jackson, Keith, Jarman, Little, Winslade, Turner.

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Gilfedder	69	8	162
Bevan	0	22	66
Naughton	0	11	33
Challinor	0	10	30
Horton	0	8	24
Fraser	10	0	20
Edwards	2	4	16
Major	0	3	9
Parkinson	0	2	6
Thompson	0	2	6
Arnold	0	2	6
Manniex	0	1	3
Wright	0	1	3
White	0	1	3
Gallagher	0	1	3

This list includes all league matches and cup-ties but not friendly games.

Programme Prize

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7-Arnold

13-Gilfedder

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3-Nestor

2-Cracknell

1-Ganley

Oldham—Red and White Striped Jerseys, Blue Shorts

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Blue Flag, K. W. BLAND (Blackpool)

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NEARING THE 14,000 MARK

Our hopes that the Social Club's lottery membership would reach the magnificent total of 14,000 before the end of the year, will certainly be realised. The total number of shares taken out on Saturday, December 14th, was 13,900.

Nearly £350 was distributed in prizes and 98 members participated. These cash prizes would come in very useful for Christmas.

Our agents are working harder than ever and under present progress it

*The Directors, Staff and Players
wish all supporters
a Prosperous New Year*

looks as if we will reach the maximum total of 15,000 before the end of the season.

The burning question is "are you a member?" Better still, would you like to become an agent? The "book work"

is extremely simple and Mr Les Hockenhull, the Secretary, will supply the necessary details if you call at the office after the game.

The club has already donated £2,500 to the parent club's funds.

Our game today will be featured in the "Sports Spotlight" programme which is broadcast on the B.B.C.'s North Home Service. The report is to be given by Michael Betts. The programme starts at 6.25 p.m. and continues to 7 p.m. Other R.L. matches will be reviewed by Alan Dixon.

The Barrow pack formation which our boys faced on December 21st was completely different from the one which played against us last season at Craven Park.

On that occasion Gillie Wright played against us. Our former forward had left Blackpool Borough for Barrow. But he did not settle in the Furness district and was soon back with the Borough.

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The B.B.C.'s Northern feature programme "Sporting Diary" on Friday evenings is growing more popular each week. Several R.L. clubs have been featured including Warrington, Widnes, Leigh, Hull, Wakefield, Featherstone and Oldham. St. Helens is the latest club to have a mention.

forward pass.

Mr. F. C. Dromgoole, the President of the Lancashire Committee, paid a tribute to the late Mr Wilson, former secretary of the Rugby League. Mr Wilson died recently at his home in Leeds. Members of the committee observed a minute's silence.

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There has been quite an argument about the height and weight of Mick Martyn, the Leigh second row forward. These are the details as supplied by the Leigh Club. Height: 5ft. 10½in., weight: over 14 stone.

Ron Haywood, our physiotherapist, came to the aid of Referee R. L. Thomas, of Oldham, who sustained an injury in the first half of the Wilderspool match against Salford.

Mr Thomas has written an appreciative letter to the club with special thanks to Mr Haywood. Glad to be of service.

Members of the Lancashire County Committee include Mr B. Oxley and Mr R. F. Anderton (Warrington) and Mr C. Brockbank (Blackpool), our former manager. Mr Anderton is a life member of the committee.

Did you notice those enthusiastic Salford lads in the boys' pen on December 21st? You could hardly miss them with their red and white scarves and rattles.

A large number of boys are taken to away matches by the Supporters' Club attached to the Salford club. There is no charge for the boys on the motor coaches. Certainly a good idea to interest the younger element in the Rugby League game.

There appears to be some doubt about the timing of the interval. If the teams decide that a ten-minute break is preferable, then this time is allowed. But if the teams are undecided then the referee makes the decision. Therefore, in most instances it becomes five minutes.

At Wembley R.L. finals the interval is usually ten minutes. Soccer "half-time breaks" are ten minutes, and this time is only changed under exceptional circumstances. Soccer matches last 90 minutes, R.L. 80 minutes.

Up to and including the game with Liverpool City, Frank Pitchford, the clever scrum half had played in every game for Oldham this season.

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Date	Opponents	Grnd.	Reslt.
	1957	F	A
Aug.			
10—Wigan (Wardonia Cup)	A 14	15	
17—Bramley	A 21	16	
21—Liverpool City	H 36	6	
(kick-off 6.30 p.m.)			
24—Keighley	H 20	17	
31—Liverpool City	H 50	19	
(Lancs. Cup, 1st round)			
Sept.			
4—Liverpool City	A 18	9	
7—Featherstone R.	H 20	27	
10—Oldham	A 12	18	
(Lancs. Cup, 2nd round)			
14—Oldham	A 15	17	
21—Bradford Northern	H 16	8	
28—St. Helens	A 2	14	
Oct.			
5—Blackpool Borough	H 19	6	
12—Salford	A 8	10	
19—Workington Town	H 10	5	
26—Keighley	A 7	14	
Nov.			
2—Wigan	H 21	5	
9—Workington Town	A 10	10	
16—Bramley	H 29	17	
23—Rochdale Hornets	A 12	16	
30—St. Helens	H 11	13	
Dec.			
7—Blackpool Borough	A 18	14	
14—Salford	H 20	16	
21—Barrow	A 15	25	
25—Widnes	H		
26—Leigh	A		
28—Oldham	H		

1958

Jan.			
1—Wigan	A		
4—Whitehaven	A		
11—Swinton	H		
18—York	A		
25—Leeds	A		
Feb.			
1—York	H		
8—R.L. Cup, 1st Round			
15—Barrow	H		
22—R.L. Cup, 2nd Round			
Mar.			
1—			
8—Rochdale Hornets	H		
15—Bradford Northern	A		
22—Featherstone R.	A		
29—Leeds	H		
Apr.			
4—Widnes	A		
5—Lancs. Schoolboys v.			
7—Leigh	H		
Yorks. Schoolboys	H		
12—Whitehaven	H		
19—Swinton	A		

Date	Opponents	Grnd.	Reslt.
	1957	F	A
Aug.			
10—Wigan (Wardonia Cup)	H 24	20	
17—Barrow	H 22	12	
24—Oldham	A 20	7	
(L.C.C.S. 1st Round)			
31—St. Helens	A 10	13	
Sept.			
7—Widnes	A 9	11	
12—Leigh	H 28	7	
(Lancs. Chall. Shield)			
14—Oldham	H 21	7	
21—Widnes (F.)	A 6	23	
25—Wigan	H 13	19	
(L.C.C.S. Semi-final)			
28—St. Helens	H 18	10	
Oct.			
5—Blackpool Borough	A 6	12	
12—Salford	H 41	15	
19—Workington Town	A 13	22	
26—Widnes	H 10	21	
Nov.			
2—Wigan	A 24	13	
9—Workington Town	H 14	20	
16—Wigan	A 18	11	
23—Rochdale Hornets	H 44	5	
30—St. Helens	A 17	21	
Dec.			
7—Blackpool Borough	H 35	0	
14—Salford	A 10	28	
21—Swinton	A 29	18	
26—Leigh	H		
28—Oldham	A		
1958			
Jan.			
4—Whitehaven	H		
11—Swinton	A		
18—Swinton	H		
25—Widnes	H		
Feb.			
1—			
8—Liverpool City	H		
15—Barrow	A		
Mar.			
1—Warrington Amateur L.	H		
8—Rochdale Hornets	A		
15—Wigan	H		
22—Swinton	H		
29—			
Apr.			
5—Liverpool City	A		
7—Leigh	A		
12—Whitehaven	A		

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