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Sports Chat

TODAY'S VISITORS.

When I rang up my good friend Mr. Bert Summerscales for details of the Oldham team to play in today's match he gave me the warning that the Watersheddings side was coming back into its best form. He did not make this statement to cause gloom at Thrum Hall but with the return of tourists Davies and Pitchford the Oldham side has been considerably strengthened and are touching the form that made them last season's Lancashire League Champions. This was not a psychological statement intended to depress us but purely a statement of fact based upon Oldham's recent outstanding victories. Undoubtedly, Oldham are coming into their own again following their heavy defeat at Wakefield. The return of star players has added stability and inspiration to the team. It will be a top gear side that will go on to the field at Thrum Hall today. This is just as we want it. The greater the challenge the greater will be our response and the greater will be the enjoyment of our spectators. We face the Lancashire League Champions and they face the Yorkshire League Champions. It is a long time since we were able to defeat Oldham. They already have one victory to their credit over us so far this season. Oldham will come today thirsting to achieve another victory. We will be just as anxious to avoid defeat and to gain another couple of points at the expense of a Lancashire side. The stage is set for a memorable match. I hope it will materialise into a great game worthy of today's two contesting sides.

We delight in crossing the Pennines and visiting Oldham. There is nowhere that we enjoy visiting more than the Watersheddings ground. The welcome and hospitality that we receive at the hands of our Oldham friends is always heartfelt and sincere. Nowhere could we wish for a better welcome. Today our Oldham

friends visit Thrum Hall. We trust that their enjoyment will match the welcome that we want to give them. It is a great pleasure to be the hosts to the Oldham Club and it is with sincerity that we say to you one and all

WELCOME TO THRUM HALL.

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Ganley, the Oldham captain, has kicked 1005 goals for his club. This is a fine achievement and we congratulate him on remarkably consistent performances in Rugby League football. We well know the accuracy of Bernard. He has always been on the mark when he has been in opposition to us.

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In two consecutive matches Oldham have humbled the pride of Cumberland. On Saturday last in a Lancashire Challenge Cup Match they trounced Whitehaven to the tune of 49 pts. to 9 pts. while on Tuesday Workington could not hold the Watersheddings men who ran away with a 30 pts. to 4 victory.

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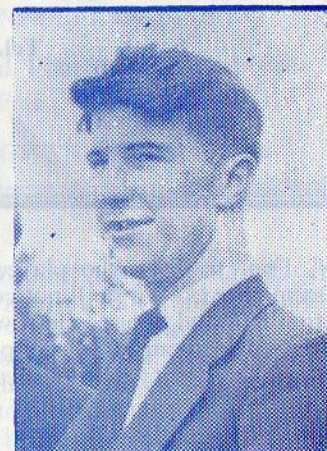
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Four trialists who played in our "A" team a week ago all disappointed. We shall not continue with the trials of the hooker, scrum-half and two second row forwards. We are grateful to these players for giving us the opportunity to play them in trials, but unfortunately they did not measure up to the required standards.

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We offer our commiserations to Mr. and Mrs. John Thorley on the illness of their four year old daughter. We trust that soon they will hear good news that Anna is well on the way to recovery.

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Jackson, the Oldham prop forward and Australian Tourist, is now back in full training following a cartilage operation. He is hopeful that he will be fit enough to turn out for Oldham against Wakefield on Saturday, September 13th.

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With John Thorley being unavailable for today's match it is possible that Jack Wilkinson will take his place and that Pearce will move up into Wilkinson's place in the front row and that our back row will read: Jarman, Sparks and Clift. Clift is a doubtful starter and should he prove to be unfit then in all probability Marchant will deputise.

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Edwards, the red-haired Oldham centre who has displaced such stars as Ayres, Nestor and Noon, is a St. Helens lad who has been at Oldham for three years. He is now 20 years of age. He gave a very good display against Workington on Tuesday evening.

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The Leigh area has been a very fruitful hunting ground for the Oldham club. Ganley, Davies and Pitchford hail from that district while Oldham now introduce young 18 year old Sims who is also a product of Leigh junior football. Sims today will be in opposition to Keith Williams. To accommodate Sims who is a right winger Oldham have moved Dick Cracknell to the left wing. The left wing berth being vacant due to John Etty being on the injured list.

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We congratulate Geoff Palmer, our captain, on being the first Halifax player to be chosen for a representative match this season. He plays for Cumberland against Lancashire on Wednesday next.

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Dufty, the Oldham prop forward, was born in Oxford of Irish parents. He played his football for London Irish before turning professional.

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Rowbottom who deputises for Ken Jackson at open side prop is a former Widnes player.

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Not a single local player figures in today's Oldham side.

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Today's Curtain-Raiser is between the Under 17 teams of Hebden Bridge and Ovenden.

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SCORE BOARD.

We regret the delay in getting our new Score Board into operation. Our contractors, however, inform me that the Score Board will definitely be operating by the end of this month.

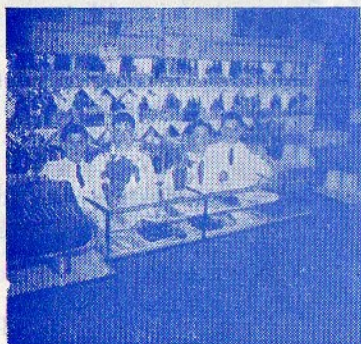
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- 1.—OWEN 1 GOAL
- 2.—SNOWDEN
- 3.—BURNETT
- 4.—PALMER 1 TRY
- 5.—WILLIAMS 1 TRY
- 6.—DEAN
- 7.—JONES
- 8.—WILKINSON
- 9.—TAYLOR
- 10.—PEARCE
- 11.—JARMAN
- 12.—SPARKS 1 TRY
- 14.—CLIFF MARCHANT

OLDHAM

- 1.—GANLEY 1 T, 6 GOALS
- 2.—SIMS
- 3.—DAVIES 1 TRY
- 4.—EDWARDS CRACKNELL
- 5.—CRACKNELL LETTY
- 6.—KELLETT 1 TRY
- 7.—PITCHFORD STIRRAUP
- 8.—ROWBOTTOM DUFFY
- 9.—KEITH
- 10.—DUFTY MCKEOWN
- 11.—WINSLADE 1 TRY
- 12.—LITTLE 1 TRY
- 13.—TURNER

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES.

Most grounds in the Rugby League are being improved by the efforts of Supporters Clubs. At Thrum Hall the results are there for all to see. It is therefore surprising to find that our Supporters Club membership is less than what it has been for years. It appears that members of the Ground Lottery Fund are under the false impression that they are automatically members of the Supporters Club. This is not so. We therefore invite you all to join the Supporters Club and to take part in our activities—Coach trips, etc. Membership is only 1/- and this includes taking part in a Prize Draw. Membership of our Football Pool could also be increased thus speeding the day when we can have a ground second to none.

The Supporters Club congratulates Garfield Owen on his return to form and Keith Williams on scoring six tries against Doncaster last Saturday.

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TOP FLIGHT.

It is not often that you find two players from the same town who make the top grade in the same position. At Thrum Hall today we have Ken Dean and Alan Kellett in opposition. Both are first-rate players and it will be interesting to compare their respective styles. Kellett is just starting his career while Dean is now in his tenth season with Halifax. Both fill the vital position of stand-off half.

Further, the two opposing hookers hail from the same district. Keith and Taylor are products of Hunslet junior football. The Oldham hooker has intimated that he is on the retiring mark while Trevor Taylor is just out of the Forces and looking forward to a long career in Rugby League football.

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KEN DEAN



JACK WILKINSON

We would like to draw the attention of our Supporters that this season a Testimonial has been granted to two of our players, Ken Dean and Jack Wilkinson.

Both are local boys and it is very pleasing to find that in these days of so much movement of players, they are still content to remain with their HOME TOWN TEAM.

It does not need me to comment on the faithful and loyal service that these two players have rendered to the Halifax Club.

Such service and skill prompts me to appeal to followers of the game to help in making these two players feel that their loyalty to the game and to their club in particular has been worthwhile, by giving them a real bumper Testimonial.

I now appeal to your generosity by giving or sending a donation, however small, to the Secretary of the Fund, Mr. W. Stansfield, 7 Littlemoor Road, Illingworth, Halifax, who will officially acknowledge all donations.

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NEXT TUESDAY'S CUP MATCH.

Will our supporters please note that we are not issuing any special tickets for next Tuesday's Cup Match with York. League admission charges will appertain and this of course will be an ALL PAY MATCH.

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SPORTSMEN'S SERVICE.

A special service for all Sportsmen will be held at TUEL LANE METHODIST CHURCH, SOWERBY BRIDGE, on Sunday, September 7th, 1958, at 6-15 p.m. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Allan G. Cox, of Wigan, and who is a playing member of Wigan Athletic. There will be a display of Sports Equipment and Trophies. A hearty invitation is extended to YOU.

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Player	No. of Appearances	Goals	Tries	Points
Briers	1	1	—	2
Owen	4	20	1	43
Snowden	5	—	5	15
Burnett	5	—	4	12
Palmer	3	—	1	3
Ollier	2	—	2	6
Williams	5	—	6	18
Dean	5	1	—	2
Jones	5	—	2	6
Thorley	5	—	1	3
Taylor	5	—	—	—
Wilkinson	5	—	—	—
Jarman	4	—	1	3
Pearce	3	—	1	3
Sparks	5	—	—	—
Cliff	3	—	—	—
—	16	65	22	116

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES, 1958-59.

1958.			
Aug.	9—HUDDERSFIELD		
	(Charity Match)	home	
	16—OLDHAM	...	away
	20—LEEDS (7-0)	...	home
	23—WIGAN	...	home
	26—KEIGHLEY (6-45)	...	away
	30—DONCASTER (Yorks. Cup)	home	
Sept.	6—OLDHAM	...	home
	13—ST. HELENS	...	away
	20—HULL	...	home
	27—DEWSBURY	...	away
Oct.	4—KEIGHLEY	...	home
	11—WORKINGTON	...	home
	18—BRAMLEY	...	away
	25—DONCASTER	...	home
Nov.	1—YORK	...	away
	8—HULL K.R.	...	home
	15—LEEDS	...	away
	22—WAKEFIELD T.	...	home
	29—FEATHERSTONE	...	away
Dec.	6—BRADFORD N.	...	home
	13—WIGAN	...	away
	20—CASTLEFORD	...	away
	25—HUDDERSFIELD	...	home
	26—HUDDERSFIELD	...	away
	27—WAKEFIELD T.	...	away
1959.			
Jan.	3—HUNSLET	...	home
	10—HUNSLET	...	away
	17—BATLEY	...	away
	24—FEATHERSTONE	...	home
	31—BATLEY	...	home
Feb.	7—BRADFORD N.	...	away
	14—DEWSBURY	...	home
	21—R.L. Cup	...	
	28—HULL K.R.	...	away
Mar.	7—R.L. Cup	...	
	14—DONCASTER	...	away
	21—YORK	...	home
	27—WORKINGTON	...	away
	30—BRAMLEY	...	home
Apl.	4—ST. HELENS	...	home
	18—CASTLEFORD	...	home
	25—HULL	...	away

"A" TEAM FIXTURES, 1958-59.

1958.			
Aug.	16—HULL	...	home
	22—KEIGHLEY (6-45)	...	away
	29—BRADFORD (6-45)	...	home
Sept.	13—DEWSBURY	...	home
	20—LEEDS	...	away
	27—HUDDERSFIELD	...	home
Oct.	4—HUDDERSFIELD	...	away
	11—BATLEY	...	away
	18—BRAMLEY	...	home
	25—HULL K.R.	...	away
Nov.	1—HULL K.R.	...	home
	8—DEWSBURY	...	away
	15—DONCASTER	...	home
	22—YORK	...	away
	29—FEATHERSTONE	...	home
Dec.	6—DONCASTER	...	away
	13—LEEDS	...	home
	20—BRADFORD	...	away
	27—YORK	...	home
1959.			
Jan.	3—HUNSLET	...	away
	10—CASTLEFORD	...	home
	17—WAKEFIELD	...	home
	24—WAKEFIELD	...	away
	31—BRAMLEY	...	away
Feb.	7—KEIGHLEY	...	home
	14—FEATHERSTONE	...	away
	28—CASTLEFORD (Cup)	...	away
Mar.	14—BATLEY	...	home
	28—HUNSLET	...	home
Apl.	4—CASTLEFORD	...	away
	11—HULL	...	away

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