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— TODAY'S VISITORS —

To-day's opposition, Oldham, provide us with one of our most attractive fixtures of the season. This star-studded side have always been noted for its fast, open football, and with today's line up we can look forward to a feast of football befitting a New Year's Eve.

Bernard Ganley, international fullback, is in all probability the finest goal-kicker playing today and is the present holder of the record number of goals scored in one season, he is also still a very useful fullback. Keith Holden, right wing three-quarter and Lancashire County player started his career with Leigh, and joined Oldham via Wigan, for a fee of £7500. He is primarily a centre but owing to Oldham's wealth of talent is at present filling the wing berth and making as big a success of it as he did playing centre at Wigan. Alan Davies, Gt. Britain centre, needs no introducing, and critics have rated him the best centre threequarter in our game to-day, besides his outstanding football ability he is a very shrewd tactician. Left centre, J. Noon, is a product of local football and an accountant by trade, and by virtue of his

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Today's Visitors—continued

constant selection in the side marks him as a more than useful player. W. J. Patterson, on the left wing, is a new comer to the side, and is making the selectors sit up and take notice already. He certainly provides the answer to the Oldham directors' problems caused by the differences that they have been lately having with Ike Southward.

Their half-back contribution of G. B. Kellett and Frank Pitchford is the envy of most clubs. Pitchford, a native of Leigh, possesses fantastic pace for a scrum-half and is another international, while Kellett was strongly tipped as Gt. Britain's stand-off half for the World Cup series, these two know every move in the book, and better still, know when to use them.

Their pack is powerful to say the least, with Payne (ex Liverpool City) and Duffy propping for Len McIntyre, who joined them after first team experience with St. Helens and ourselves, we paid the 'Saints' £750 for him and transferred him to Oldham for £2500, and they are well satisfied.

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The 2nd row pair are Charlie Winslade and Geof. Robinson, former Whitehaven player both are internationals and constructive forwards. Our main interest today is focussed on loose forward Alan Parker, a Barrow lad, who is sailing to the top in his first season in Rugby League. Alan's Rugby Union career is quite remarkable in that he not only played for Barrow Grammar School, Furness R.U.F.C., Manchester University, and Lancashire, but he also captained all these sides. He also played in the English R.U. trials and Services representative football. Although we approached him to sign, he preferred Oldham and nobody realises more than we, that Oldham's gain is Barrow's loss, even so, we sincerely wish on him all the honours that can be gained in his new code, for we know him to be a natural footballer.

In the Manager's Chair at Watersheddings is the man who did such great things for Salford as a player and for Workington as a manager, and whom we are sure will give a repeat performance with Oldham — Gus Risman.

We are looking forward to a game full of all that is best in Rugby, and somehow I don't think we will be disappointed.

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Referee: D. S. BROWN

BARROW 11

- 1—Ball
- 2—Roper
- 3—Rea
- 4—Woolveridge
- 5—Treen
- 6—Sharp (B)
- 7—Armstrong
- 8—Hubbold
- 9—Wilson (I)
- 10—Campbell
- 11—Ducie
- 12—Walters
- 13—Wilson (D)

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- 2—Holden
- 3—Davies
- 4—Noon
- 5—Patterson
- 6—Kellett
- 7—Pitchford Jones
- 8—Payne
- 9—McIntyre
- 10—Duffy Coddard
- 11—Winslade
- 12—Robinson
- 13—Parker

(Any team changes will be announced)

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— CLUB NOTES —

Our two South Africans, whom we are confident of signing, are at present undergoing their inoculations and being fixed up with passports. Both are wingers and interstate players, and it is hoped that when they become acclimatised they will be more than useful acquisitions to the club. A feature of their signing will be that they are the first two coloured players to be signed by any club in the League from South Africa. We hope to keep you up to date with news of these players until they finally arrive in this country.

Frank Griffin and Tommy Smales are both expected to make their debut at Rochdale next Saturday, and with their experience it is hoped to add more punch to our pack.

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We wish to express our appreciation and best wishes for the future to Arthur Archbell who retires today after 29 yrs. as club Secretary at Huddersfield, he was previously with Halifax. The Secretaries are arranging a presentation for him in January, and how well he deserves it.

Our two holiday fixtures with Blackpool Borough were a bitter disappointment to everyone concerned, and after running Workington so close the previous Saturday one wonders what came over the team. With our two new forward signings and others on the way we hope to overcome this lackadaisical attitude of some of our players on the field, by keen competition and players having to fight for their position on the field every Saturday.

— PROGRESSIVE BRANCH. —

The committee of this body are showing great interest in the efforts of the Directors to strengthen the team and are keen to assist with financial support as soon as the right players are acquired, so give them all the support possible

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When any point arises as to the interpretation of a playing rule the Referees' Society seeks a ruling from the R. L. Council through the General Purposes Committee. These occasions are much more numerous than is generally realised. In fact Mr. Fallowfield has compiled a hand-book, much longer than the laws of the game, classifying all such rulings. Here is the latest:- If a penalty kick is taken and the ball rebounds from the player standing on the mark and comes back towards the kicker's side, then a scrum shall be formed as the ball has failed to reach the mark. It was felt that this interpretation was necessary, otherwise players would be deliberately kicking the ball against the player standing on the mark in order to regain possession.

Barrow R.F.C. Next Home Game

Saturday, January 7th, 1961

BARROW 'A'

v.

Rochdale 'A'

Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

— APPEARANCES —

(Up to and including Dec. 17th)

Wilson (J) 19. Dawes, Sharp (B),
17. Campbell, Wilson (D) 15. Roper,
Rea 14. Donaldson, Ducie 13. Glas-
son, Sharpe (D) 12. Woolveridge 11.
Grundy 10. Walters 8. Ball 7.
O'Brien, Harris, Jackson (J) 5.
Barker Houghton Hubbard Treen 4.
Delves Hamblett 3. Dwyer Jackson
(F), Stephenson 2. Holloway Skeels
Wright Whitehead Castle 1 each.

— SCORERS —

(Up to and including Dec. 17th)

Tries: Rea 7. Sharp (B) 5. Wool-
veridge 4. Sharpe (D) 3. Hamblett,
Glasson Wilson (J) Wilson (D)
2. Roper Ball Dawes Houghton
Skeels Stephenson 1 each.

Goals: Dawes 25. Ball 14.

Fixture List

AUGUST

	F.	A.
13—Wigan	away	0 44
15—Workington	home	5 26
20—Widnes	home	17 9
24—Salford	away	0 9
27—Swinton (L.C.)	home	6 10

SEPTEMBER

1—Wigan	home	12 24
3—Bradford N	home	5 18
10—Dewsbury	away	12 19
17—Keighley	home	16 10
19—Doncaster	away	5 14

OCTOBER

1—World Cup		
8—World Cup		
15—Widnes	away	13 26
22—Rochdale H.	home	15 3
29—Whitehaven	away	5 20

NOVEMBER

5—Dewsbury	home	20 9
12—Liverpool	away	14 9
19—St. Helens	home	15 29
26—Bradford N.	away	P

DECEMBER

3—Whitehaven	home	2 13
10—Swinton	away	9 33
17—Workington	away	8 11

DECEMBER

26—Blackpool	home
27—Blackpool	away
31—Oldham	home

JANUARY

7—Rochdale H.	away
14—Keighley	away
21—Salford	home
28—Warrington	home

FEBRUARY

4—Oldham	away
11—C. C. — 1st Round	
18—Warrington	away
25—C. C. — 2nd Round	

MARCH

4—Halifax	home
11—St. Helens	away
18—Liverpool	home
31—Leigh	home

APRIL

1—Doncaster	home
3—Halifax	away
15—R.L. Cup Semi-Final	
22—Leigh	away
29—Swinton	home

MAY

13—R.L. Cup Final	
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