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Sports Chat

OLDHAM.

Circumstances have changed completely since January 7th, 1961, when we should have played Oldham at Thrum Hall. Then the League positions of the two teams were practically identical. Only a slight disparity in the scoring records distinguished the two sides. Both teams were Top Four candidates. Now, however, both are out of the running and no longer have any interest in any competition. All that remains is the improving of League positions so that better inter-county fixtures can come their way in the forthcoming season.

Perhaps, at this stage of the season with only two matches remaining to be played, this can be a good thing. With nothing at stake players should endeavour to give the public full value for their money by playing entertaining football. Both sides should be capable of doing this. Oldham certainly have always been an attractive side to watch. There are many outstanding personalities in their ranks. In Kellett and Pitchford they have a potential Test half-back pairing, while the two centre positions are in the capable hands of Test star Alan Davies and Holden who was signed this season at a £6,000 fee from Wigan. Once these players get on the move they should be a delight to watch.

With so many backs of Test standard in their ranks a must for the Watersheddings side is a good pack of forwards. The Oldham six have shed some of their lustre and cannot be compared to the men behind them. Efforts have been made to strength the forwards. Robinson was signed from Whitehaven at a big fee, Payne from Liverpool City, while Dave Parker was signed from Lancashire Rugby Union and Parker T. came from Lock Lane. The forwards have plenty of potentiality but they need experience and blending before they can become the force that's necessary for a Top Four team.

Although the season is coming to its lean finish nevertheless it is always a pleasure, no matter what time of the year it is, to welcome the Oldham team, officials and supporters to our midst. Our relations with the Oldham Club have ever been most cordial and we trust that this evening we shall have a match that will be in keeping with the excellent spirit that exists between the two clubs.

Noon, now on Oldham's right wing, was sent off in the match against Blackpool. His case came up last Monday and on the outcome of this meeting will depend whether he plays tonight or not.

Another Oldham player was sent off the field last Tuesday evening against Warrington. This was Robinson, their second row forward. His case, however, will not come up until after seven days have elapsed since he was sent off.

Replacing Ganley at full-back is Sims who came to Oldham as a wing threequarter and was signed from a Leigh Junior club.

For their final game of the season Oldham play Keighley at Oldham.

THE POOLS.

Since the inception of the NEW DAILY DRAW a prize of £100 will be paid this week for the first time. The membership of the Pools has now topped the 11,000 mark. We are still short of our target of 15,000 members but with the membership increasing gradually every week we are satisfied with the progress being made. The Draw continues throughout the close season and in this period we are hopeful we shall recruit members of other pools when they switch from soccer at the end of the present season. Any person interested in joining our Pools can get the information he requires from The Supporters Club Hut, from The Building Fund Committee at 42 Gibbet Street, or from W. Hughes, The Pavilion, Thrum Hall.



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DEPUTATIONS.

Strong deputations have been out during the past week in an endeavour to find at least two established players before the commencement of next season. The departure of Sparks for South Wales will leave a gap in our forwards. This has got to be bridged. The search has been intense but the results have not been productive. If no new face appears on the scene before the beginning of next season I can assure you that it will not be for lack of trying. We know what we want but it is finding the right player that is causing all the headaches.

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	1.—OWEN <i>SS</i>	1.—SIMS <i>SSSS</i>	
	2.—SNOWDEN <i>T</i>	2.—NOON <i>Welder</i>	
	3.—BURNETT	3.—HOLDEN	
	4.—PALMER	4.—DAVIES	
	5.—FREEMAN	5.—PATTERSON <i>T</i>	
	6.—WILLIAMS	6.—KELLETT <i>TTT</i>	
	7.—CRITCHLEY	7.—PITCHFORD	
	8.—FOX	8.—PAYNE	
	9.—SHAW	9.—GODDARD	
	10.—CRABTREE	10.—DUFTY <i>T</i>	
	11.—SCROBY	11.—WINSLADE	
	12.—SPARKS	12.—ROBINSON	
	14.—PHILLIPS	13.—PARKER, D. <i>T</i>	
Referee : Mr. J. MANLEY (Warrington).			
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YORKSHIRE CUP DRAW.

The Yorkshire Cup Draw was made at Featherstone on Wednesday evening last. We are paired with Castleford at Castleford. By all accounts, we have not met them this season, Castleford are a greatly improved team and are developing a young side on the right lines. They endeavour to play football at every opportunity. Already we are looking forward to participating in this match. The last time we played at Castleford was in the last match of season 1959-60 and suffered defeat by 20 pts. to 14 pts. We have this defeat to wipe out and believe that by the time August comes around we shall be capable of winning our first round Yorkshire Cup tie.

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AWAY MATCHES.

It is amazing that we have not won a single League match away from home since we defeated Keighley at Keighley on December 10th, 1960, and yet in the Challenge Cup Competition our away record has been exceptional. Prior to our defeat by Wigan at Swinton we had not lost a cup-tie away from home since we lost to St. Helens at Wembley in 1956. How to explain the difference between winning cup matches away from home and losing League matches away from home is entirely beyond me, unless it points to the fact that a supreme effort is made to win cup matches and that reaction sets in in the case of League matches. A young and inexperienced side is not capable of maintaining a Top Four and Cup challenge. Experience and strength are vital factors in being able to withstand the rigours of keen competition. This we had in small measure this season but next season we shall have it in greater measure. Our sojourn in the Lancashire League will hold us in good stead when we return to the Yorkshire League.

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UNUSUAL.

Against Warrington at Wilderspool on Saturday last the home side scored two tries from drop-outs. I do not remember seeing this happen before. In the first half we had been pressing hard and the ball had been forced over the dead-ball line. From the ensuing drop-out O'Grady, the former Oldham player, fielded the ball and started a movement which resulted in a try. The same thing happened again in the second half. Snowden had just missed scoring by inches. The ball was kicked dead from right underneath his nose. Again from the drop-out which looked like going straight into touch, O'Grady, still the villain of the piece, took the ball inches from touch and once more started a movement which again resulted in a try. I do not think we shall see such happenings again in a match, or should I say that after this bitter experience we shall not be caught napping in such manner again.

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CHANGES.

At least one change will have to be made in our side from the one that played so well against Warrington on Saturday. Charlie Renilson has returned to his Army unit and is not available. He will however be available to play against Salford in our last game of the season on Saturday. In all probability Renilson's place will be taken by one of the second row men and a reshuffling of the pack could mean Crabtree coming in at No. 10 with Phillips going into the second row. Despite the drop-out happenings the team did exceptionally well at Warrington and deserved a better fate than the defeat by an 18 pt. margin.

PLAYERS RECORDS, SEASON 1960/61.

First Team League and Cup Games.

Player	Appearances	Goals	Tries	Points
OWEN	38	117	1	237
SNOWDEN	31	—	8	24
BURNETT	35	—	9	27
PALMER	37	—	5	15
FREEMAN	37	—	25	75
WILLIAMS	18	—	4	12
JONES	9	—	3	9
MARCHANT	22	—	3	9
FOX	35	—	2	6
SHAW	31	—	5	15
CRABTREE	25	—	—	0
SPARKS	35	—	2	6
SCROBY	34	—	2	6
MARTIN	17	1	2	8
CRITCHLEY	15	—	3	9
TAYLOR	8	—	—	0
ROBINSON	15	—	6	18
JACKSON	4	—	2	6
ECKERSLEY	6	—	—	0
LANGHORN	1	—	—	0
PHILLIPS	15	—	2	6
RENILSON	12	—	1	3
TURNBULL	5	—	—	0
BROADBENT	4	—	—	0
FAZACKERLEY	4	—	—	0
ASQUITH	1	—	—	0
JARMAN	1	—	—	0
JAMES	1	1	—	2
FOGERTY	4	—	—	0
—	29	506	119	86
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LEADING SCORES.

With only two matches left to play Oldham's leading scorers are: Noon with 23 tries, Kellett with 17 tries and Ganley with 93 goals.

NEXT SATURDAY.

Salford are the visitors to Thrum Hall in the last match of season 1960-61.

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES, 1960-61.

1960.	Aug. 6—HUDDERSFIELD	... .. home
	13—BRAMLEY	... .. away
	15—(Mon.) BATLEY (7-0 p.m.)	home
	20—WORKINGTON	... .. home
	23—(Tues.) LIVERPOOL	... .. away
	27—WAKEFIELD (Y.C.)	... .. away
Sept.	3—KEIGHLEY	... .. home
	10—OLDHAM	... .. away
	17—SALFORD	... .. away
	19—(Mon.) WARRINGTON	... .. home
	26—ST. HELENS	... .. away
Oct.	15—ROCHDALE	... .. away
	22—WHITEHAVEN	... .. home
	29—BLACKPOOL	... .. away
Nov.	5—ROCHDALE	... .. home
	12—LEIGH	... .. away
	19—WIDNES	... .. home
	26—SWINTON	... .. away
Dec.	3—LIVERPOOL	... .. home
	10—KEIGHLEY	... .. away
	17—WIDNES	... .. away
	26—HUDDERSFIELD	... .. home
	27—HUDDERSFIELD	... .. away
	31—BRAMLEY	... .. home
1961.	Jan. 7—OLDHAM	... .. home
	14—	... ..
	21—LEIGH	... .. home
	28—WORKINGTON	... .. away
Feb.	4—SWINTON	... .. home
	11—1st Rd. R.L. Cup.	... ..
	18—WIGAN	... .. home
	25—2nd Rd. R.L. Cup.	... ..
Mar.	4—BARROW	... .. away
	11—3rd Rd. R.L. Cup.	... ..
	18—ST. HELENS	... .. home
	25—BATLEY	... .. away
	31—(Fri.) WHITEHAVEN	... .. away
Apl.	1—BLACKPOOL	... .. home
	3—BARROW	... .. home
	8—WIGAN	... .. away
	15—R.L. Cup Semi-Finals.	... ..
	22—WARRINGTON	... .. away
	29—SALFORD	... .. home

SECOND TEAM FIXTURES, 1960-61.

1960.	Aug. 13—BRAMLEY	... .. home
	20—HUDDERSFIELD	... .. away
	27—WAKEFIELD	... .. home
Sept.	3—BRADFORD	... .. away
	10—LEIGH	... .. home
	17—ST. HELENS	... .. home
	24—FEATHERSTONE	... .. away
Oct.	1—BRADFORD	... .. home
	8—BATLEY	... .. away
	15—DONCASTER	... .. home
	22—DEWSBURY	... .. away
	29—ROCHDALE	... .. home
Nov.	5—LEIGH	... .. away
	12—HUDDERSFIELD	... .. home
	19—HULL	... .. away
	26—LEEDS	... .. home
Dec.	3—WAKEFIELD	... .. away
	10—DEWSBURY	... .. home
	17—CASTLEFORD	... .. home
	24—ST. HELENS	... .. away
	31—BRAMLEY	... .. away
1961.	Jan. 7—KEIGHLEY	... .. away
	14—HULL K.R.	... .. home
	21—HULL K.R.	... .. away
	28—FEATHERSTONE	... .. home
Feb.	4—ROCHDALE	... .. away
	18—CASTLEFORD	... .. away
Mar.	4—FEATHERSTONE	... .. away
	(Y.S.C. Cup)	... ..
	25—BATLEY	... .. home
Apl.	1—DONCASTER away
	4—HULL home
	8—KEIGHLEY home
	15—YORK home
	22—YORK away
	29—LEEDS away

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