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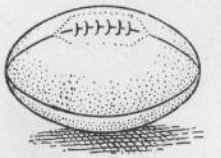

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WELCOME TO OLDHAM

Whether it is a cup tie or a league match, Oldham are always attractive visitors to Naughton Park, and we extend to them a cordial welcome this afternoon. At the moment Oldham are seventh in the league, and they have not yet given up hope of finishing in the top four, but with 30 points from 24 games it will take a supreme effort to overcome the other competitors who are already well situated in the charmed circle. Oldham have also an interest in the cup. They overcame Hull in round one and in the next round meet Workington Town.

Over the past few years quite a number of the Oldham stars have departed, including Alan Davies to Wigan, Charlie Winslade to Warrington, Bernard Ganley (retired) and Ike Southward (Workington Town). However, the Oldham officials have got together a useful outfit which possesses many notables. Geoff Sims, the full-back, is a capable deputy for Ganley, being a very good goal-kicker, while he also links up with his threequarters at every available opportunity.

FEW MORE FOR CENTURY

Sims is third in the league goal scoring chart with 95 goals, so he will be after a few more this afternoon to take him on the way to his century. Last week against Leigh Sims landed five successful shots. In the threequarters are Vin Nestor, who can play centre or wing. Keith Holden, formerly with Wigan and Leigh, Lord, and Malcolm Price who recently cost the club a huge fee when he came from Welsh R.U. circles. Price played against England at Twickenham this season.

STRONG FORWARDS

Alan Kellett is one of the fastest stand-off halves in the game, and he is also tipped as a Tour possible. Although he has now been playing for Oldham for quite a time, Leigh lad Frank Pitchford is still a tip-top scrum-half. There is a very strong forward line. The players include: Bill Payne, prop, who used to be with Liverpool City, Len McIntyre, the hooker once with St. Helens and Barrow, Peter Goddard who is able to figure in more than one position. Parker, the loose-forward, is a very hard worker, and then there are men like Geoff Robinson, once with Whitehaven, and Peter Smethurst (ex Swinton). Yes, Oldham have a solid set who will be keen on gaining maximum points. It should be a most entertaining game, as Widnes quickly returned to winning form last week after that set-back against Leigh.

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WELCOME BACK

We welcome back this afternoon our captain Frank Myler, who was not able to play last Saturday because he was a reserve for Great Britain in the game against the French at Central Park, Wigan. Frank is again a reserve to travel for the return game against the Frenchmen at Perpignon on Sunday, March 11th. One would have liked to have seen Frank in action, for that would have given him a better chance when the international selectors get down to choosing the team to visit Australia and New Zealand this summer. We all wish Frank the best of luck, for he would carry on the grand traditions set by so many Widnes Tourists in the past.

George Kemel also returns today as hooker. He was unable to appear last week because of a pulled muscle. Two more points would give the Chemics an even better chance of appearing in the top 16 next season. Anyhow, everyone at Naughton Park is extremely confident of seeing first division football here next season.

'A' TEAM PROSPECTS

It will now be known that Jim Measures, the former St. Helens forward, is playing his second game with the reserve team this afternoon at Oldham. Jim turned out last Saturday against Blackpool Borough "A" but while he was on the losing side—the margin was very close—Jim made an impressive debut, and he scored a try. It may not be long before you see him in first team colours.

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It will also be noted that Raymond Owen, who has been most unlucky in the way of injuries over the last few seasons, will be operating at half-back. He will be partnering Brian Keavney at Watersheddings.

Last week we said goodbye to Mr. Ralph Stirrup who has retired from the committee on taking up residence in the Lake District. A pen set was handed to Mr. Stirrup by Mr. Frank Devonald, the Chairman, to mark his valuable services to the club over a long period. Besides being auditor, he had been a member of the committee for 13 years, and two years as the club's representative on the Rugby League Council. Mr. Stirrup had performed a great service to the schoolboy and amateur movements in the area and his efforts in that direction will also be missed. We wish him a long and happy retirement and when the Widnes team is playing in Cumberland we hope to see him at the games.

We are glad to see Lal Kinsey playing again. He is also in the reserves this afternoon, having spent some time out of the game through an ankle injury. Jed Smith has a wrist injury and is likely to be out of the game for some weeks. Trevor Keavney is still receiving treatment to his shoulder. Harry Dawson is back in training after hurting his ankle.

HELPING HAND

Today we extend a helping hand to the National Fire Service, who are making a collection for the National Fire Service Benevolent Fund.

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The Testimonial Committee are working very hard for the George Kemel Fund. Full details about the dance to take place at the Queen's Hall, Widnes, will be published in a subsequent programme. This event is to be held on April 6th, and previously there have been strong demand for tickets. The committee are also hoping to arrange a film show. Again details will be published as soon as they are at hand.

On Monday next, at the Widnes Cricket Club, Widnes footballers will be the guests at a hot pot supper. The darts team will be in action. This looks like being a very popular affair.

POINTS OF INTEREST

To obtain a ticket for the popular Jack Pot all you have to do is to call at one of the gaily coloured kiosks which are situated on all parts of the ground. For 1/- you may win £100. The person winning the prize may call and get his or her cheque at the end of today's game.

We are not able to supply any tickets for the Rugby League Challenge Cup final which will take place at Wembley Stadium on Saturday, May 12th. There are standing room tickets at three shillings each. These can be obtained direct from the Rugby League Headquarters at 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds. Postal orders, money orders and cheques should be sent with the applications. A stamped addressed envelope should be enclosed.

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MR. J. FENWICK (Maryport); orange flag.

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KICK-OFF 3 P.M. (Please note)

March 10th—

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T. Galligan	—	2	6
D. Heyes	—	2	6
J. Bright	—	2	6
W. Hurstfield	—	1	3
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FIRST TEAM

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result F.	Result A.
1961				
Aug. 12	Leigh (A & B Cup) (F)	A	8	24
,, 18	New Zealand	H	9	6
,, 23	Warrington	A	10	15
,, 26	Bradford N.	H	37	10
Sep. 2	Whitehaven (1st Rd. Lancs. C.)	H	54	2
,, 6	Salford	H	15	2
,, 9	Keighley	A	23	5
,, 16	Batley	H	27	0
,, 21	Wigan (2nd Rd. Lancs. C.)	H	9	5
,, 23	Bradford N.	A	33	2
Oct. 4	Swinton (Semi-Final L.C.)	A	5	10
,, 7	Huddersfield	H	8	18
,, 14	Swinton	A	2	16
,, 21	Workington T.	H	8	16
,, 28	Barrow	A	10	5
Nov. 13	Leigh	A	8	9
,, 18	St. Helens	H	13	12
,, 25	Castleford	A	2	5
Dec. 2	Castleford	H	18	10
,, 9	Rochdale H.	A	P	
,, 16	Keighley	H	16	3
,, 23	Wigan	A	P	
,, 26	Liverpool C.	H	P	
,, 30	Oldham	A	P	
1962				
Jan. 6	Swinton	H	4	3
,, 13	Workington	A	5	26
,, 20	Blackpool B.	H	28	10
,, 27	Leigh	H	12	0
Feb. 3	Whitehaven	A	8	4
,, 10	Leigh (1st Rd. R.L.C.C)	H	3	13
,, 17	Blackpool B.	A	14	3
,, 24	Oldham	H		
Mar. 3	Whitehaven	H		
,, 10	Huddersfield	A		
,, 14	Wigan	A		
,, 17	Barrow	H		
,, 24	St. Helens	A		
,, 28	Liverpool	H		
,, 31	Rochdale H.	H		
Apl. 4	Wigan	H		
,, 7	Batley	A		
,, 11	Salford	A		
,, 14	Oldham	A		
G.F. 20	Warrington	H		
E.M. 23	Liverpool C.	A		
,, 28	Rochdale	A		

'A' TEAM

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result F.	Result A.
1961				
Aug. 11	Leigh A (Farrell Cup) (F)	H	19	2
,, 19				
,, 26	Liverpool C.	A	10	2
Sep. 2	Whitehaven (L.C.C.S.)	A	8	20
,, 9	Warrington	H	9	10
,, 16	Salford	A	26	5
,, 23				
,, 30	Wigan	A	5	18
Oct. 7	Warrington	A	14	9
,, 14	Swinton	H	9	9
,, 21	Workington T.	A	28	3
,, 28	Barrow	H	18	13
Nov. 4	Liverpool C.	H	16	6
,, 11	Leigh	H	15	11
,, 18	St. Helens	A	4	18
,, 25	Leigh (F)	H	12	5
Dec. 2	Warrington (F)	A	7	17
,, 9	Rochdale H.	H	18	13
,, 16				
,, 23	Wigan	H	10	22
,, 30	Oldham	H	P	
1962				
Jan. 6	Swinton	A	3	17
,, 13	Workington T.	H	17	12
,, 20	Blackpool B.	A	2	6
,, 27	Leigh	A	6	5
Feb. 3	Whitehaven	H	13	7
,, 10	Wigan (F)	A	10	27
,, 17	Blackpool B.	H	7	10
,, 24	Oldham	A		
Mar. 3	Whitehaven	A		
,, 10	Wigan (F)	H		
,, 17	Barrow	A		
,, 24	St. Helens	H		
,, 31	Rochdale H.	A		
Apl. 7	Salford	H		
,, 14	Oldham	H		

(F)—Friendly Matches. P—Postponed