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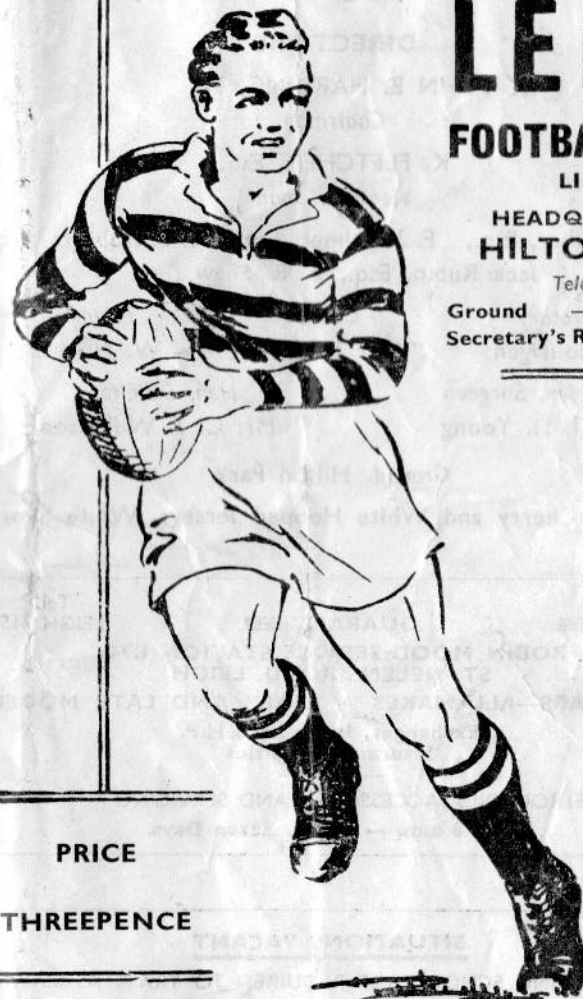
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LEIGH v. OLDHAM

SATURDAY, 10th MARCH, 1962

KICK-OFF 3-0 p.m.

Replay—but it goes to Leigh!

These are certainly hectic days and nights—for Leigh footballers, officials and supporters. The cup tie on Saturday attracted a big crowd and as was to be expected there were thrills and a great deal of dour play. Some spectators thought that Leigh should have made sure of victory at the first attempt, and of course there were the usual critics who had written us off for the re-play at Headingley.

Monday was not an ideal day as regards supporters getting off from work or leaving their businesses, but it has to be realised that there is a limit on what players can do. We have gone through a hectic time of late and after today's hard game is that long and tedious trip to Workington where the strong Town team has to be met on Monday.

Worth While

Well, those fans who made the long trip over the Pennines on Monday were rewarded for the time and trouble it took them to reach Headingley.

We gave the Yorkshire crowd quite a shock, but at one time it looked as if the match would slip from our grasp during that hectic late rally by the Leeds 13. However, we held on and seemed in a fine position until Leeds got that try which took them within a single point of our total.

The result hung on the ability of Lewis Jones to convert from the touch line. He failed and there was a terrific roar from our supporters. We had won and the odds were against us.

It would be foolish to individualise after such a fine performance.

But it is no secret that the team spirit of late has never been higher and this was revealed by the manner in which the side played all through. The players were overjoyed as were the officials and it was a very happy party which made the trip back to the town.

Hectic days and nights—well, there were plenty of glum faces when Huddersfield won at Hilton

Park in the floodlights. But Huddersfield are a much different proposition than they were last season. They surprised many by their excellent form especially by the forwards.

Their form was no flash in the pan for we saw what happened at Knowsley Road on Saturday, when the Fartowners went into the third round of the challenge cup by reason of a well merited win over the cup holders who were strongly tipped to win.

We beat St. Helens on merit, and there can be no doubt that our league position is not flattering in view of recent accomplishments.

There is great responsibility on the team at the moment, and it will take a terrific lot of power to get into the top 16 of the league and remain there.

This afternoon's game is another hard one, for Oldham, despite their exit from the cup are most keen to consolidate their league position.

Draw Not In Our Favour

Well, the draw has gone against us on this occasion and the team must make another trip over the Pennines on March 24th in the stage before the semi finals.

We go to the Post Office Road ground to meet our old foes Featherstone Rovers who knocked us out of the semi final some years

ago. It was the year when the Rovers went to Wembley for the first time to be beaten by Workington Town after putting up such an excellent show.

There is bound to be a big following from Leigh, and in fact there should be a capacity house on the 24th even though there are counter attractions at Wakefield (where Wigan make another trip) and Castleford (where Huddersfield are visitors). Nevertheless there will be a fine crowd at the Post Office Road enclosure.

Tickets for the game are available as follows :

Ticket Position

After today's game against Oldham : 170 tickets at 10/6 for the holders of Leigh Football Club stand tickets (B. Section).

If all the tickets are not sold by today, then they will be made available to the holders of club tickets (A and C sections) on Monday.

After that any tickets left will be on sale to the general public.

We have not as yet been informed by the Featherstone Club whether it will be an all ticket match.

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We should be happy if all who want tickets will make their applications as soon as possible.

Early application helps the officials, and we have every hope that there will be no returns. Apparently the Featherstone Club want as many tickets as they can get to satisfy all demands.

Bill Robinson Testimonial Fund.

There will be a collection this afternoon in connection with the above fund. The collection is in the hands of our hard working Supporters Club. We invite the public to give as generously as they can. Bill has proved a fine servant to the club for more than ten years.

Our Visitors

Now a few words about today's visitors. Oldham fought hard last week but were beaten in the end by five points to nil by the strong Workington Town side. It does seem remarkable that we should be visiting Workington on Monday after our game today with the men from Watersheddings.

Full back Geoff Sims has stepped into Bernard Ganley's boots with success. He is a fine attacker, and often links up with the backs. In addition he is well on the way to a century of goals. Malcolm Price the new signing from South Wales will not be playing.

He was injured in the league game at Widnes recently and broke a bone in his leg. He had only played four first team games for the club who paid a very high figure when they signed him.

Keith Holden was at Leigh before he went to Wigan. He has

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settled down quite well at Watersheddings.

In Charge

Patterson, the winger may not be available through injury. Vin Nestor is a centre and a winger and a very hard player to stop once he is going for the line. The half backs are well known to us at Hilton Park, especially Frank Pitchford who hails from the Leigh area. Frank is in charge of coaching at Watersheddings and he is a very fine scrum half who has had a lot of experience. Alan Kellett is his partner, and is undoubtedly one of the fastest stand off halves in the game.

There are some grand forwards. They include Geoff Robinson, a costly signing from Whitehaven, Peter Smethurst who used to be with Swinton and played in the back division before he switched to the forwards with no little success.

The Parkers are go ahead forwards who have done well with the club, especially D. Parker, while Goddard and McIntyre are also enthusiastic players.

Everything points to an interesting game, although at the time of writing the pitch was rather on the heavy side after the snow and rain.

Unlucky Walter

We all sympathise with Walter Tabern. Walter had to drop out of the Great Britain side through an injury he received at Leeds on Monday.

The knee which troubled him swelled up on Wednesday and he had to go for treatment at the Leigh Infirmary. He was told that it would be impossible for him to play. This is a great disappointment to us all and Walter was looking forward to his first international and the trip to France. The game is tomorrow at Perpignan.

The players who are appearing against France will no doubt come into the picture when the Tourist Party is selected on March 22. We sincerely hope that Walter has not lost his chance of a Tour trip by this fateful blow. We are assured that the knee injury will not prevent him playing against Featherstone Rovers on March 24th.

Other Items

There are no Wembley stand tickets left. The final is to be played on May 12. If supporters require standing tickets they should apply to the R.L. Headquarters at 180, Chapeltown Road Leeds. The cheque, postal order or money order should be enclosed together with a stamped addressed envelope.

The dance for the Stan Owen Testimonial Fund is to take place at St. Joseph's Hall on March 24. Tickets can be obtained at the office or from members of the supporters club.

Those supporters who went to Headingly on Monday, saw Jim Wharton with the party. Jim is now out of the Forces and keen to play again.



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FIXTURES and RESULTS 1961-62

1961	First Team	F	A	1961	'A' Team	F	A
Aug.	12 Widnes (CC)	H	24 8	Aug.	11 Widnes (CC)	A	2 19
	19 Swinton	H	2 0		19 Swinton	A	18 22
	23 Liverpool (7-0)	A	9 5		21 St. Helens (7-0)	H	17 8
	26 Leeds	A	7 30		26 Wigan	H	8 18
	30 Whitehaven (7-0)	H	14 2				
Sept.	2 St. Helens (1st Rd. L.C.)	A	8 43	Sept.	2 St. Helens (L.C.C.S.)	H	10 10
	6 Wigan (7-0)	H	0 20		4 Wigan (6-30)	A	22 32
	9 Batley	A	7 17		11 St. Helens (R)	A	3 25
	16 Wigan	A	6 25		16 Wigan (F)	H	21 5
	23				23 Oldham (F)	A	17 3
	30 Rochdale	H	4 7		30 Rochdale	A	6 21
Oct.	7 Wakefield	A	10 31	Oct.	7		
	14 Salford	H	33 10		14 Salford	A	26 5
	21 Whitehaven	A	15 5		21 Whitehaven	H	20 15
	25 N. Zealand (7-0)	H	4 15		28 Whitehaven	A	10 7
	28 Batley	H	22 5				
Nov.	4 THIRD TEST			Nov.	4 THIRD TEST		
	10 Widnes	H	9 8		11 Widnes	A	11 15
	18 Featherstone	A	12 24		18 Oldham (F)	H	11 10
	25 Featherstone	H	14 28		25 Widnes (F)	A	5 12
Dec.	2 Blackpool	A	7 13	Dec.	2 Blackpool	H	12 5
	9 Huddersfield	A	5 15		9		
	16 Liverpool	H	21 0		16 Liverpool	A	13 16
	23 Workington	A	P		23 Workington	H	...
	25				30		
	26 Warrington	H	P				
1962				1962			
Jan.	1 St. Helens	A	P	Jan.	6		
	6 Leeds	H	6 8		13 Barrow	H	2 12
	13 Barrow	A	19 21		20 Workington	A	2 19
	20 Workington	H	23 12		27 Widnes	H	5 6
	27 Widnes	A	0 12				
Feb.	3 Blackpool	H	19 5	Feb.	3 Blackpool	A	5 16
	10 Widnes (Cup)	A	13 3		10 Warrington	A	8 22
	17 Oldham	A	10 22		17 Oldham	H	21 15
	21 Huddersfield	H	3 9		24 St. Helens	A	11 37
	24 St. Helens	H	7 6		3 Liverpool	H	...
Mar.	5 Leeds 2nd Rnd.		17 16	Mar.	10 Oldham	A	...
	10 Oldham	H	...		17		
	17				24 Salford	H	...
	24 Salford	A	...		31 Barrow	A	...
	31 Barrow	H	...		7 Swinton	H	...
Apr.	7 Swinton	A	...	Apr.	14 Rochdale	H	...
	14 Rochdale	A	...		21		
	20 Wakefield	H	...		28 Warrington	H	...
	21						
	23 Warrington	A	...				

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