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## OLDHAM v. WAKEFIELD T.

### WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Our opening three matches in the First Division have put us on the wrong side of the fence, securing only 2 points out of a possible 6 points, although our two lost matches have been away from Watersheddings against dour opposition in Workington and Leeds. Up to now the going has been hard and the team has been hit by injuries to key men. Given our full compliment of fit men we are confident that we can hold our own in the division, but one must not lose the fact that however good you are one must always be on the outlook for replacements better than what you have got, that is if they are available. Many teams have fallen from greatness to mediocre through lack of foresight in this direction. Players do not last for ever, they are like a car engine they wear themselves out and then there is a possibility that managements have to start at rock bottom in team building, which can be an expensive item these days. Better to build up gradual than all at once. Panic buying is a disastrous business, gradual replacement always pays dividends, provided the right material is secured.

Today we welcome to Watersheddings our two recent additions to our playing ranks in James Gaskell and Don Platt from Blackpool and Leigh respectively and we wish them well and every success in their career with us.

### OUR VISITORS

Today we give a welcome to Wakefield Trinity, one of the leading teams from over the border. Their players require little introduction to the public especially Derek Turner and Don Vines, two of our old stalwarts. Wilkinson, Round, Fox and Poynton all in the last Touring team. In the writers opinion Neil Fox is the best centre in the Rugby League, just look at his scoring record of last season, 183 goals and 30 tries a total of 456 points, that in itself proves what a great player he is. He is also the holder of the Lance Todd Trophy for 1962. Neil Fox is greatness itself and the complete Rugby League player.

Without doubt Wakefield are a great power in the Rugby League for their splendid performances over the last three years. Records prove that since the commencement of season 1959/60, Wakefield have won more matches, and lost fewer, than any other club. In that period they have played 137 matches, won 112, lost 23 and drawn 1, surely a great record.

With sound judgement the Wakefield committee have made some good purchases and they have paid for good players, but Fox was a Featherstone junior, Poynton, Rollin and Holliday are all products of schools' football. So they all go to make a great team.

### CONTINUATION RUGBY LEAGUE

A meeting has taken place between the Oldham Continuation Rugby League and the officials of the Oldham Football Club regarding the strength of the Continuation League. At present there are possibly only two teams comprising the Continuation League which all will agree is a step in the wrong direction. There are several boys who would play the game provided they received some encouragement in the formation of a team, but there is one cog in the wheel which is holding this up and that is adult supervision and controlling of a team. What we desire is for some adults to come forward and take an active part in running a team in the Continuation League, there is plenty of scope and experience to be gained for someone commencing in football management. The Oldham Football Club are quite willing to pay reasonable out of pocket expenses of say 10/- per week to any adult who will come forward and supervise a team. Any offers will be gratefully received by :- Mr. J. Mitchell, 7 Hill-side Avenue, Oldham, Mr. J. Burke, 25 Webster Street, Oldham, or the Secretary of the Oldham Football Club.

We simply cannot allow the Continuation League to go out of existence, it would be fatal to our game, they MUST be kept alive and become a healthy organisation. Remember we have two players on our staff that came from this league in John Noon and Kevin Taylor, and there must be many more boys who for the want of playing the game can make their mark in senior football, the star of the future is a boy playing schoolboy football today, but it is a case of having the opportunity of the continuance in the game which a boy chooses that must be given. We now appeal for volunteers to supervise a new team for the Oldham Continuation League. The Oldham Football Club will do their share in sponsoring a worthy object of which this is, by monetary and facilities as an encouragement and may we say a duty.

## THE CHANGING TIMES

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Time has rung many changes in the Rugby League game, and I'm afraid that some of the changes have not been all to the good of the code. I will leave the rules, and the rulers, to the swops and alterations for I'm not to write today on law-tinkering, but on the changing times.

—(writes CYRIL BRIGGS)

This week I met a loyalist who claims to have seen every Wembley final with the exception of the 1934 battle when he had the misfortune to be in hospital. My contact when asked about the Rugby League game, said he was as keen as ever to lend his support to the professional handling code, but he felt that some of the atmosphere at weekly matches had been lost.

"Before the war we were entertained by a brass band, not this canned music which is so annoying that we delay our visit to the ground", he declared. "At Workington I have enjoyed the programmes before the match by the instrumentalists even though they have "murdered" John Peel over and over again!"

### TWANGING GUITARS

"The twanging guitars are all right in their place, but we older folk don't want to listen to them at football matches. The disc jockeys have gone mad at football grounds."

"I realise that many people don't want to play brass band instruments these days otherwise there would be more bands, yet surely a combination can be assembled once a week. After all, the bands could be paid, for under the Performing Rights Society clubs have to send a donation for the right to amplify records."

Then my friend went into other matters which he claims are not pleasing the average supporter. I will further quote.

"Years ago we used to see foot races between two local rivals, or even professionals from other areas. There were other attractions before the start of the big game, and in addition we were always sure that there would be a 'curtain raiser'."

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- 3—HOLLIDAY, K.
- 4—FOX, N.
- 5—MANN, G.
- 6—POYNTON, H.
- 7—ROLLIN, K.
- 8—WILKINSON, J.
- 9—KOSANOVIC, M.
- 10—FIRTH, A.
- 11—VINES, D.
- 12—STEEL, G.
- 13—TURNER, D.

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### SHEER BUNKUM

"Senior clubs complain that in bad weather junior teams are likely to cut up the ground so much that it offers a handicap to the players in the match which follows. I think that is sheer bunkum. And after all, the seniors are glad when the youngsters take the 'bone' out of a frosty pitch. The senior clubs cannot have it all their own way."

"Another annoying thing to supporters is that if they have been delayed in traffic jams they are not able to get official programmes because sellers have disappeared into the crowd and are intent on seeing the game rather than selling their wares."

'And why cannot the other clubs in the league follow the excellent example of the Hull club. The man at the mike announces the teams ten minutes before the start of the encounter for the benefit of the early arrivals, and then a few minutes after the kick off for the late comers.'

"I don't like the Rugby League arrangement of five minutes at half-time. The rules say that the clubs can take a ten minute break. But the players rule the roost. They say they don't like hanging about. Then what about Soccer? They have ten minutes rest at half time."

"If supporters are to have a cuppa' in comfort at half time, they must have more than five minutes in which to leave their place on stand or terrace and get in the queue, be served and then drink up."

"And as a final shot or two, could we have the right numbers on the forwards shirts? Often we get second row men having incorrect numbers. It is all so annoying. I'm not pin pricking, but if we buy a programme, we want the correct information. But some official sheets are useless—all advertising."

Well, I admit my friend has some good points. Pressmen would welcome the ten minute half time break and also the curtailment of the jazz sessions. They could transmit their "copy" much quicker and under better conditions.

### BRIEFS

Malcolm Price is now at home and making satisfactory progress, he attended hospital twice per week until recently and the hospital authorities are quite satisfied with him and he has now been handed over to his local doctor. As to resuming football that must be left with the medical men for their decision, but if this does come along we consider it will be quite a time. Time alone will tell.

A welcome visitor to our ground this afternoon is our old player and ex-Wakefield player—John Etty—who is spending a few days vacation from the village of Lacock, near Chippenham. John is now resident in this delightful little spot having secured a good position as welfare officer for the County of Wiltshire. We think that John will be a neutral spectator at today's match.

Alan Kellett expects to have the plaster removed from his broken fore-arm next week. He has been training a fortnight so we can expect an early resumption on the field of play.

Jack Pycroft with improving strained ligaments of the ankle expects to be fit next week.

Today we are entertaining at the match, 60 schoolboys from the Oldham Town team and Wakefield Town team and 12 of the supervisors. Four teams have been in opposition today and we hope that their observations are keen enough to pick up the finer points of the senior game. We give our usual welcome to the Schoolboys and their supervisors.

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(Including all Matches to date)

Player	App.	T.	G.	Player	App.	T.	G.
Sims, G.	13	2	24	Nestor	9	1	
Lord	15	6		Kellett	2		
Holden	8	3		Pycroft	4		
Price	5	1		Patterson	10	3	1
Simms, T.	15	6		Jones	5		1
Noon	11	6		Lloyd	1		
Pitchford	5			Rae	2		
Robinson, G.	14	1		Gaskell	1		
McIntyre	15	1		Platt	1		
Goddard, P.	13						
Bott	15						
Parker, D.	10	2					
Smethurst	10	1					
Mumberson	12	3					

## FIXTURES AND RESULTS — SEASON 1962/63

OLDHAM'S SCORE GIVEN FIRST

Date	Opponents	Grd.	Rslt.	Date	Opponents	Grd.	Rslt.
Aug. 18	WHITEHAVEN	Away	8-18	26	SWINTON	Home	
21	BARROW	Home	17-0	29	WARRINGTON	Home	
25	LEIGH	Home	16-10	Jan. 5	ST. HELENS	Away	
28	ROCHDALE	Away	2-10	12	HALIFAX	Home	
Sept. 1	WHITEHAVEN	Home	40-9	19	FEATHERSTONE R.	Away	
8	Lancs. County Cup Competition			26	HULL K. R.	Home	
15	BARROW	Away	15-13	Feb. 2	WIDNES	Away	
22	ROCHDALE H.	Home	22-7	9	R.L. Challenge Cup 1st Round		
29	LEIGH	Away	17-24	16	HULL	Away	
Oct. 6	WORKINGTON T.	Away	15-44	23	ST. HELENS	Home	
13	HUDDERSFIELD	Home	9-8	Mar. 2	R.L. Challenge Cup 2nd Round		
20	LEEDS	Away	5-23	9	FEATHERSTONE R.	Home	
27	WAKEFIELD T.	Home		16	WARRINGTON	Away	
Nov. 3	WIGAN	Away		23	HULL K. R.	Away	
10	WORKINGTON T.	Home		30	WIDNES	Home	
17	HUDDERSFIELD	Away		Apr. 6	BRAMLEY	Home	
24	LEEDS	Home		12	SWINTON	Away	
Dec. 1	WAKEFIELD T.	Away		15	HULL	Home	
8	WIGAN	Home		20	BRAMLEY	Away	
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22	HALIFAX	Away					

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