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Oldham F.C. President's Message

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with very much pleasure I write this foreword to the Supporters' Club Year Book, as it offers me the opportunity to pay tribute to the Officials of the Supporters' Club for the work they do for the parent club.

This work is, in many instances, done behind the scenes, and therefore goes unnoticed, but it is nevertheless appreciated by the Club.

My one regret is that more of our members and supporters do not take a more active part in the Supporters' Club, and I hope that in the future this will be overcome.

I am sure that a successful Supporters' Club is one of the best assets Oldham Football Club can possess, and I know the present officials of our Supporters' Club will give a cordial reception to all who care to take an active part in the work of the Club.

Yours sincerely,

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Message from the Vice-President

MR. STANLEY STRETCH

The coming season presents a real challenge to Oldham, with the inauguration of the two divisions of the Rugby League. Oldham has earned the right to take a place in Division I from the word go, and we shall do our level best to see that by the end of the season, we are contenders for the championship of this First Division. It will be hard going, and there is no doubt our team will have to be on their best form all the season to come out on top. Our fixture list is the best I have seen for many a year.

Is this going to be our Wembley year? With luck I don't see why not. We have the players, the enthusiasm and the support. Here's hoping!

A real welcome to our new Coach, Bryn Day, is extended by all of us. He has made a good start with the preliminary training sessions. He has the necessary background, a good knowledge of the game and he radiates enthusiasm. With our close support, the co-operation of the players and a slice of luck he will I feel sure achieve big things.

A welcome too to our new signings — Winger T. Simms from Rochdale and forward C. H. Bott from Yorkshire, and how delighted we all are to see Malcolm Price looking so fit and back in action after his leg injury. The surgeon has worked miracles on Bill Pater-son's hand, and he too is back with his characteristic enthusiasm.

On the financial side we hope this season to introduce the Jackpot to raise funds. We are grateful indeed to all Pools' Agents for carry- ing on the good work — what we should do without them I hesitate to think!

To our Supporters' Club too — hearty greetings, and the wish that you can continue to give us your much appreciated help. We have appointed two Committee members to act as Liaison Officers with the Supporters' Club, and we look forward with interest and hope to the results of that co-operation.

You know that our President, Mr. Howard, has been seriously ill, and I am sure you would wish me, on behalf of all of us, to express the hope that he will soon be well and with us again at Watersheddings for the coming season.

With outstanding performances by players, good team work, effi- cient refereeing and adequate support — we are assured of an exciting season in 1962-63.

Yours very sincerely,

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Message from the President of the Supporter's Club

MR. JAMES STEVENSON

As President of the Oldham Football Club Supporters' Club it is my duty to help in every possible way to ensure that the spectator is catered for his every comfort that we can possibly obtain, this can only be achieved by many helpers, financial support and the understanding and co-operation of Oldham Football Club Committee. Promises have in the past been made to us that have failed to bear fruit and I have the feeling that our organisation is not appreciated as it might be. This could be the indirect repercussion of past years and the stigma is still with us, but let me assure all members that no Committee anywhere could have worked harder for so little to show at the end of twelve months. This I am sure could have been remedied had certain plans of ours succeeded, but alas! the promises I have already mentioned were temporarily forgotten at the time when the utmost co-operation was essential.

Now we enter season 1962-63 with new heart and hope that relations between our organisation and the parent body are a little less strained. We on our part will be trying the harder to achieve the success we know will come only by dogged determination and sheer hard work. The Club's appointment of former forward Bryn Day as Team Coach came rather as a surprise to many people but this adventure could succeed if Bryn can only instil into the players his own brilliance in ball handling. "Good luck, Bryn!"

The late signing of former athletics great shot-put champion Arthur Rowe was a neat bit of work by an Oldham Committee-man. This gamble could pay off, but in all fairness to this young athlete who has not yet played rugby league, let us be patient, and hope he can make the grade. To team captain Pitchford and the rest of the team we extend our good wishes for a very successful season.

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Secretary's Message

Dear Members,

I have pleasure once again in writing this message to the many supporters of Oldham. Last season saw the numbers of new members increase greatly, mainly through the efforts of the new Committee and we also sold many more of our Year Books although we would of course like to sell-out this next season.

Thanks to the "Rugby Leaguer" and Tom Webb it was my good fortune to receive requests from many parts of the country and as far away as Germany and France. We also presented the Kiwis (New Zealand) Tourists with a souvenir of our Year Book and Metal Supporters' Club Badge.

We are always mindful of the fact that the fortunes of the Supporters' Club are closely linked with those of the Senior Club. Last season the fluctuating displays of the team will certainly have a bearing on the number of supporters gained or lost to the Club, unfortunately that grim word "injuries" once again took its toll, but we of the Supporters' Club, realize it is very much easier to "follow" a winning team than a losing one. We must work harder than ever to support a Club and team striving to put Rugby League on the map in Oldham.

It isn't always the best team to win at Wembley or at Odsal and when I look back at the two matches against Wigan last season it seems a travesty of justice that any one of these matches wasn't played at Wembley.

We look forward to another Season of Rugby League in Oldham and in passing I would say to the wavering Supporters and "Dismal Johnnies" don't forget, the match you miss may turn out to be the match you should have watched because it is very often what happens.

In conclusion I wish to extend to my Committee my appreciation of the efforts and hard work they have given and also for the encouragement given to me personally. To the Canteen Staff for their wonderful help even under very adverse weather conditions also the Ground Staff and the Pavilion Staff. To the young members of our Organisation I say bring a friend next season.

To the Senior Committee, Mr. Bryn Day, and the teams at Oldham we say Good Luck to you in the 1962-63 Season.

Yours Sincerely,

NORMAN KENT

Hon. Secretary, O.F.C.S.C.

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Oldham Football Club, whom I have supported for a good many years now, appear to be on the crest of a wave — and a large one at that, if the continued slide in attendances continues the Oldham Club could very well be in serious trouble. Indeed, without the income from the Pools they certainly would be. Gate monies for the past year of approximately £15,000 were insufficient to meet expenses — wages, signings, etc. Is there a remedy for such a decline? I think there is, and I attach the blame mainly on the weakness of a Committee who persist in the selection of an out-of-form player. Courage is a virtue on the playing field that can only be admired, but courage alone is not good enough to win matches, which is a reason of paramount importance in keeping supporters happy. Enterprise, emanating from the committee-room can, I sincerely hope, help in this respect. Oldham have the nucleus of having a good team. Admitted last season the team had more than their share of injuries, and if all the players on the books report for training as being fit, I think we could do quite well this coming season. The appointment of former forward Bryn Day as team coach came as a surprise to me, and no doubt it did to many supporters. I sincerely hope that Bryn makes a success of this job, and at this juncture thank "Pitchy" for his part in this similar position last season, although I personally thought the responsibility of player and coach was affecting his play, particularly towards the end of the season.

In conclusion, I wish the Club, Players and Committee, a successful season in 1962/63, and hope that the spectators will rally round and support what I hope will be a winning side.

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Jim Gaskell, Leigh schoolboy protege.

Geoffrey Simms, Rochdale H.

Geoffrey Crowther, Halifax junior and more recently Yorkshire R.U. forward Charles Bott.

TRANSFERS

Alan Davies to Wigan.

Charles Winslade to Warrington.

Roger Dufty to Barrow.

Lyn Morgan on loan to Rochdale.

Long serving prop-forward Ken Jackson was struck off the playing register.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

F. Pitchford — for Great Britain v. France.

A. Kellett — for Yorkshire v. New Zealand.

J. Noon — for Lancashire.

W. Payne — for Lancashire.

At one time it seemed a possibility that probably two or maybe three Oldham players could make the Australian Tour, but in the end even Pitchford, who was considered a "cert," was overlooked by the selectors.

ATTENDANCES

Oldham Committee must be wondering where the spectators are going, for the last three seasons have seen a drop in attendance of 72,000, 102,000 and 70,000 respectively. The average of home and away attendances last season was only 7,300. Nearly all other League Clubs have shown an all round increase — Oldham have not. The average attendances for the past three seasons are : 1959/60—11,246, 1960/61—9,529, 1961/62—7,300.

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The half-hearted "supporters" who stay away from games after the club has lost one or two games on the run, would do well to remember that no team is infallible. We have seen some of the small clubs give some of the big clubs a hiding, and if every Oldhamer backed the club through thick and thin, then Oldham would do even better than ever. A loyal support, backed by regular attendance at home games and at as many away fixtures as possible, would encourage the team to do even better things.

Every supporter, both young and old, will remember Bernard Ganley's wonderful, world beating goal kicking feats. Alan Davies, recently departed, was, when with us, described as the best centre in the world, by none less than Bill Fallowfield. Pitchford and Kellett have played superb football. Johnny Noon, Vin Nestor, Geoff Sims, Brian Lord, Malcolm Price, Bill Patterson, Keith Holden and one or two lesser lights have given us many delights by their three-quarter play, and to be quite honest they have at times, but very rarely, given us a fit of the blues.

Forwards are always problem spots but we have seen some good scrummaging and foraging, not to mention some first class running by members of the Oldham pack. Goldswain was the handler par excellence, and Sid Little and Charlie Winslade were most competent handlers. Keith and McIntyre have been amongst the best hookers in the game, and Derek Turner and Dave Parker, different stylists of course, have served well at loose forward.

Vines, Jackson, Dufty, Payne, Robinson, Smethurst, Pete Goddard and unlucky Dave Goddard, Mumberson, Rae and several others have been round the top of the tree, and some have won representative honours while others have been very near to obtaining them.

Add names like Ayres, Cracknell, Etty, Rowbottom, Southward, Rogers and the other favourites of the past few years and we can realise how lucky we have been in our players at Watersheddings. Two thirds of the clubs in the league would have paid every penny they possessed to have the talent we have enjoyed at Oldham, and they would have been prepared to go heavily in debt for players of this stamp.

Good old Oldham. May Bryn Day bring out the best from his training, which seems to be most exacting, from every Oldham player. Best of luck Bryn, and may you take Oldham Football Club right back to the top of the table.

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Make sure you obtain your copy. Tom needs a circulation of around five thousand copies per month to keep the magazine out of debt, and if you want to read about Rugby, do make sure that you are one of the regular readers.

It is a bold venture. It will do everything possible to spread Rugby League Football. Tom Webb has recently helped to start Rugby League in a new area. Four Kirkby (Liverpool) schools have taken up the game and another two are expected to join. With a magazine to back up his efforts, it is possible that this great enthusiast will help in even further expansion of the game. Back him up and help Rugby League to spread more and more in this country.



Johnson dives over by the flag, but had put a foot in touch — one of several escapes for Oldham in their 10-7 victory over St. Helens at Watersheddings 17/3/62

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One of our old friends, Graham Macrae — or as he is known at home, Scotty Macrae — became Queensland and Australian selector and coach to the Queensland state side. He was most popular and respected during his term of office. Not only did he coach the Queensland state team, he also helped to select it. He was greatly respected by the New South Wales Rugby League, the traditional enemy of his own state.

Alan Laird, who played in the Oldham side about the war period, returned to his native land, New Zealand, where he became an Auckland provincial representative. Alan was chosen for the New Zealand team which toured Australia in 1948. He did not appear in Test football, being unfortunate in being a contemporary of Trav Hardwick who held the loose forward position so long for the Kiwis.

Our latest emigrant, Arthur Tomlinson, who played so hard and so well for the Cherry and Whites, was granted a clearance to play in New Zealand. He played so well that he was selected to coach the New Zealanders to play the 1962 British tourists. Ces Mountford, who was confidently predicted would be chosen, was passed over in favour of Arthur.

Over the years we have had Anlezark, the Farnsworths, Deane, G. W. Smith and many others who crossed the world to play at Watersheddings. If ever the ban is lifted on signings from down under we might have more great players from Australia and New Zealand to grace our colours.

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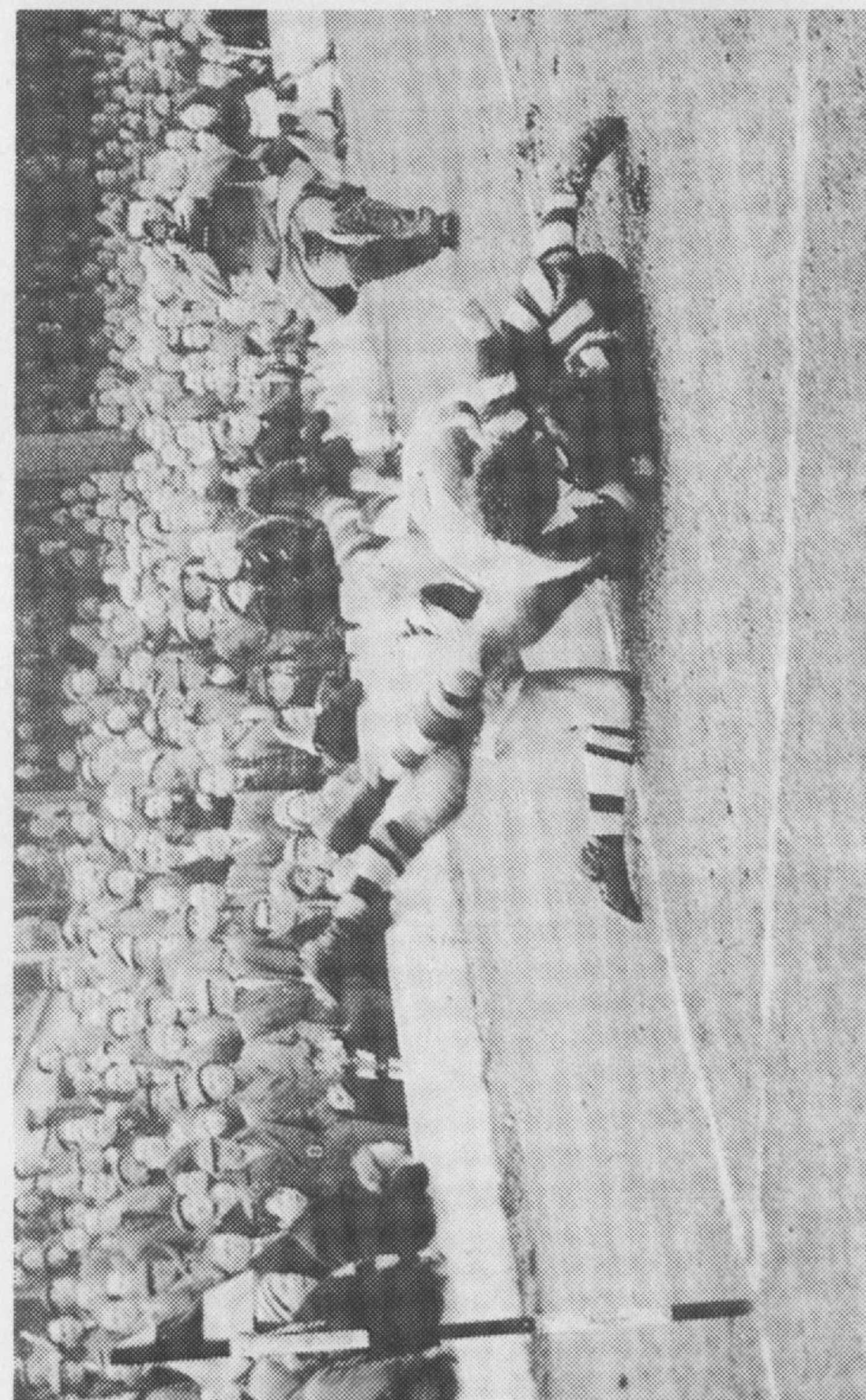
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Rugby League in South Africa

by TOM WEBB

The Rugby League game has made a big impact in South Africa where Rugby is by far the most important sport in the country. Over the last few years, a growing awareness of the thirteen-a-side game has brought outbursts from the Rugby Union leaders, and in spite of this, interest has grown until two distinct bodies set up their own organisations to develop the game as a commercial proposition.

The fact that England took the cream of the nation's players made the Rugby players of South Africa interested in Rugby League. Tom Van Vollenhoven, Ron Colin, Jan Prinsloo and Alan Skene are four men whose names are household words where Rugby Football is discussed. Others have had, or are still having careers in Rugby League in this country, while others have returned to continue playing Rugby League in their own country.

Attendances at matches vary. Five thousand, four thousand, seven hundred and fifty, are attendances variously reported by the newspapers. This in spite of the fact that the best grounds are under the control of the Rugby Union game. Should an international Rugby League side undertake a tour of South Africa on the lines of the present tour of Australia and New Zealand, then I am sure that the game would grow by leaps and bounds.

In country districts of New South Wales and Queensland, international tours bring such glamour that match days against the British sides are declared to be public holidays. Rugby League has thrived under these conditions.

Australian Rugby Union was once the supreme game, but the Rugby League has made such tremendous advances that the fifteen a side game is a very poor competitor, and visiting touring teams play far more games in New Zealand than in Australia, an admission by the powers that be in Rugby Union that the game is declining in the land of the Kangaroo.

The position is not the same in South Africa, but once tours are arranged by Great Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand to the newly developing leagues of that country, then progress will indeed be rapid.

In a few year's time we will be seeing Johannesburg Celtic, Western Province and similar clubs becoming as famous as Wigan, Warrington, Leeds, Oldham or even Sydney St. George.

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Roundup



Six months' hard labour . . . that's how someone summed up my first spell as Oldham Chronicle Rugby League critic.

For since I started to watch Oldham at the start of this year, the team have had a hit-and-miss run of form that has seen them soaring to success one week and zooming to the depths the next.

But this, for me, has been no sentence. Indeed, I have had the pleasure to watch a new Oldham take shape, slowly and, admittedly not always surefooted, under the guiding hand of Frank Pitchford.

It is a slow process that, I am sure, will have its reward next term in the scramble for glory in two division football.

But that is all in the future — and pudding to eat at this time next year. The job now is to look back and try to analyse the reasons for a season's lapses that saw Oldham so near to Cup and League success and at the same time so far away.

I can only concur the reasons given by the parent club president, Mr. Bill Howard, when he lays the blame at coaching upsets, thrown-away games and a glut of injuries to key players at vital periods.

All teams go through bad patches and Oldham are no exception. But, and this is the lesson that has been learned, provision should and must be made for incidents of this nature.

Oldham's main objective now is to build a team that can carry the club to the successes of the 1950's. It can be done. At Watersheddings now there is the basis of a good club. There are star players, there are promising players, there are players ready and able to step into first team football.

All must be nursed along. All must be given their chance when the occasion and their form indicates. And, in this respect, team selection should be ruthless.

Already Pitchford's coaching and tactics are improving the standard of football.

For you, the supporter, there is also a task. It is all right to sit back and say "When the team improves, we'll start going again." The team can't improve until you start going. Players cannot be bought on overdrafts. It's your money that makes your team. And good teams cannot be built on 8,000 crowds.

Oldham have sound roots right through the club, from playing staff to administration. Give them time, and your support, and success will be just around the proverbial corner.

Lastly, I would like to end on a personal note by thanking the many people in Oldham — supporters, officials and others — who have already made my wife and myself welcome to the town.

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Aug. 12th, 1961. Law Cup (Charity). Home. Won 53-13

Oldham Team—Noon ; Patterson, Holden, Davies, Kenny ; Kellett, Pitchford ; Payne, McIntyre, Lloyd, Winslade, Robinson, Parker (D.).

Scorers—Goals : Noon 7, Kenny 3. Tries : Pitchford 4, Noon 1, Kellett 2, Robinson 2, McIntyre 2.

Attendance 6,872

OLDHAM v. HALIFAX

Aug. 19th, 1961. R.L. Home. Won 15-9

Oldham Team—Sims ; Patterson, Holden, Davies, Kenny ; Kellett, Pitchford ; Payne, McIntyre, Winslade, Dufty, Rae, Parker (D.).

Scorers—Goals : Sims 3. Tries : Kenny, Parker, Holden.

Attendance 10,500

Referee : L. Wingfield

BARROW v. OLDHAM

Aug. 21st, 1961. R.L. Away. Lost 11-5

Oldham Team—Sims ; Patterson, Holden, Parker (P.), Kenny ; Kellett, Pitchford ; Payne, McIntyre, Winslade, Dufty, Rae, Parker (T.).

Attendance 6,472

BLACKPOOL BOROUGH v. OLDHAM

Aug. 26th, 1962. R.L. Away. Won 20-5

Oldham Team—Sims ; Patterson, Nestor, Noon, Bird ; Kellett, Pitchford ; Payne, McIntyre, Winslade, Robinson, Dufty, Parker (D.).

Scorers—Goals : Sims 4. Tries : Bird 2, Pitchford, Nestor.

Attendance 2,500

Referee : D. S. Brown

OLDHAM v. YORK

Aug. 28th, 1961. R.L. Home. Won 30-12

Oldham Team—Sims ; Patterson, Nestor, Noon, Bird ; Kellett, Pitchford ; Payne, McIntyre, Winslade, Robinson, Rae, Parker (D.).

Scorers—Goals : Sims 6. Tries : Bird 3, Noon 2, Kellett.

Attendance 7,024

Referee : H. Pearce

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BARROW v. OLDHAM

Sept. 2nd, 1961. Lincs. Cup, 1st Rd. Away. Won 10-3

Oldham Team—Sims; Patterson, Nestor, Noon, Bird; Kellett,
Pitchford; Payne, McIntyre, Winslade, Robinson, Dufty, Parker
(D.).

Scorers—Goals: Sims 2. Tries: Patterson, Noon.

Attendance 4,174

Referee: H. Pickersgill

OLDHAM-ROCHDALE H. v. "KIWIS"

Sept. 4th, 1961. Tour Match. Home. Won 10-8

Team—Atherton (R.); Simms (R.), Noon (O.), Walsh (R.),
Unsworth (R.); Kellett (O.), Pitchford (O.); Payne (O.),
McIntyre (O.), Winslade (O.), Robinson (O.), Parr (R.),
McGurrin (R.).

Scorer—Goals: Noon 5.

Attendance 9,000

Referee: T. W. Watkinson



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HALIFAX v. OLDHAM

Sept. 9th, 1961. R.L. Away. Lost 7-5

Oldham Team—Sims ; Patterson, Nestor, Noon, Bird ; Kellett, Pitchford ; Payne, McIntyre, Winslade, Robinson, Dufty, Parker (D.).

Scorers—Goal : Sims. Try : Noon.

Attendance 5,957

Referee : N. T. Railton

OLDHAM v. ROCHDALE HORNETS

Sept. 16th, 1961. R.L. Home. Won 53-9

Oldham Team—Sims; Holden, Nestor, Noon, Bird; Kellett, Pitchford; Payne, McIntyre, Dufty, Robinson, Rae, Parker (D.).

Scorers—Goals: Sims 10. Tries : Noon 3, Holden 2, Bird, Nestor, Pitchford, Sims, Kellett, Dufty.

Attendance 6,783

Referee : J. Manley

HUNSLET v. OLDHAM

Sept. 23rd, 1961. R.L. Away. Lost 12-7

Oldham Team—Sims; Holden, Nestor, Noon, Bird; Kellett, Pitchford; Payne, McIntyre, Dufty, Robinson, Rae, Parker (D.).

Scorers—Goals : Sims 2. Try : Noon.

Attendance 7,000

Referee : E. Lawrenson

OLDHAM v. BARROW

Sept. 30th, 1961. R.L. Home. Won 40-0

Oldham Team—Sims ; Holden, Smethurst, Noon, Kenny ; Kellett, Pitchford ; Payne, McIntyre, Dufty, Winslade, Rae, Parker (D.).

Scorers—Goals : Sims 8. Tries : Noon 2, Sims, Rae, Kenny, Kellett, Dufty, Holden.

Attendance 5,681

Referee : L. Gant

ST. HELENS v. OLDHAM

Oct. 2nd, 1961. Lancs. Cup, 2nd Rd. Away. Lost 30-7

Oldham Team—Sims; Nestor, Holden, Noon, Bird; Kellett, Pitchford; Payne, McIntyre, Dufty, Winslade, Robinson, Parker (D.).

Scorers—Goals : Noon, Sims. Try : Pitchford.

Attendance 19,000

Referee : G. Davies

OLDHAM v. WORKINGTON

Oct. 7th, 1961. R.L. Home. Won 14-12

Oldham Team—Kellett ; Holden, Smethurst, Noon, Bird ; Pyecroft, Pitchford ; Payne, McIntyre, Dufty, Winslade, Rae, Parker (T.).

Scorers—Goal : Noon. Tries : Bird 2, Dufty, Holden.

Attendance 8,278

Referee : G. Davies

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Oct. 14th, 1961. R.L. Away. Lost 30-12

**Oldham Team**—Sims ; Holden, Kellett, Noon, Bird ; Pyecroft,  
Pitchford ; Payne, Goddard, Duffy, Winslade, Rae, Parker (D.).  
**Scorers**—Goals: Sims 3. Tries : Rae, Kellett.  
Attendance 4,002

### OLDHAM v. WARRINGTON

Oct. 21st, 1961. R.L. Home. Won 35-5

**Oldham Team**—Sims ; Patterson, Holden, Noon, Bird ; Kellett,  
Pitchford ; Mumberson, Goddard, Robinson, Rae, Smethurst,  
Parker (D.).  
**Scorers**—Goals : Sims 7. Tries : Noon 3, Rae, Bird, Kellett, Holden.  
Attendance 8,823



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Oct. 28th, 1961. R.L. Away. Lost 16-7

**Oldham Team**—Sims ; Patterson, Holden, Noon, Bird ; Kellett, Pitchford ; Mumberson, Goddard, Robinson, Rae, Smethurst, Parker (D.).

**Scorers**—Goals : Sims, 2. Try : Patterson.

Attendance 10,071

### WHITEHAVEN v. OLDHAM

Nov. 4th, 1961. R.L. Away. Won 25-7

**Oldham Team**—Sims ; Patterson, Holden, Noon, Bird ; Kellett, Pitchford ; Mumberson, McIntyre, Goddard, Robinson, Smethurst, Parker (D.).

**Scorers**—Goals : Sims 5. Tries : Noon 2, Robinson 2, Smethurst.  
Attendance 2,500

### OLDHAM v. HULL

Nov. 19th, 1961. R.L. Home. Lost 10-7

**Oldham Team**—Sims ; Patterson, Holden, Noon, Bird ; Kellett, Pitchford ; Mumberson, McIntyre, Goddard, Robinson, Smethurst, Parker (D.).

**Scorers**—Goals : Noon 2. Try : Parker.

Attendance 7,462

### SALFORD v. OLDHAM

Nov. 25th, 1961. R.L. Away. Won 50-4

**Oldham Team**—Sims ; Patterson, Lord, Noon, Bird ; Kellett, Pitchford ; Payne, McIntyre, Goddard, Rae, Smethurst, Parker (D.).

**Scorers**—Goals : Sims 5, Noon. Tries : Lord 4, Sims 3, Rae 2, Noon, Bird.

Attendance 3,500

### OLDHAM v. WHITEHAVEN

Dec. 2nd, 1961. R.L. Home. Won 45-10

**Oldham Team**—Sims ; Patterson, Lord, Noon, Bird ; Kellett, Pitchford ; Payne, McIntyre, Goddard, Rae, Smethurst, Parker (D.).

**Scorers**—Goals : Sims 5, Noon. Tries : Lord 4, Sims 3, Rae 2, Noon, Bird.

Attendance 4,360

### WORKINGTON T. v. OLDHAM

Dec. 9th, 1961. R.L. Away. Lost 17-5

**Oldham Team**—Sims ; Patterson, Noon, Lord, Holden ; Kellett, Pitchford ; Payne, McIntyre, Goddard, Robinson, Smethurst, Parker (D.).

**Scorers**—Goal : Sims. Try : Nestor.

Attendance 4,810



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Dec. 16th, 1961. R.L. Away. Won 9-8

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**Scorers**—Goals : Sims 3. Try : Lord.  
Attendance 14,560

### WARRINGTON v. OLDHAM

Jan. 6th, 1962. R.L. Away. Won 15-12

**Oldham Team**—Sims ; Patterson, Lord, Noon, Nestor ; Kellett, Pitchford ; Robinson, McIntyre, Goddard, Rae, Lloyd, Parker (D.).

**Scorers**—Goals : Sims 3. Tries : Robinson, Nestor, Patterson.  
Attendance 7,471



Bev Risman is tackled, but manages to get in a try-scoring pass to Brian Callaghan for a first-half try in Leigh's 18-12 victory over Oldham (10/3/62)



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Jan. 13th, 1962. R.L. Home. Lost 7-2

Oldham Team—Sims ; Holden, Lord, Noon, Nestor ; Kellett, Pitchford ; Payne, Goddard, Robinson, Smethurst, Rae, Parker (D.).

Scorers—Goal : Sims

Attendance 20,616

### ROCHDALE HORNETS v. OLDHAM

Jan. 27th, 1962. R.L. Away. Won 17-7

Oldham Team—Sims ; Holden, Lord, Noon, Patterson ; Nestor, Pitchford ; Payne, McIntyre, Goddard, Rae, Smethurst, Parker (D.).

Scorers—Goals : Sims 4. Tries : Goddard 2, Sims.

Attendance 4,898

### LIVERPOOL v. OLDHAM

Feb. 3rd, 1962. R.L. Away. Won 13-7

Oldham Team—Sims ; Holden, Lord, Noon, Patterson ; Nestor, Pitchford ; Payne, McIntyre, Goddard, Rae, Smethurst, Parker (D.).

Scorers—

Attendance 957

### OLDHAM v. LEIGH

Feb. 17th, 1962. R.L. Home. Won 22-10

Oldham Team—Sims ; Holden, Lord, Price, Nestor ; Kellett, Pitchford ; Payne, McIntyre, Goddard, Smethurst, Robinson, Parker (D.).

Scorers—Goals : Sims 5. Tries : Kellett 2, Goddard, McIntyre.

Attendance 10,228

### WIDNES v. OLDHAM

Feb. 24th, 1962. R.L. Away. Lost 14-8

Oldham Team—Sims ; Lord, Holden, Price, Nestor ; Kellett, Pycroft ; Payne, McIntyre, Goddard, Smethurst, Rae, Parker (D.).

Scorers—Goal : Sims. Tries : Lord, Sims.

Attendance 6,575

### WORKINGTON v. OLDHAM

March 3rd, 1962. R.L. Cup, 2nd Rd. Away. Lost 5-0

Oldham Team—Sims ; Patterson, Holden, Lord, Nestor ; Kellett, Pitchford ; Payne, McIntyre, Goddard, Smethurst, Rae, Parker (D.).

Attendance 6,575



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### LEIGH v. OLDHAM

March 10th, 1962. R.L. Away. Lost 18-12

**Oldham Team**—Sims; Lord, Holden, Noon, Nestor; Kellett, Pycroft; Goddard, McIntyre, Robinson, Smethurst, Rae, Parker (T.).

**Scorers**—Goals : Sims 3. Tries : Noon, Holden.  
Attendance 8,000

### OLDHAM v. ST. HELENS

March 17th, 1962. R.L. Home. Won 10-7

**Oldham Team**—Sims; Lord, Holden, Noon, Nestor; Kellett, Pitchford; Payne, McIntyre, Robinson, Smethurst, Rae, Parker (D.).

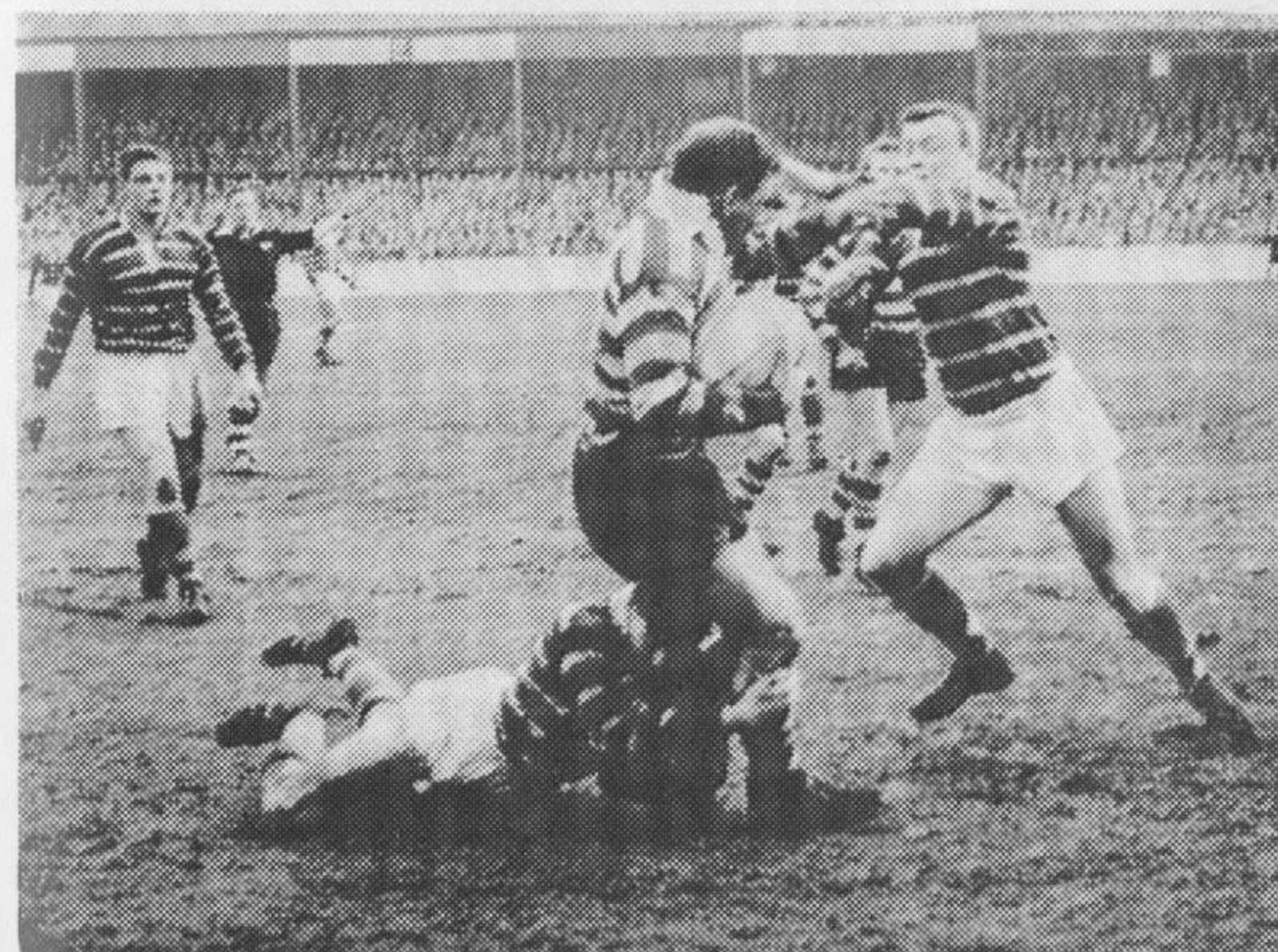
**Scorers**—Goals : Sims 2. Try : Pitchford.  
Attendance 10,000

### HULL v. OLDHAM

March 24th, 1962. R.L. Away. Won 10-0

**Oldham Team**—Sims; Lord, Holden, Noon, Nestor; Kellett, Pitchford; Payne, McIntyre, Robinson, Smethurst, Parker (D.), Parker (T.).

**Scorers**—Goals : Sims 2. Tries : Kellett, Holden.  
Attendance 8,000



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March 31st, 1962. R.L. Home. Won 41-2

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**Scorers**—Goals : Sims 4. Tries : Noon 4, Lord 2, Holden 2, Smethurst 2, Kellett.  
Attendance 3,668

### OLDHAM v. SALFORD

April 5th, 1962. R.L. Home. Won 37-10

**Oldham Team**—Sims ; Lord, Holden, Noon, Nestor ; Kellett, Pitchford ; Mumberson, McIntyre, Robinson, Smethurst, Parker (D.), Parker (T.).

**Scorers**—Goals : Sims 8. Tries : Holden 2, Smethurst 2, Kellett, Lord, Rae.  
Attendance 3,455

### OLDHAM v. HUNSLET

April 7th, 1962. R.L. Home. Won 14-5

**Oldham Team**—Sims ; Lord, Kellett, Noon, Nestor ; Pyecroft, Pitchford ; Payne, McIntyre, Robinson, Smethurst, Parker (T.), Parker (D.).

**Scorers**—Goal : Sims. Tries : Kellett, Lord, Sims, Parker (D.).  
Attendance 3,196

### SWINTON v. OLDHAM

April 20th, 1962. R.L. Away. Draw 2-2

**Oldham Team**—Sims ; Lord, Holden, Noon, Nestor ; Kellett, Pitchford ; Payne, McIntyre, Robinson, Smethurst, Parker (T.), Parker (D.).

**Scorer**—Goal : Kellett.  
Attendance 7,000

### OLDHAM v. BLACKPOOL BOROUGH

April 21st, 1962. R.L. Home. Won 10-7

**Oldham Team**—Sims ; Kenny, Holden, Noon, Nestor ; Kellett, Pyecroft ; Johnson, McIntyre, Robinson, Smethurst, Parker (T.), Parker (D.).

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Attendance 3,876



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Scorers—Goal: Noon. Try: Holden.

Attendance 11,665

## OLDHAM v. SWINTON

April 30th, 1962. R.L. Home. Lost 15-8

Oldham Team—Sims; Bird, Holden, Noon, Nestor; Kellett, Pitchford; Payne, McIntyre, Mumberson, Robinson, Parker (T.), Parker (D.).

Scorers—Goal: Noon. Tries: Bird, Sims.

Attendance 7,917



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| Aug.  | 18— | Whitehaven                    | ... | ... | ... | Away | ..... | 0 | 1 |
|       | 21— | Barrow                        | ... | ... | ... | Home | ..... |   |   |
|       | 25— | Leigh                         | ... | ... | ... | Home | ..... |   |   |
|       | 28— | Rochdale Hornets              | ... | ... | ... | Away | ..... |   |   |
| Sept. | 1—  | Whitehaven                    | ... | ... | ... | Home | ..... |   |   |
|       | 8—  | Lancs. County Cup Competition |     |     |     |      |       |   |   |
|       | 15— | Barrow                        | ... | ... | ... | Away | ..... |   |   |
|       | 22— | Rochdale Hornets              | ... | ... | ... | Home | ..... |   |   |
|       | 29— | Leigh                         | ... | ... | ... | Away | ..... |   |   |

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| Oct.  | 6—  | Workington Town                | ... | ... | ... | Away | ..... |    |    |
|       | 13— | Huddersfield                   | ... | ... | ... | Home | ..... | 8  | 9  |
|       | 20— | Leeds                          | ... | ... | ... | Away | ..... |    |    |
|       | 27— | Wakefield Trinity              | ... | ... | ... | Home | ..... | 15 | 3  |
| Nov.  | 3—  | Wigan                          | ... | ... | ... | Away | ..... |    |    |
|       | 10— | Workington Town                | ... | ... | ... | Home | ..... |    |    |
|       | 17— | Huddersfield                   | ... | ... | ... | Away | ..... | 10 | 5  |
|       | 24— | Leeds                          | ... | ... | ... | Home | ..... | 12 | 19 |
| Dec.  | 1—  | Wakefield Trinity              | ... | ... | ... | Away | ..... |    |    |
|       | 8—  | Wigan                          | ... | ... | ... | Home | ..... |    |    |
|       | 15— | Castleford                     | ... | ... | ... | Home | ..... | 10 | 7  |
|       | 22— | Halifax                        | ... | ... | ... | Away | ..... | 10 | 7  |
|       | 26— | Swinton                        | ... | ... | ... | Home | ..... |    |    |
|       | 29— | Warrington                     | ... | ... | ... | Home | ..... |    |    |
| 1963  |     |                                |     |     |     |      |       |    |    |
| Jan.  | 5—  | St. Helens                     | ... | ... | ... | Away | ..... |    |    |
|       | 12— | Halifax                        | ... | ... | ... | Home | ..... | 12 | 9  |
|       | 19— | Featherstone Rovers            | ... | ... | ... | Away | ..... | 4  | 19 |
|       | 26— | Hull Kingston Rovers           | ... | ... | ... | Home | ..... |    |    |
| Feb.  | 2—  | Widnes                         | ... | ... | ... | Away | ..... |    |    |
|       | 9—  | Cup Competition — First Round  |     |     |     |      |       |    |    |
|       | 16— | Hull                           | ... | ... | ... | Away | ..... |    |    |
|       | 23— | St. Helens                     | ... | ... | ... | Home | ..... |    |    |
| Mar.  | 2—  | Cup Competition — Second Round |     |     |     |      |       |    |    |
|       | 9—  | Featherstone Rovers            | ... | ... | ... | Home | ..... |    |    |
|       | 16— | Warrington                     | ... | ... | ... | Away | ..... |    |    |
|       | 23— | Hull Kingston Rovers           | ... | ... | ... | Away | ..... | 17 | 23 |
|       | 30— | Widnes                         | ... | ... | ... | Home | ..... |    |    |
| April | 6—  | Bramley                        | ... | ... | ... | Home | ..... |    |    |
|       | 12— | Swinton                        | ... | ... | ... | Away | ..... |    |    |
|       | 15— | Hull                           | ... | ... | ... | Home | ..... |    |    |
|       | 20— | Bramley                        | ... | ... | ... | Away | ..... |    |    |
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## Leading Scorers, 1961/62

### TRIES

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Boston (Wigan) .....         | 51 |
| Vollenhoven (St. Helens) ... | 46 |
| Carlton (Wigan) .....        | 39 |
| Wriglesworth (Leeds) .....   | 34 |
| Southward (Workington T.)    | 32 |
| O'Grady (Warrington) .....   | 30 |
| Prinsloo (Wakefield T.) ...  | 30 |
| Ashton (Wigan) .....         | 29 |
| Burgess (Barrow) .....       | 29 |
| Pretorius (Workington T.)    | 29 |
| Smith (Wakefield T.) .....   | 29 |
| Fox (Wakefield T.) .....     | 29 |
| Jordan (Featherstone R.) ... | 28 |
| Noon (Oldham) .....          | 25 |
| Skene (Wakefield T.) .....   | 24 |
| Smith (Keighley) .....       | 24 |
| Foster (York) .....          | 23 |
| Freeman (Halifax) .....      | 23 |
| O'Neil (Workington T.) ...   | 23 |

### GOALS

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Griffiths (Wigan) .....    | 187 |
| Fox (Wakefield T.) .....   | 183 |
| Wilson (Bramley) .....     | 133 |
| Kellett (Hull K.R.) .....  | 126 |
| Clawson (Featherstone R.)  | 122 |
| Jones (Leeds) .....        | 119 |
| Sims (Oldham) .....        | 119 |
| Dyson (Huddersfield) ..... | 116 |
| Lunn (Castleford) .....    | 113 |
| Randall (Widnes) .....     | 110 |
| Gilfedder (Warrington) ... | 93  |
| Blan (Swinton) .....       | 91  |
| Rhodes (St. Helens) .....  | 90  |
| Botha (Leigh) .....        | 86  |
| Yorke (York) .....         | 86  |
| Langton (Hunslet) .....    | 85  |
| James (Halifax) .....      | 77  |
| Brennan (Workington T.)    | 73  |
| Bateson (Hull) .....       | 67  |

### POINTS

|                              | G.  | T. | Pts. |
|------------------------------|-----|----|------|
| N. Fox (Wakefield T.) .....  | 183 | 30 | 456  |
| F. Griffiths (Wigan) .....   | 187 | 9  | 401  |
| G. Sims (Oldham) .....       | 119 | 12 | 274  |
| C. Kellett (Hull K.R.) ..... | 126 | 5  | 267  |
| J. Wilson (Bramley) .....    | 133 | 0  | 266  |

## COMPARE THEM WITH 1960/61 . . .

### TRIES

|                                          |    |
|------------------------------------------|----|
| Vollenhoven (St. Helens) ...             | 60 |
| Rosenberg (Leeds) .....                  | 44 |
| Boston (Wigan) .....                     | 37 |
| Bevan (Warrington) .....                 | 36 |
| Murphy (St. Helens) .....                | 32 |
| Stopford (Swinton) .....                 | 31 |
| Freeman (Halifax) .....                  | 29 |
| Greenough (Warrington) ...               | 29 |
| Paul (Hull K.R.) .....                   | 26 |
| Challinor (Warrington) ...               | 26 |
| Buckley (Swinton) .....                  | 25 |
| O'Neill (Workington) .....               | 25 |
| Carlton (Wigan & St. Helens)             | 25 |
| Noon (Oldham) .....                      | 24 |
| Southward (Oldham &<br>Workington) ..... | 24 |
| Hardisty (Castleford) .....              | 23 |
| Martyn (Leigh) .....                     | 23 |
| Hallas (Leeds) .....                     | 23 |

### GOALS

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Rhodes (St. Helens) .....  | 149 |
| Griffiths (Wigan) .....    | 145 |
| Owen (Halifax) .....       | 133 |
| Blan (Swinton) .....       | 132 |
| Fraser (Warrington) .....  | 120 |
| Kellett (Hull K.R.) .....  | 111 |
| Dyson (Huddersfield) ..... | 108 |
| Jones (Leeds) .....        | 105 |
| McKeown (Whitehaven) ...   | 97  |
| Fox (Wakefield T.) .....   | 95  |
| Ganley (Oldham) .....      | 93  |
| Wilson (Bramley) .....     | 92  |
| Lunn (Castleford) .....    | 88  |
| Yorke (York) .....         | 86  |
| Bateson (Hull) .....       | 85  |
| Clawson (Featherstone) ... | 85  |
| Fallon (Leigh & Barrow)    | 71  |
| Ledgard (Dewsbury) .....   | 70  |
| Langton (Hunslet) .....    | 69  |



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## First Team Appearances and Scorers

SEASON 1961/62

| Player     | App. | T. | G.  | Player      | App. | T. | G. |
|------------|------|----|-----|-------------|------|----|----|
| Noon       | 35   | 24 | 15  | Parker, T.  | 11   | -  | -  |
| Sims       | 39   | 12 | 116 | Morgan      | 1    | -  | -  |
| Patterson  | 20   | 3  | -   | Robinson    | 29   | 5  | -  |
| Holden     | 32   | 19 | -   | Nestor      | 30   | 9  | -  |
| Davies     | 3    | -  | -   | Bird        | 15   | 12 | -  |
| Kenny      | 6    | 2  | 3   | Smethurst   | 27   | 6  | -  |
| Kellett    | 39   | 16 | 1   | Pycroft     | 7    | 1  | -  |
| Pitchford  | 37   | 8  | -   | Goddard, P. | 18   | 4  | -  |
| Payne      | 32   | -  | -   | Mumberson   | 6    | -  | -  |
| McIntyre   | 37   | 5  | -   | Lord        | 19   | 15 | -  |
| Winslade   | 11   | -  | -   | Lloyd       | 2    | -  | -  |
| Duffy      | 11   | 3  | -   | Price       | 4    | 2  | -  |
| Rae        | 23   | 7  | -   | Johnson     | 2    | -  | -  |
| Parker, D. | 36   | 4  | -   |             |      |    |    |

## R.L. Championship Final, 1962

At ODSAL, SATURDAY, MAY 19th, 1962

HUDDERSFIELD ... 4 goals, 2 tries — 14 points  
WAKEFIELD TRINITY ... 1 goal, 1 try — 5 points

Scorers : HUDDERSFIELD. Goals : Dyson 4. Tries : Wicks,  
Smales.

WAKEFIELD. Goal : Fox. Try : Fox.

Teams : HUDDERSFIELD. Dyson ; Breen, Deighton, Booth,  
Wicks ; Davies, Smales ; Slevin, Close, Noble, Kilroy,  
Bowman, Ramsden.

WAKEFIELD. Round ; Smith, Skene, Fox, Hirst ;  
Poynton, Holliday ; Wilkinson, Kosanovic, Firth, Briggs,  
Vines, Turner.

Referee : N. T. Railton (Wigan)

Touch Judges : A. S. Young (Hull), W. Walmsley (Leeds)

Attendance 37,407

Receipts £7,978





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At the Empire Stadium, WEMBLEY, SATURDAY, MAY 12th, 1962

**HUDDERSFIELD** ... 0 goals, 2 tries — 6 points

**WAKEFIELD TRINITY** ... 3 goals, 2 tries — 12 points

(Half-time 3 - 5)

**Scorers :** HUDDERSFIELD. Tries : Smales, Ramsden.

WAKEFIELD T. Goals : Fox 3. Tries : Fox, Hirst.

**Teams :** HUDDERSFIELD. F. Dyson ; A. Breen, L. Booth, R. Haywood, M. Wicks ; H. Deighton, T. Smales (Capt.) ; E. Slevin, D. Close, K. Noble, M. Clark, K. Bowman, P. Ramsden.

WAKEFIELD T. G. Round ; F. Smith, A. Skene, N. Fox, K. Hirst ; H. Poynton, K. Holliday ; J. Wilkinson, G. Oakes, A. Firth, B. Briggs, D. Williamson, D. Turner (Capt.).

Referee : D. T. H. Davies (Pendlebury)

Touch Judges : H. Holland (St. Helens), G. W. Wilkinson (Bradford)

Lance Todd Trophy awarded to : N. Fox (Wakefield T.)

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## HOW THEY GOT THERE . . .

### HUDDERSFIELD

### WAKEFIELD T.

#### 1st ROUND

|              |   |              |    |
|--------------|---|--------------|----|
| York         | 7 | Wakefield T. | 40 |
| Huddersfield | 8 | Warrington   | 18 |

#### 2nd ROUND

|              |    |              |    |
|--------------|----|--------------|----|
| St. Helens   | 2  | Blackpool B. | 4  |
| Huddersfield | 13 | Wakefield T. | 16 |

#### 3rd ROUND

|              |   |        |    |              |   |
|--------------|---|--------|----|--------------|---|
| Castleford   | 4 | Replay | 4  | Wakefield T. | 5 |
| Huddersfield | 4 | Replay | 10 | Wigan        | 4 |

#### SEMI-FINAL

|              |   |                 |   |
|--------------|---|-----------------|---|
| Huddersfield | 6 | Wakefield T.    | 9 |
| Hull K.R.    | 0 | Featherstone R. | 0 |



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|      |                            |                                  |
|------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1946 | Billy Stott (Centre)       | Wakefield T. v. Wigan            |
| 1947 | Willie Davies (Half-back)  | Bradford N. v. Leeds             |
| 1948 | Frank Whitcombe (Forward)  | Bradford N. v. Wigan             |
| 1949 | Ernest Ward (Centre)       | Bradford N. v. Halifax           |
| 1950 | Gerry Helme (Half-back)    | Warrington v. Widnes             |
| 1951 | Ces Mountford (Half-back)  | Wigan v. Barrow                  |
| 1952 | Billy Iveson (Forward)     | Workington T. v. Featherstone R. |
| 1953 | Peter Ramsden (Half-back)  | Huddersfield v. St. Helens       |
| 1954 | Gerry Helme (Half-back)    | Warrington v. Halifax            |
| 1955 | Jack Grundy (Forward)      | Barrow v. Workington             |
| 1956 | Alan Prescott (Forward)    | St. Helens v. Halifax            |
| 1957 | Jeff Stevenson (Half-back) | Leeds v. Barrow                  |
| 1958 | Rees Thomas (Half-back)    | Wigan v. Workington T.           |
| 1959 | Brian McTigue (Forward)    | Wigan v. Hull                    |
| 1960 | Tommy Harris (Hooker)      | Hull v. Wakefield T.             |
| 1961 | Dick Huddart (Forward)     | St. Helens v. Wigan              |
| 1962 | Neil Fox (Centre)          | Wakefield T. v. Huddersfield     |

# Wembley details since 1955

|      |              |        |               |         |
|------|--------------|--------|---------------|---------|
| 1955 | Barrow       | 21     | Workington T. | 12      |
|      | Attendance   | 67,000 | Receipts      | £27,500 |
| 1956 | St. Helens   | 13     | Halifax       | 2       |
|      | Attendance   | 80,000 | Receipts      | £29,500 |
| 1957 | Leeds        | 9      | Barrow        | 7       |
|      | Attendance   | 77,000 | Receipts      | £32,546 |
| 1958 | Wigan        | 13     | Workington T. | 9       |
|      | Attendance   | 66,000 | Receipts      | £31,030 |
| 1959 | Wigan        | 30     | Hull          | 13      |
|      | Attendance   | 79,811 | Receipts      | £33,000 |
| 1960 | Wakefield T. | 38     | Hull          | 5       |
|      | Attendance   | 79,773 | Receipts      | £33,000 |
| 1961 | St. Helens   | 12     | Wigan         | 6       |
|      | Attendance   | 95,000 | Receipts      | £35,000 |
| 1962 | Wakefield T. | 12     | Huddersfield  | 6       |
|      | Attendance   | 85,000 | Receipts      | £33,350 |



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## Final Tables 1961-62

### NORTHERN RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

|                             | P  | W  | L  | D | F   | A   | Pts. |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|---|-----|-----|------|
| Wigan ... ..                | 36 | 32 | 3  | 1 | 885 | 283 | 65   |
| Wakefield Trinity ... ..    | 36 | 32 | 3  | 1 | 822 | 288 | 65   |
| Featherstone Rovers ... ..  | 36 | 28 | 7  | 1 | 621 | 370 | 57   |
| Huddersfield ... ..         | 36 | 25 | 9  | 2 | 494 | 351 | 52   |
| Workington Town ... ..      | 36 | 25 | 11 | 0 | 658 | 362 | 50   |
| Widnes ... ..               | 36 | 25 | 11 | 0 | 508 | 309 | 50   |
| Leeds ... ..                | 36 | 25 | 11 | 0 | 593 | 390 | 50   |
| Hull Kingston Rovers ... .. | 36 | 24 | 12 | 0 | 513 | 451 | 48   |
| St. Helens ... ..           | 36 | 23 | 13 | 0 | 606 | 302 | 46   |
| Oldham ... ..               | 36 | 22 | 13 | 1 | 643 | 344 | 45   |
| Swinton ... ..              | 36 | 21 | 14 | 1 | 527 | 326 | 43   |
| Castleford ... ..           | 36 | 21 | 15 | 0 | 501 | 369 | 42   |
| Bramley ... ..              | 36 | 19 | 13 | 4 | 450 | 393 | 42   |
| Warrington ... ..           | 36 | 19 | 15 | 2 | 576 | 435 | 40   |
| Halifax ... ..              | 36 | 18 | 15 | 3 | 400 | 334 | 39   |
| Hull ... ..                 | 36 | 18 | 17 | 1 | 573 | 415 | 37   |
| Leigh ... ..                | 36 | 17 | 19 | 0 | 388 | 497 | 34   |
| Barrow ... ..               | 36 | 14 | 21 | 1 | 423 | 558 | 29   |
| Keighley ... ..             | 36 | 13 | 21 | 2 | 365 | 467 | 28   |
| York ... ..                 | 36 | 12 | 23 | 1 | 462 | 531 | 25   |
| Salford ... ..              | 36 | 12 | 23 | 1 | 385 | 740 | 25   |
| Whitehaven ... ..           | 36 | 11 | 23 | 2 | 383 | 539 | 24   |
| Blackpool Borough ... ..    | 36 | 11 | 24 | 1 | 335 | 600 | 23   |
| Rochdale Hornets ... ..     | 36 | 9  | 23 | 4 | 317 | 595 | 22   |
| Hunslet ... ..              | 36 | 10 | 25 | 1 | 350 | 582 | 21   |
| Batley ... ..               | 36 | 9  | 25 | 2 | 255 | 538 | 20   |
| Dewsbury ... ..             | 36 | 8  | 26 | 2 | 260 | 543 | 18   |
| Doncaster ... ..            | 36 | 8  | 27 | 1 | 294 | 668 | 17   |
| Liverpool City ... ..       | 36 | 6  | 30 | 0 | 224 | 753 | 12   |
| Bradford Northern ... ..    | 36 | 5  | 30 | 1 | 288 | 766 | 11   |



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## LANCASHIRE LEAGUE

|                          | P  | W  | L  | D | F   | A   | Pts. |
|--------------------------|----|----|----|---|-----|-----|------|
| Wigan ... ..             | 28 | 25 | 2  | 1 | 676 | 200 | 51   |
| Workington Town ... ..   | 28 | 20 | 8  | 0 | 515 | 274 | 40   |
| Huddersfield ... ..      | 28 | 19 | 7  | 2 | 400 | 280 | 40   |
| St. Helens ... ..        | 28 | 19 | 9  | 0 | 497 | 213 | 38   |
| Swinton ... ..           | 28 | 18 | 9  | 1 | 450 | 181 | 37   |
| Oldham ... ..            | 28 | 18 | 9  | 1 | 540 | 259 | 37   |
| Widnes ... ..            | 28 | 18 | 10 | 0 | 339 | 267 | 36   |
| Warrington ... ..        | 28 | 15 | 11 | 2 | 451 | 325 | 32   |
| Leigh ... ..             | 28 | 15 | 13 | 0 | 300 | 348 | 30   |
| Barrow ... ..            | 28 | 9  | 18 | 1 | 283 | 455 | 19   |
| Blackpool Borough ... .. | 28 | 7  | 20 | 1 | 258 | 511 | 15   |
| Rochdale Hornets ... ..  | 28 | 6  | 19 | 3 | 219 | 480 | 15   |
| Whitehaven ... ..        | 28 | 6  | 20 | 2 | 252 | 469 | 14   |
| Salford ... ..           | 28 | 7  | 21 | 0 | 262 | 642 | 14   |
| Liverpool City ... ..    | 28 | 1  | 27 | 0 | 140 | 678 | 2    |

## YORKSHIRE LEAGUE

|                             | P  | W  | L  | D | F   | A   | Pts. |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|---|-----|-----|------|
| Wakefield Trinity ... ..    | 28 | 27 | 0  | 1 | 687 | 192 | 55   |
| Featherstone Rovers ... ..  | 28 | 22 | 5  | 1 | 473 | 274 | 45   |
| Hull Kingston Rovers ... .. | 28 | 22 | 6  | 0 | 444 | 293 | 44   |
| Leeds ... ..                | 28 | 19 | 9  | 0 | 476 | 315 | 38   |
| Castleford ... ..           | 28 | 18 | 10 | 0 | 390 | 282 | 36   |
| Hull ... ..                 | 28 | 15 | 12 | 1 | 468 | 298 | 31   |
| Halifax ... ..              | 28 | 14 | 11 | 3 | 336 | 259 | 31   |
| Bramley ... ..              | 28 | 14 | 11 | 3 | 333 | 323 | 31   |
| Keighley ... ..             | 28 | 10 | 16 | 2 | 274 | 350 | 22   |
| York ... ..                 | 28 | 9  | 18 | 1 | 332 | 380 | 19   |
| Hunslet ... ..              | 28 | 9  | 18 | 1 | 277 | 377 | 19   |
| Batley ... ..               | 28 | 7  | 19 | 2 | 200 | 422 | 16   |
| Doncaster ... ..            | 28 | 7  | 20 | 1 | 227 | 510 | 15   |
| Dewsbury ... ..             | 28 | 4  | 23 | 1 | 193 | 489 | 9    |
| Bradford Northern ... ..    | 28 | 4  | 23 | 1 | 225 | 571 | 9    |



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## YORKSHIRE SENIOR COMPETITION

|                     | P  | W  | L  | D | F   | A   | Pts. | %    |
|---------------------|----|----|----|---|-----|-----|------|------|
| Featherstone R. ... | 26 | 21 | 5  | 0 | 492 | 238 | 42   | 80.7 |
| Leeds ...           | 27 | 20 | 7  | 0 | 462 | 291 | 40   | 74.7 |
| Wakefield T. ...    | 26 | 19 | 7  | 0 | 652 | 289 | 38   | 73.0 |
| Castleford ...      | 28 | 19 | 9  | 0 | 487 | 364 | 38   | 67.8 |
| Hull ...            | 26 | 17 | 8  | 1 | 495 | 263 | 35   | 67.3 |
| Hull K.R. ...       | 26 | 17 | 9  | 0 | 508 | 253 | 34   | 65.3 |
| Huddersfield ...    | 27 | 17 | 10 | 0 | 422 | 280 | 34   | 62.9 |
| York ...            | 25 | 14 | 11 | 0 | 309 | 265 | 28   | 56.0 |
| Halifax ...         | 26 | 14 | 12 | 0 | 448 | 362 | 28   | 53.8 |
| Keighley ...        | 29 | 13 | 15 | 1 | 365 | 367 | 27   | 46.5 |
| Batley ...          | 26 | 10 | 15 | 1 | 342 | 382 | 21   | 40.3 |
| Hunslet ...         | 30 | 11 | 18 | 1 | 313 | 481 | 23   | 38.3 |
| Dewsbury ...        | 29 | 9  | 20 | 0 | 226 | 441 | 18   | 31.0 |
| Bramley ...         | 25 | 6  | 19 | 0 | 140 | 523 | 12   | 24.0 |
| Bradford N. ...     | 26 | 3  | 23 | 0 | 186 | 661 | 6    | 11.5 |
| Doncaster ...       | 28 | 3  | 25 | 0 | 232 | 619 | 6    | 10.7 |

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|---------|-----------------|----|------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1906/07 | Halifax .....   | 18 | Oldham .....     | 3  | Huddersfield    |
| 1907/08 | †Hunslet .....  | 12 | Oldham .....     | 2  | Wakefield       |
| 1908/09 | Wigan .....     | 7  | Oldham .....     | 3  | Salford         |
| 1909/10 | Oldham .....    | 13 | Wigan .....      | 7  | Broughton       |
| 1910/11 | Oldham .....    | 20 | Wigan .....      | 7  | Broughton       |
| 1911/12 | Huddersfield .  | 13 | Wigan .....      | 5  | Halifax         |
| 1912/13 | Huddersfield .  | 29 | Wigan .....      | 2  | Wakefield       |
| 1913/14 | Salford .....   | 5  | Huddersfield .   | 3  | Leeds           |
| 1914/15 | Huddersfield .  | 35 | Leeds .....      | 2  | Wakefield       |
| 1919/20 | Hull .....      | 3  | Huddersfield .   | 2  | Leeds           |
| 1920/21 | Hull .....      | 16 | Hull K.R. ...    | 14 | Leeds           |
| 1921/22 | Wigan .....     | 13 | Oldham .....     | 2  | Broughton       |
| 1922/23 | Hull K.R. ...   | 15 | Huddersfield .   | 5  | Leeds           |
| 1923/24 | Batley .....    | 13 | Wigan .....      | 7  | Broughton       |
| 1924/25 | Hull K.R. ...   | 9  | Swinton .....    | 5  | Rochdale        |
| 1925/26 | Wigan .....     | 22 | Warrington ...   | 10 | St. Helens      |
| 1926/27 | Swinton .....   | 13 | St. Helens R. .  | 8  | Warrington      |
| 1927/28 | Swinton .....   | 3  | Featherstone ... | 0  | Oldham          |
| 1928/29 | Huddersfield .  | 3  | Leeds .....      | 0  | Halifax         |
| 1929/30 | †Huddersfield . | 4  | Leeds .....      | 2  | Halifax         |
| 1930/31 | Swinton .....   | 14 | Leeds .....      | 7  | Wigan           |
| 1931/32 | St. Helens ...  | 9  | Huddersfield .   | 5  | Wakefield       |
| 1932/33 | Salford .....   | 15 | Swinton .....    | 5  | Wigan           |
| 1933/34 | Wigan .....     | 15 | Salford .....    | 3  | Warrington      |
| 1934/35 | Swinton .....   | 14 | Warrington ...   | 3  | Wigan           |
| 1935/36 | Hull .....      | 21 | Widnes .....     | 2  | Huddersfield    |
| 1936/37 | Salford .....   | 13 | Warrington ...   | 11 | Wigan           |
| 1937/38 | Hunslet .....   | 8  | Leeds .....      | 2  | Leeds United    |
| 1938/39 | Salford .....   | 8  | Castleford ..... | 6  | Manchester City |
| 1945/46 | Wigan .....     | 13 | Huddersfield .   | 4  | Manchester City |
| 1946/47 | Wigan .....     | 13 | Dewsbury .....   | 4  | Manchester City |
| 1947/48 | Warrington ...  | 15 | Bradford N. ...  | 5  | Manchester City |
| 1948/49 | Huddersfield .  | 13 | Warrington ...   | 12 | Manchester City |
| 1949/50 | Wigan .....     | 20 | Huddersfield .   | 2  | Manchester City |
| 1950/51 | Workington ...  | 26 | Warrington ...   | 11 | Manchester City |
| 1951/52 | Wigan .....     | 13 | Bradford N. ...  | 6  | Huddersfield T. |
| 1952/53 | St. Helens ...  | 24 | Halifax .....    | 14 | Manchester City |
| 1953/54 | Warrington ...  | 8  | Halifax .....    | 7  | Manchester City |
| 1954/55 | Warrington ...  | 7  | Oldham .....     | 3  | Manchester City |
| 1955/56 | Hull .....      | 10 | Halifax .....    | 9  | Manchester City |
| 1956/57 | Oldham .....    | 15 | Hull .....       | 14 | Bradford        |
| 1957/58 | Hull .....      | 20 | Workington ...   | 3  | Bradford        |
| 1958/59 | St. Helens ...  | 44 | Hunslet .....    | 22 | Bradford        |
| 1959/60 | Wigan .....     | 27 | Wakefield T. .   | 3  | Bradford        |
| 1960/61 | Leeds .....     | 25 | Warrington ...   | 10 | Bradford        |
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| Cash in Bank, 31.3.61, Brought Forward                  |      | 1   | 16 | 0  |
| 200 Members' Cards, 1961/62, O.F.C.S.C.                 |      | 10  | 0  | 0  |
| 28 Year Books, O.F.C.S.C.                               |      | 1   | 8  | 0  |
| 12 Metal Lapel Badges                                   |      | 1   | 4  | 0  |
| 3 Cloth Blazer Badges                                   |      | 1   | 10 | 0  |
| 14 Gold Wire Blazer Badges                              |      | 28  | 0  | 0  |
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| 8 Ground Members, O.F.C.                                |      | 14  | 0  | 0  |
| 4 Juvenile Members, O.F.C.                              |      | 2   | 0  | 0  |
| 30 Dance Tickets, Oldham Town Hall                      |      | 7   | 10 | 0  |
| 50 Dance Tickets, King Street Stores                    |      | 13  | 15 | 0  |
| 20 Books Christmas Draw, O.F.C.                         |      | 10  | 0  | 0  |
| 100 Books Grand National Draw                           |      | 5   | 0  | 0  |
| Receipts from 28 Club Raffles, Draws, etc.              |      | 100 | 16 | 9  |
| Total                                                   | £199 | 7   | 3  |    |
| EXPENDITURE                                             |      | £   | s. | d. |
| Paid to N. Kent, Secretary O.F.C.S.C.                   |      | 40  | 7  | 0  |
| Paid to Oldham Football Club, Watersheddings            |      | 28  | 7  | 6  |
| Paid to Mr. Andrews, Oldham Badges Ltd.                 |      | 28  | 0  | 0  |
| No. 5 Branch Annual Outing to Rickmere and New Brighton |      | 86  | 5  | 0  |
| Drinks to Members' Annual Meeting                       |      | 1   | 4  | 0  |
| Postage, Books, Secretary's Expenses                    |      | 3   | 0  | 0  |
| Incidental Items                                        |      | 10  | 0  | 0  |
| Grant to O.F.C.S.C., Mr. N. Kent, Sec.                  |      | 10  | 0  | 0  |
| Raffle Tickets                                          |      | 1   | 10 | 0  |
| Telephone Calls                                         |      | 3   | 3  | 9  |
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|------------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|----|
| Members' Annual Subs., 42 @ 1/-          | ... | 2   | 2  | 0  |
| Supporters' Club Year Books, 20 @ 1/-    | ... | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| Vice-President's Fees                    | ... | 3   | 5  | 0  |
| Dance, Oldham Town Hall, 12 @ 5/-        | ... | 3   | 0  | 0  |
| Dance, King Street Stores, 30 @ 5/6      | ... | 8   | 5  | 0  |
| Grand National Draw, 100 books @ 1/-     | ... | 5   | 0  | 0  |
| per book                                 | ... |     |    |    |
|                                          |     | £16 | 3  | 6  |
| Returned to O.F.C.S.C.—                  |     |     |    |    |
| Supporters' Club Year Books, 7 @ 1/-     | ... |     | 7  | 0  |
| Dance Ticket, Oldham Town Hall, 10 @ 5/- | ... |     | 2  | 10 |
| Dance Tickets, King Street, 13 @ 5/6     | ... |     | 3  | 11 |
|                                          |     | £22 | 12 | 0  |

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|------------------------------------------|-----|----------|
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| Supporters' Club Year Books, 13 @ 1/-    | ... | ...      |
| Vice-Presidents Fees                     | ... | ...      |
| Dance, Oldham Town Hall, 2 @ 5/-         | ... | ...      |
| Dance, King Street Stores, 17 @ 5/6      | ... | ...      |
| Grand National Draw, 100 books @ 1/-     | ... | ...      |
| per book                                 | ... | ...      |
|                                          |     | £16 3 6  |
| Returned to O.F.C.S.C.—                  |     |          |
| Supporters' Club Year Books, 7 @ 1/-     | ... | 7 0      |
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