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**1963/4**

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## OLDHAM v. DONCASTER

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## WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

So another Commonwealth Team has been to Watersheddings and conquered and the only thing we have left is the memory of a not too good match, in comparison with our previous exploits against Touring teams. Not that we are discounting the ability of the present tourists, it is there, but requires to be blended together. One must remember that our visitors of Saturday last were the pick of the Australian Rugby League and to train together and also live together they should develop into a well high unbeatable combination. They have come to this country to play football in the true sense of the word, each day they are here they are living football.

Reverting to our game of Saturday last, we consider that our players put up a creditable performance in holding an international side to a 12-4 defeat. We have one regret and that is the sending off of the Australian centre—Langlands—which was an unfortunate blot on the match. The referee was on the spot and he had no hesitation in dismissing Langlands from the field. This boy is a great centre and there is an old saying that a good player has no need to do an action that will come under the ban of the referee. These incidents have been happening on the field since the inception of our game and I suppose they will go on until the end. Our Australian friends thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Oldham and we must express our appreciation and thanks to our Mayor Alderman J. H. Broadbent, J.P.—for the courtesy he extended our visitors with the civic reception and the gift of a badge of an owl with the word 'Oldham' underneath, which he presented to each member; a small token but one which was much appreciated by them. The evening was spent at a "free and easy" with a running buffet and free bar, as guests of our Club. The Australians excelled at this and it turned out to be a night to remember. The choir of the Australian party entertained the Mayor with their well known "Waltzing Matilda" and we say "some choir". The Mayor fell in with the celebrations and thoroughly enjoyed himself. Well done Mr. Mayor and renewed thanks for your presence amongst us in a memorable day.

## SEARCHING

No matter how good one may be in football, managements should always be on the lookout for something better, and so it is with our Club. New signings are always in the offing and the committee are out in full cry searching for something better than we have. During the next few weeks we have hopes of new players coming to Watersheddings, players with reputations and up and coming youngsters.

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## OUR VISITORS

On their first visit to Watersheddings, we extend a special welcome to the Doncaster Club. Of their playing ability we therefore have no knowledge, but we do know this, that they gave the Leeds Club a fright at Doncaster on Saturday last, when Leeds just managed to win in the last minute of the game. By their record this season, one can take it that our visitors are no pushover, they contain some very capable and experienced player, ably coached by one of our old stalwarts, Bryn Goldswain. Their team contains several players who have seen service with other clubs. Once again we say, welcome, to the Doncaster Club.

## RUGBY LEAGUE CUP FINAL

All 30/- and 15/- tickets for the Rugby League Cup Final on Saturday 9th May at Wembley, have now been sold. Limited quantities of seating tickets at 20/- and 10/- are still available. Applications, accompanied by stamped-addressed envelopes should be sent to the Rugby Football League, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7, without delay.

Tickets for the Standing Enclosures at 4/- can also be obtained in advance and it is wise for all supporters travelling from the North to make sure that they have a ticket for the ground. Capacity houses have been experienced in the past and no doubt will occur again in the future.

## TEST MATCHES

Seating tickets for the Second and Third Test Matches are being sold in advance from the grounds where the matches are being played and also from the Rugby Football League, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7. Ticket prices are shown below :-

**Second Test, 9th November at Swinton**

20/- : 15/- : 12/6

**Third Test, 30th November at Headingley**

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Saturday Next at Watersheddings—

**OLDHAM 'A' v. BARROW 'A'**

—Kick-off 3 p.m.

## FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

Up to and including Saturday, 5th October, 1963

Player	A	G	T	P	Player	A	G	T	P
Dyson	12	44	2	94	Rae	6		4	12
Lord	12		3	9	Parker	12		2	6
Noon	9	6	4	24	Donovan	3			
Nestor	13		3	9	Simms T.	9		10	30
Elliott	4		2	6	Smethurst	10		4	12
Davies	1				Cheshire	1			
Pycroft	13		7	21	Wilson	4			
Lloyd	1				Sims G.	7		5	15
McIntyre	12		3	9	Major	8			
Robinson	13		1	3	Platt	6			
Bott	13		2	6					

## FIXTURES & SCORES SEASON 1963/64

Date	Club	Grd.	Time	F.	A.	Date	Club	Grd.	Time	F.	A.
Aug. 17	Rochdale (Charity)	home	3.0	29-13		Dec. 7	Bramley (2)	away	2.30		
24	Rochdale (2)	away	3.0	20-7		14	Bradford (2)	home	2.30		
27	Leigh (2) (Tue.)	home	7.0	6-6		21	Rochdale (R)	away	2.30		
31	Batley (2)	home	3.0	44-7		26	Leigh (2)	away	2.30		
Sept. 2	Liverpool (2)	away	6.30	20-9		29	Dewsbury (2)	home	2.30		
7	Widnes (L. C.)	home	6.30	10-5		Jan. 4	Blackpool (R)	home	2.30		
14	York (2)	away	3.0	7-4		11	Bradford (2)	away	2.30		
16	Blackpool (R)	away	6.0	24-10		18	Whitehaven (2)	home	2.30		
18	Whitehaven	home	6.30	35-4		25	Salford (2)	home	3.0		
21	Barrow (2)	home	3.0	35-8		Feb. 1	Dewsbury (2)	away	3.0		
28	Blackpool (2)	away	3.0	22-6		8	(1st Rd. R.L. Cup)				
30	Leigh	away	7.0	0-10		15	Leigh (R)	away	3.0		
Oct. 5	Australia	home	3.0	4-12		22	Blackpool (2)	home	3.0		
12	Doncaster (2)	home	3.0	45-13		29	(2nd Rd. R.L. Cup)				
19	Barrow (2)	away	3.0	21-13		Mar. 7	Batley (2)	away	3.0		
26	Rochdale (R)	home	3.0	21-13		14	(3rd Rd. R.L. Cup)				
Nov. 2	Doncaster (2)	away	3.0			21	Barrow (R)	home	3.0		
9	York (2)	home	2.30			27	Liverpool (2)	home	3.0		
16	Whitehaven (2)	away	2.30			28	Leigh (R)	home	3.0		
23	Rochdale (2)	home	2.30			30	Salford (2)	away	3.0		
30	Barrow (R)	away	2.30			Apr. 11	Bramley (2)	home	3.0		

## SECOND DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

Up to 28th September, 1963

										For		Against								
										P	W	L	D	G	T	Pts	G	T	Pts	Pts
Leigh	...	...	...	...	7	6	0	1	35	32	166	14	7	49	13					
Oldham	...	...	...	...	7	6	0	1	32	30	154	12	7	45	13					
Barrow	...	...	...	...	7	6	1	0	22	37	155	16	18	86	12					
Blackpool B.	...	...	...	...	6	4	2	0	16	24	104	19	18	92	8					
Rochdale H.	...	...	...	...	7	4	3	0	15	16	78	17	13	73	8					
Dewsbury	...	...	...	...	6	4	2	0	14	14	70	10	17	71	8					
Bramley	...	...	...	...	5	3	2	0	22	23	113	17	21	97	6					
Doncaster	...	...	...	...	7	3	4	0	15	14	72	14	19	85	6					
Batley	...	...	...	...	7	2	5	0	22	14	86	26	22	118	4					
Liverpool C.	...	...	...	...	6	2	4	0	14	10	58	19	25	113	4					
York	...	...	...	...	7	1	6	0	14	12	64	24	17	99	2					
Salford	...	...	...	...	7	1	6	0	15	16	78	29	32	154	2					
Bradford N.	...	...	...	...	6	1	5	0	9	15	63	21	28	126	2					
Whitehaven	...	...	...	...	5	1	4	0	6	8	36	13	21	89	2					