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1963/4

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LEIGH

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SECOND DIVISION

Leigh v. Oldham

MONDAY, 27th APRIL, 1964

Kick-Off 7-00 p.m.

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OLDHAM RETURN AGAIN

Tonight, we extend for the third time this season, a welcoming hand to the Oldham officials and players. This evening's game should have been played on Saturday, April 18th, but in view of the nearness to the Challenge Cup replay in which Oldham were involved with Hull Kingston Rovers, we decided that it was only fair that the match should be put back.

CHAMPIONS

Oldham have won the championship of the Second Division and we have finished runners-up. It has been an exceptional season for the Watersheddings organisation, and we commiserate with them on being beaten on Monday week in the second cup replay at Huddersfield.

The first game ended in a draw, and during the first period of extra time at Swinton, Oldham were leading by three points having drawn level at 14-all after being down by seven points.

Then the light became so bad that the Referee, Mr. Davies of Manchester was forced to call a halt and consequently that meant the replay on Monday last week, which Rovers won by 12 points to two.

EXCEPTIONAL

Oldham have an exceptional team. They have Frank Dyson at full-back. He is the leader and has kicked some wonder goals since joining the club at the beg-

inning of this season. He was previously with Huddersfield where he gained several honours. The wingers are Trevor and Geoff Sims, and the centres John Donovan and Peter Smethurst. The latter was previously with Swinton. Vincent Nestor and Jack Pycroft have formed a fine understanding behind the scrum.

THE PACK

In the pack are such well-known men as Len McIntyre, one of the best known hookers in the game, while flanking him are strong men Charlie Bott and Ken Wilson. Both are former Rugby Union and destined for top honours.

Geoff. Robinson, who used to be at Whitehaven. Stuart Whitehead (an Oldham policeman), Harry Major (once with Warrington) and Dave Parker, another ex R.U. man, are other forwards whom Oldham committee can call upon.

All are fine scrummagers and excellent men in the loose. Parker was unfortunate in not being able to play in the re-plays because of a nose injury.

ALL SQUARE?

If tonight's match is anywhere near as good as the two previous games at Hilton Park, and also the one at Watersheddings, then the crowd are in for a treat. It will be remembered that we went to Oldham and forced a 6-6 draw in August..

Then when the teams met again, this time in the semi-final of the Lancashire Challenge Cup at Hilton Park and under floodlights on September 10th, we triumphed by ten points to nil.

But when the sides clashed in the Western Divisional Championship in February - a game which was televised - Oldham had their revenge by winning by six points to two. So Oldham will be anxious to put the matters all square.

TESTIMONIAL

One of the important events of tonight is the presentation of the Testimonial cheque to Mick Martyn. The size of the cheque is not known at the moment, but it will be a sizable one and a special tribute to the efforts put in by the Testimonial Committee.

Mick, as we all well know in Leigh, has given great service to the club, and he holds the club try-scoring record as well as the record for a second-row forward in the league.

It would be an unusual Leigh set-up without this popular player who came to Hilton Park via the schoolboy movement. Here is another instance where the schools organisation has produced a star who has gained top honours.

He went to Australia with the Great Britain team where he made a great impression. We hope to see Mick in the Leigh colours for a considerable time yet. Incidentally, he has given wonderful service in raising money for testimonials for other Leigh players.

CONGRATULATIONS

This week the Directors have sent to the Widnes Board a message congratulating the club on reaching Wembley for the fifth time.

Widnes will represent Lancashire at Wembley in the final of the Rugby League Challenge Cup, against Hull Kingston Rovers on May 9th.

And if you are going to the match you should get your ticket as quickly as possible.

All stand tickets were disposed of some time ago, and there are now only standing tickets left. The price is four shillings. Send your Postal Order and stamped addressed envelope to the R.L. headquarters, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds.

Reflecting on the facts of the R.L. cup ties is a most interesting pastime. When we met Widnes in the first round at Leigh the score was a 2-2 draw. Came the replay and it was generally agreed that Widnes were lucky to draw even on their own ground. Though beaten 14-2 at St. Helens in the second replay we missed several good scoring chances.

THE NEW BRADFORD NORTHERN

The work of the Committee dedicated to create a new Bradford Northern Club got off to an enthusiastic start when there was a splendid turn-up at a public meeting held in Bradford on April 14th. Nearly £1,000 was contributed by the supporters who attended the meeting and it looks as if the target of £5,000 has every chance of being achieved before the club's application for membership of the Northern Rugby Football League is considered. There must be many supporters in the game who would dearly like to take part in the birth of the new club; their assistance would also be an extra insurance that the target figure would be reached in time.

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A. RHODES	13	5	41
D. HURT	—	10	30
T. GRAINEY	4	3	17
T. ENTWISTLE	—	3	9
I. HODGKISS	—	3	9
R. TICKLE	—	3	9
S. OWEN	—	2	6
M. MURPHY	—	2	6
J. EVANS	—	2	6
G. SMITH	1	1	5
WHARTON	—	1	3
HOFFMAN	—	1	3
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JONES	4	1	11
HALL	2	2	10
HOFFMAN	—	3	9
NEWALL	—	3	9
GREGORY	—	3	9
FOSTER	—	3	9
BISHOP	4	—	8
SULLIVAN	—	2	6
HODGKISS	—	2	6
FOX	—	2	6
FLETCHER	—	2	6
HARRIS	—	2	6
HAMILTON	—	2	6
SMITH	—	1	3
HIGGS	—	1	3
WELDING	—	1	3
OTHERS	—	5	15

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(Up to and including April 18th, 1964)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
OLDHAM	21	19	1	1	440	142	39
LEIGH	23	15	2	6	390	217	32
Dewsbury	24	15	2	7	239	220	32
Barrow	23	14	1	8	334	245	29
Blackpool	23	12	1	10	292	287	25
Bramley	21	12	0	9	279	227	24
York	22	11	0	11	279	223	22
Rochdale	22	8	0	14	207	268	16
Whitehaven	22	8	0	14	161	280	16
Batley	24	8	0	16	174	304	16
Salford	24	8	0	16	218	392	16
Liverpool C.	22	7	0	15	182	254	14
Doncaster	23	6	1	16	172	308	13

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1963	FIRST TEAM	F	A	April—
August—				4 Barrow A 32-24
17 Widnes (A. & B. Cup) H 13-21				8 Wigan A 7-12
24 Doncaster H 13-2				11 Whitehaven A 5-24
27 Oldham A 6-6				13 Blackpool (W.) H 11-14
31 York A 25-7				18 Oldham K.O. 7 p.m. H
September—				1963— 'A' TEAM F A
7 Rochdale (1st Rd. LC) ... A 19-7				August—
11 Dewsbury (K.O. 7 p.m.) H 14-8				16 Widnes (Farrell Cup) 8-19
14 Bramley H 44-17				30 St. Helens H 2-11
18 Wigan (2nd Rd. R.L.C.) A 7-5				September—
21 Batley A 21-9				2 Warrington H 0-13
28 Bradford N. H 43-0				7 Rochdale (L.C.C.S.) H 29-3
30 Oldham L.C. Semi-final) H 10-0				14 Salford A 2-5
October—				18 CANCELLED
5 Widnes (W. Div.) A 0-20				21 Whitehaven H 20-8
9 Australia (K.O. 7 p.m.) ... H 7-33				28 POSTPONED
12 Salford H 25-9				October—
19 Bramley A 9-17				5 Widnes H 11-22
26 St. Helens (L.C. Final) ... 4-15				12
29 Widnes (West. Div.) ... H 14-3				19 Salford H 15-5
November—				November—
9 Dewsbury A 2-12				9 Wigan H 6-11
19 Liverpool City H 16-13				16 Liverpool City A 18-11
23 Blackpool B. A 20-5				23 Blackpool B. H 9-5
30 Wigan (West. Div.) H 20-7				30 Wigan A 10-40
December—				December—
7 Bradford A 33-5				7 Leigh Amateur League ... H 41-0
14 Whitehaven H 22-7				14 Whitehaven (Postponed)
21 Wigan (W) ... A Postponed				21 Workington ... H (Postponed)
26 Oldham ... H Postponed				28 Rochdale ... A (Postponed)
28 Rochdale H 25-0				1964
1964				January—
January—				4 Swinton A 3-21
1 Salford A 6-9				11 Widnes (F) H 5-3
4 Swinton (W) H 4-9				18 Blackpool B. POSTPONED
11 Doncaster A 12-0				25 Widnes A 7-6
18 Blackpool B. H				February—
25 York H 12-7				1 Rochdale H 24-21
February—				8 Warrington A 7-14
1 Rochdale H. A 8-4				15 Workington A 18-10
8 Widnes (R.L.C.) H 2-2				22 Blackpool A 0-13
12 Widnes (Replay) A 11-11				March—
15 Oldham (W. Division) ... H 2-6				7 Liverpool C. H 9-12
17 Widnes (replay - St. Helens) 2-14				14 Barrow A 2-17
22 Batley H 43-0				21 Swinton H 11-10
29 Wigan A 12-20				28 Oldham H 7-8
March—				April—
4 Wigan H 20-16				4 Barrow H 19-10
7 Liverpool A 4-8				11 Rochdale A 11-10
14				18 St. Helens A 5-22
21 Swinton A 7-16				21 Oldham A 5-25
28 Oldham A 0-12				May
30 Barrow H 15-15				16 Whitehaven A

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