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Message from the Vice-President

Mr. STANLEY STRETCH

Dear Fellow Members,

The coming season sees the return to the single league organisation, and the abandonment of the two division system. Not many tears will be shed over this. A perusal of our new fixture list will show what an improvement it is on last season's.

Perhaps the highlight of last season was the truly magnificent Cup victory at Hunslet. We had a spectacular run in the Cup and were most unfortunate to be pipped at the post on the Wembley trail. We had a very good run in the leagues, finishing with a good lead at the top of the Second Division, and losing to St. Helens in the Western League play off.

It surely follows that we begin this season with our prestige and morale higher than it has been for many a year. The trial matches have been very successful, and we look forward to a good season. A special welcome goes to our new signings : Flanagan, Broomhead, Wilkinson and Maders, at the date of writing this message.

We lost a good friend of Rugby League Football when Committee man Fred Holden died this year. His successor, John Burke, brings a wealth of experience as a Junior Rugby League administrator, and is assured of a warm welcome and good wishes in his new position.

The Club has certainly received a shot in the arm from Frank Dyson, who did a very good job last year. May he continue the good work this season, both in League and Cup competitions.

We have all the ingredients for success: competent and experienced players, hardworking committee men and officials, a successful Pools organisation and loyal supporters. If we pull together and do our level best to see that the Club achieves success, all we need is that little bit of luck and we shall again hit the high spots.

To our Supporters' Club, we say thank you for your work last season, and we extend good wishes for the coming season.
Good luck, Oldham, in 1964/65.

Yours very sincerely,

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Message from the President of the Supporters' Club

Mr. A. PARKER

Dear Supporters,

May I extend my sincerest thanks for your support during season 1963/64.

My colleagues on the Supporters' Club Committee did another season of hard work sociably and on your behalf at the home games.

It is for your convenience that the Supporters' Club Committee do this work, also of course to assist our Club in every possible way.

Although the team missed Wembley by a cat's whisker, it was very pleasing to see them top the Second Division and win the Championship at the first time of asking.

The season ahead sees the one Division only again, and with our back division strengthened and the same spirit prevailing right from the start, I feel confident we will be in the top grade and amongst the honours.

Here's hoping for a successful season and good luck to everyone at Watersheddings.

Do support us again as we look forward to seeing you in the 1964/65 season.

Yours respectfully,

A. PARKER

President, O.F.C.S.C.

Secretary's Message

Mr. A. CRAIG

May I first of all thank you for buying this booklet. The details of last season's games are contained in detail on the other pages, our hopes and disappointments of last season are now behind us. What of the future? We in the Supporters' Club are going to assist the O.F.C. Committee all we can and I would ask you to help by not only joining the Supporters' Club, but by making use of the canteens on the ground.

This season will see us once again playing teams like Wigan, St. Helens and Widnes. Let us support our team and once again give the support to the team of the day, forget the errors of the past and hope that by the end of the season 1964/65 we shall be at the top of the Rugby League and proud to call ourselves Oldham Supporters.

A. CRAIG,

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1964	Opponents	Ground	F	A
Aug.	22—Dewsbury	...	Away
	25—Widnes	...	Home
	29—Swinton	...	Home
Sept.	5—County Cup (1)			
	12—Liverpool City	...	Home	.....
	14—Blackpool Borough	...	Away	.....
	19—Widnes	...	Away	.....
	26—Whitehaven	...	Home	.....
Oct.	3—Leigh	...	Away	.....
	10—Rochdale Hornets	...	Home	.....
	17—Workington Town	...	Away	.....
	24—Warrington	...	Home	.....
	31—St. Helens	...	Away	.....
Nov.	7—Barrow	...	Home	.....
	14—Huddersfield	...	Away	12 10
	21—Wigan	...	Home	.....
	28—Salford	...	Away	.....
Dec.	5—Hunslet	...	Away	.....
	12—Blackpool Borough	...	Home	.....
	19—Liverpool City	...	Away	.....
	26—St. Helens	...	Home	.....
	28—Keighley	...	Away	.....
1965	Jan. 2—Hunslet	...	Home	.....
	9—Barrow	...	Away	.....
	16—Rochdale Hornets	...	Away	.....
	23—Salford	...	Home	.....
	30—Warrington	...	Away	.....
Feb.	6—(1)			
	13—Keighley	...	Home	.....
	27—(2)			
Mar.	6—Leigh	...	Home	.....
	13—(3) Workington Town	...	Home	.....
	20—Wigan	...	Away	.....
	27—Huddersfield	...	Home	.....
April	3—(Semi-Final)			
	10—(Semi-Final)			
	16—Swinton	...	Away
	17—Whitehaven	...	Away
19—Dewsbury	...	Home	

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Looking Ahead

By **ROGER HALSTEAD**

Ever taken a stroll over the Saddleworth moors, been lost in a rapidly-descending mist, and struggled to a cross-roads not knowing which path to take?

You have? Then it's odds on you know exactly the position in which Oldham Football Club stand today.

Last season, they dragged themselves out of the wilderness of 1962/63 by walking away with the Second Division championship at the first attempt and taking Hull Kingston Rovers, the pride of Humberside, to that fantastic three-match Cup semi-final.

Oldham, as it were, had struggled on from the disastrous season of 1962/63 and by one almighty effort had reached the cross-roads.

Lancashire Cup semi-finalists . . . Western Region semi-finalists . . . Challenge Cup semi-finalists.

The record book tells its own tale. Oldham had pulled themselves up off the floor, battled on through the mist, and reached the point from where they can either progress or very soon slip backwards into the cold and clammy moorland fog.

They got so near . . . yet so far from cracking the jackpot because despite the power of the pack, despite the team spirit, and despite the all-round effort, one or two positions in the side needed strengthening.

Today, Oldham are still standing at that road junction.

The real testing time has arrived with stronger opposition in this season's one-division campaign.

How will Oldham make out in a vital season for the Rugby League with amended laws, substitutes and a return to the old one division?

Only a crystal ball could give the answer to that one.

But one thing is clear. During the next eight months Oldham can resume their progress of last season — or just as easily slip backwards.

The committee hold the key to Oldham's future fortunes.

They know the weak links; they know what needs doing to keep Watersheddings on the Rugby League map.

Let's be behind them all the way, giving every ounce of encouragement not only to the men who rule behind the scenes but to the lads who wear Oldham's famous red and white strip on the field of play.

Players and officials — like the Press, of course — are bound to come in for criticism at some time or another.

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Everyone, I'm sure, is big enough to take that criticism in the spirit in which it is given, knowing that, although opinions differ, the main concern of both the fans and the local Press is the furthering of the Rugby League game in Oldham.

One last word. I've been sorry, but not surprised, to hear dozens of fans repeatedly "getting" at the Club because the present side doesn't compare favourably with the team of the 50's.

To quote the famous Lip, that side was THE GREATEST.

It has left more memories than are stored in the "Oldham Chronicle" files — and they go back as far as 1854.

But if Oldham is to return to the top we must look forward, not back.

Let's look ahead.

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Mackeson Contest A Rugby League Institution

By TOM WEBB

Once again the Mackeson Contest has formed a part of the Rugby League season and has been based on the points-scoring records of all the senior clubs.

As last year, there has been a main contest with prizes going to the team with the best scoring average throughout the season, and there have also been five Period contests with the Mackeson flag and silver tankards for the club with the highest average in each period.

As before, the top prize of the Mackeson Rugby League trophy and a cheque for 200 guineas goes to the overall top-scoring club, with cheques for 100 guineas and 50 guineas for the runners-up.

PERIOD ONE

The first Period, which covered matches played in August and September, was dominated by second division clubs who took the first four places.

Oldham won the flag and tankards with an average of 22.30 points per game. One hundred and sixteen points in their last four matches in the period made their position secure and, in due course, the first set of tankards was presented at Watersheddings to Oldham's captain, Frank Dyson.

At this stage in the contest several pundits voiced the opinion that the leading second division clubs would consistently record such high scores that they would dominate the "Mackeson" throughout.

However, the regional competition games — with clashes between first and second division sides — soon allayed these fears.

PERIOD TWO

Wigan, who had already taken a set of "pots" in the 1962/63 season, went well ahead in the second period after scoring 77 points against an injury-hit Blackpool Borough side.

League champions Swinton came close to toppling the Central Park thirteen towards the end of the period and eventually failed to win the prizes by an average of only one fifth of a point per game.

The final figures this time revealed that six first division clubs, Wigan, Swinton, Castleford, Wakefield Trinity, Hull K.R. and Featherstone Rovers were in the first seven places with only the second division leaders, Oldham, taking fourth place to prevent a first division monopoly.



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PERIOD THREE

Period three was balanced between clubs from both divisions, with only a quarter of a point separating the first two clubs at the end of the proceedings.

It seems possible that the withdrawal from play of Bradford Northern cost Oldham a second success. Northern's opponents in fifteen games had averaged just over 22 points per match and Oldham should have entertained the Bradford club at the beginning of December.

However, Leigh's figures of 17.41 were enough to baulk Wigan, who came in with 17.14 per game, and Hilton Park became the new site for the Mackeson flag.

PERIOD FOUR

Lancashire clubs had won the first three periods of the contest and in every case the runners-up had also come from the Red Rose county. The fourth period took interest over the Pennines at last.

Castleford, with an average of 17.67 per game, took the honours on March 7th, when they finished ahead of Hull K.R., who were over a point per match behind with final figures of 16.63.

This result illustrated how consistent scoring over a period of some weeks within a period could win a set of tankards. But only seven points less scored in the six games of the period would have cost "Cas" their win.

Lancashire clubs were right out of the running this time, with Castleford, Hull K.R. and Featherstone R. from Yorkshire and Cumbrians Workington T. making up the top four.

All seemed fair between the divisions with two clubs from each section of the League having shared the awards.

PERIOD FIVE

The vital period of the season which decided both the fifth contest and the destination of the prizes in the main event, coincided with the great struggles taking place for the right to enter the final of the Rugby League Challenge Cup Competition. A whole series of closely-fought and low-scoring drawn matches cost Oldham dear in the Mackeson charts and Hull K.R. and Castleford also found difficulty in maintaining their averages.

Workington T., released from Cup commitments after losing at home to Swinton, took the Mackeson honours and the fifth set of tankards. They also became the first club to score a "hat-trick" of Mackeson wins — having won the first two contests of last season.

There was no fluke about this win which was by the biggest margin of the series. In fact the Cumbrians were in the lead for

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Mackeson Contest—continued

a long time and never looked like losing their exalted position — a far different ending to the fourth period when the issue was not settled until the last games were played.

MAIN CONTEST

In the season-long main contest, Wigan and Oldham have contested for first place throughout and maintained a clear lead over all other clubs. Wigan have held first place continuously from late October although at times their lead was less than one third of a point.

Even when the Central Park club began to draw away at the close of the season, Oldham fought back with a determined effort by scoring 61 points in their last two games. These final points were worth 50 guineas to Oldham — the difference between second and third places in the competition.

Wakefield Trinity, out of the tankard hunt this year, made steady progress in the main tables to take third place with 17.08.

An interesting fact is that Wigan's final winning average of 18.88 is just slightly higher than St. Helen's average score of 18.30 last year. It begins to look as if a club must achieve over 18 points per match throughout the whole season to have a chance of becoming Mackeson Champions.

A TRADITION

The interest shown in Rugby League by Whitbread & Co. Ltd. has developed into one of the traditions of the game.

Newspapers in many parts of the North have published the figures from time to time and the average supporter of the game takes an intelligent interest in the charts. He wants to know how his own team is faring and which clubs are likely to take the awards.

Not since the Northern Rugby Football League decided its positions on the percentage of points obtained from the total possible, has the supporter on the terraces paid so much attention to averages.

The Mackeson averages are, to the Rugby League man, what batting and bowling averages are to cricket supporters during the Summer months. He likes to know "what is what" and the contest adds interest to the game by providing extra highlights to the season and a lively topic of conversation with his friends at the matches and in the "clubs and pubs."

For Rugby League itself, probably the best feature of the contest is the way it provides players with awards for consistent endeavour and the incentive it gives to open attacking football.

Moreover, when the destination of the League Championship and the Challenge Cup begins to look settled, there is still a chance for the clubs "out of the hunt" in these events to win the Mackeson prizes.

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Wigan - Mackeson Champions

MAIN CONTEST — FINAL TABLE

Club	M	P	P	S	Aver.	P	A
1. Wigan	42	...	793	...	18.88	...	436
2. Oldham	42	...	731	...	17.40	...	310
3. Wakefield Trinity	39	...	666	...	17.08	...	417
4. Featherstone Rovers	41	...	676	...	16.49	...	474
5. St. Helens	42	...	682	...	16.24	...	360
6. Castleford	41	...	637	...	15.54	...	415
7. Workington Town	41	...	636	...	15.51	...	435
8. Hull Kingston Rovers	44	...	650	...	14.77	...	495
9. Leigh	41	...	601	...	14.66	...	376
10. Barrow	38	...	549	...	14.45	...	534
11. Swinton	42	...	606	...	14.43	...	263
12. Warrington	41	...	565	...	13.78	...	506
13. Halifax	43	...	591	...	13.74	...	471
14. Blackpool Borough	35	...	426	...	12.17	...	574
15. Hunslet	42	...	503	...	11.98	...	625
16. York	35	...	416	...	11.89	...	440
17. Bramley	35	...	395	...	11.29	...	350
18. Leeds	39	...	433	...	11.10	...	588
19. Huddersfield	41	...	439	...	10.71	...	505
20. Widnes	47	...	488	...	10.38	...	490
21. Dewsbury	37	...	355	...	9.59	...	362
22. Hull	37	...	337	...	9.11	...	623
23. Rochdale Hornets	36	...	323	...	8.97	...	491
24. Salford	36	...	297	...	8.25	...	656
25. Batley	37	...	305	...	8.24	...	558
26. Keighley	39	...	315	...	8.08	...	727
27. Liverpool City	37	...	285	...	7.70	...	453
28. Doncaster	37	...	284	...	7.68	...	538
29. Whitehaven	36	...	265	...	7.36	...	542

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Early Pages From Oldham Football Club's History

By **TOM WEBB**

The first meeting of the Oldham Football Club took place at the Prince Albert Hotel, Union Street West, way back in 1876. Abraham Fletcher and his brother John were among the original members and they had played for the defunct Altrincham club. Another founder member was J. H. Mallalieu, a late member of the Broughton Wasps, a club figuring amongst the strongest in Lancashire at the time. Abraham Fletcher was at one time the superintendent of the Werneth Congregational Church.

The club was formed after a jocular challenge had been thrown out by members of the Oldham Lyceum to Werneth Rangers, which was possibly the first team to play rugby in the town. The Werneth team had learned their football at school. The Lyceum lost easily but the necessary impetus had been given for the foundation of the Oldham Football Club.

The club secured a field at the back of the Glodwick Spinning Company's mill and the players dressed at the Shakespeare Hotel, Glodwick. The club had its headquarters at the Black Swan Hotel, Bottom o' th' Moor and the first match took place on Glodwick Lows.

Later the club made headway and arranged to share the Oldham Cricket Club's ground at Clarksfield, not far from the Greenacres Cemetery. Whilst at the Clarksfield ground, the players stripped at the Friendship Hotel, Mumps, and were driven to the ground in wagonettes. The hut on the ground was too small to be used for dressing rooms.

A. M. Fletcher, John Armstrong, former Clerk of the Peace, J. T. Walkden, Colonel C. B. Rye, C. Barlow and H. Court were among the first Oldham players to gain caps for representing Lancashire.

Among the early stalwarts of the club were Charles Hodgkinson, a chief constable of Oldham, Alfred (later) Lord Emmott and John Potter, the latter also being connected with the formation of the Oldham Cricket Club. The "Athletic News" reported in 1877 that Messrs. F. Wild, J. and A. M. Fletcher, W. Chadwick and W. Buckley were the principle promoters of the club.

Best wishes to Oldham R.F.C.

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Oldham's 1950/51 Team Produced Many Coaches

Browsing through my records looking for material for the year book, Tom Webb writes, I was amazed to notice how many players who appeared in Oldham's first team during 1950/51 left their mark on the game as coaches.

Billy Mitchell had a spell in charge of Oldham's "A" team.

Albert Fearnley is a popular coach with Halifax.

Arthur Tomlinson has taken charge of the New Zealand Test Team.

Bryn Day was coach of Oldham for a period.

Ted Ward was actively instructing players during the last attempt to start Rugby League football in South Wales.

Joe Warham is one of the chief officers of the Leeds club after coaching Rochdale and Leeds.

Bryn Goldswain coached at Blackpool and Rochdale before settling at Doncaster where he has improved the Dons immensely.

Frank Stirrup is now in charge at Rochdale Hornets.

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That's Pete Smethurst as he brings in three men to the tackle during Oldham's 18-5 win against Blackpool Borough at Watersheddings

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“Pity The Team In Blue Lads”

Many years ago the “pop” song of the period was “Two little girls in blue,” and an Oldhamer, Danny Radakin, wrote a parody on it when Oldham beat Swinton who were the top team in rugby in the late eighteen-nineties. It became the rage in Oldham and has been sung tens of thousands of times since. To preserve the song for future generations it is reproduced below with the three verses and chorus which have been so popular in the town for almost threequarters of a century.

Jim Valentine gazed on his men with pride,
The Lions they seemed so gay,
He said my lads we’ve a certain win,
For Oldham we meet today,
Our vengeance we will have on Jack Hurst,
And Varley the day will rue,
He came to Swinton to play against
That champion team in blue.

Before half time they were pegging out
While Oldham were in full bloom,
When Varley passed the ball to Hurst
They knew that it meant their doom.
He dodged their men and he scored a try
As if it was nothing new.
There wasn’t one who could stop him
In that champion team in blue.

The match is over, Oldham have won,
The Lions quite dead were found.
They’re going to make a graveyard now
Of the Swinton Football Ground.
The poor old team are now at rest
Their club money we have drew.
We invite you all to the funeral of
That champion team in blue.

Chorus—

Pity the team in blue, lads,
Poor little team in blue.
Their tails were wagging and they were bragging
About the things they’d do.
Jim Valentine got the ball lads
And thought he’d easily score
But Varley copped him
And gently dropped him
And now he’s on a happier shore.

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- Rochdale H.** (Charity Cup) : Dyson ; Lord, Noon, Nestor, Elliott ; Davies, Pycroft ; Lloyd, McIntyre, Robinson, Rae, Bott, Parker.
- Rochdale H.** (A) : Dyson ; Lord, Noon, Donovan, Elliott ; Nestor, Pycroft, Wilson, McIntyre, Robinson, Bott, Smethurst, Parker.
- Leigh** (H) : Dyson ; Lord, Noon, Donovan, Elliott ; Nestor, Pycroft ; Wilson, McIntyre, Robinson, Bott, Smethurst, Rae.
- Batley** (H) : Dyson ; Elliott, Lord, Noon, Simms ; Nestor, Pycroft ; Wilson, McIntyre, Robinson, Bott, Rae, Parker.
- Liverpool C.** (A) : Dyson ; Sims, Lord, Noon, Simms ; Nestor, Pycroft ; Bott, Rae, Robinson, Major, Smethurst, Parker.
- Widnes** (H) : Dyson ; Sims, Lord, Noon, Simms ; Nestor, Pycroft ; Bott, McIntyre, Robinson, Platt, Major, Parker.
- York** (A) : Dyson ; Sims, Lord, Smethurst, Simms ; Nestor, Pycroft ; Bott, McIntyre, Robinson, Platt, Major, Parker.
- Blackpool B.** (A) : Dyson ; Sims, Lord, Smethurst, Simms ; Nestor, Pycroft ; Bott, McIntyre, Robinson, Platt, Major, Parker.
- Whitehaven** (H) : Dyson ; Sims, Cheshire, Smethurst, Simms ; Nestor, Pycroft ; Bott, McIntyre, Robinson, Rae, Major, Parker.
- Barrow** (H) : Dyson ; Sims, Lord, Smethurst, Simms ; Nestor, Pycroft ; Bott, McIntyre, Robinson, Rae, Major, Parker.
- Blackpool B.** (A) : Dyson ; Lord, Noon, Smethurst, Simms ; Nestor, Pycroft ; Bott, McIntyre, Robinson, Platt, Major, Parker.
- Leigh** (A) : Dyson ; Lord, Noon, Smethurst, Simms ; Nestor, Pycroft ; Bott, McIntyre, Robinson, Platt, Major, Parker.
- Australia** (H) : Noon ; Sims, Lord, Smethurst, Simms ; Nestor, Pycroft ; Bott, McIntyre, Wilson, Robinson, Major, Parker.
- Doncaster** (H) : Dyson ; Elliott, Lord, Smethurst, Simms ; Nestor, Pycroft ; Bott, McIntyre, Wilson, Robinson, Major, Parker.
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- York** (H) : Dyson ; Elliott, Lord, Smethurst, Simms ; Crowther, Pycroft ; Bott, Taylor, Wilson, Robinson, Major, Parker.
- Whitehaven** (A) : Dyson ; Nestor, Lord, Smethurst, Simms ; Crowther, Pycroft ; Bott, McIntyre, Wilson, Robinson, Whitehead, Parker.
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Blackpool B. (H) : Sims ; Lord, Smethurst, Price, Patterson ; Crowther, Pycroft ; Bott, McIntyre, Wilson, Whitehead, Major, Parker.
Salford (H) : Dyson ; Sims, Smethurst, Price, Simms ; Crowther, Pycroft ; Bott, McIntyre, Wilson, Robinson, Major, Parker.
Dewsbury (H) : Dyson ; Sims, Smethurst, Noon, Simms ; Nestor, Pycroft ; Bott, McIntyre, Wilson, Robinson, Major, Parker.
Keighley (A) : Dyson ; Sims, Smethurst, Noon, Simms ; Nestor, Pycroft ; Bott, McIntyre, Wilson, Robinson, Whitehead, Parker.
Leigh (A) : Dyson ; Sims, Donovan, Smethurst, Simms ; Nestor, Pycroft ; Bott, McIntyre, Wilson, Robinson, Whitehead, Parker.
Blackpool B. (H) : Dyson, Sims, Donovan, Smethurst, Simms ; Nestor, Gaskell ; Bott, McIntyre, Wilson, Robinson, Whitehead, Major.
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Barrow (H) : Dyson ; Sims, Donovan, Smethurst, Simms ; Nestor, Pycroft ; Bott, McIntyre, Wilson, Robinson, Whitehead, Parker.
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Rochdale H. (A) : Patterson ; Sims, Donovan, Smethurst, Lord ; Nestor, Pycroft ; Bott, McIntyre, Wilson, Robinson, Whitehead, Major.
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Bott	44	0	3	9
Pycroft	42	0	15	45
McIntyre	41	1	6	20
Smethurst	40	0	17	51
Robinson	39	0	6	18
Dyson	37	133	2	272
Nestor	37	0	10	30
Major	36	0	1	3
Parker	34	0	7	21
Wilson	34	0	4	12
Simms	34	0	24	72
Sims	29	12	16	72
Lord	25	0	7	21
Whitehead	19	0	4	12
Donovan	18	0	5	15
Noon	16	6	9	39
Elliott	10	0	5	15
Crowther	9	0	3	9
Rae	6	0	4	12
Patterson	6	1	2	8
Platt	5	0	0	0
Price	3	0	2	6
Gaskell	2	0	1	3
Taylor	2	0	0	0
Davies	1	0	0	0
Lloyd	1	0	0	0
Cheshire	1	0	0	0
Sutcliffe	1	0	0	0

TEAM RECORD

	Goals	Tries	Points
For	153	155	771
Against	75	62	336

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FIRST ROUND

Oldham (2 Goals, 2 Tries) **10 pts.** v. **Widnes** (1 Goal, 1 Try) **5 pts.**
Attendance 7,976

Teams : **OLDHAM**—Dyson ; Sims, Lord, Noon, Simms ; Nestor, Pycroft ; Bott, McIntyre, Robinson, Major, Platt, Parker.

WIDNES—Randall ; Chisnall, Briers, Thompson, Heyes ; Myler, Smith ; Hurstfield, Kemel, E. Bate, R. Bate, Measures, Karalius.

Scorers : **OLDHAM**—Tries : Sims, Simms, T ; Goals : Dyson 2.
WIDNES—Try : Chisnall ; Goal : Randall.

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SECOND ROUND

Oldham (7 Goals, 7 Tries) **35 pts.** v. **Whitehaven** (2 Goals) **4 pts.**
Attendance 4,703

Teams : **OLDHAM**—Dyson ; Sims, Cheshire, Smethurst, Simms ; Nestor, Pycroft ; Bott, McIntyre, Robinson, Rae, Major, Parker.

WHITEHAVEN—Shepherd ; Lowther, Colloby, Neill, Kenny ; Cassie, McDowall ; Bell, Hill, Williamson, Moore, Holliday, Lill.

Scorers : **OLDHAM**—Tries : McIntyre, Smethurst 3, Rae, Simms, Sims ; Goals : Dyson 7.

WHITEHAVEN—Goals : Holliday 2.

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SEMI-FINAL

Leigh (2 Goals, 2 Tries) **10 pts.** v. **Oldham** **0 pts.**
Attendance 15,500

Teams : **LEIGH**—Tyrer ; Large, Grainey, Collins, Leadbetter ; Rhodes, Entwistle ; Robinson, J. Lewis, Owen, Murphy, Martyn, Hurt.

OLDHAM—Dyson ; Lord, Noon, Smethurst, Simms ; Nestor, Pycroft ; Bott, McIntyre, Robinson, Platt, Major, Parker.

Scorers : **LEIGH**—Tries : Leadbetter, Large ; Goals Tyrer 2.

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Charity Cup, 1963/64

Oldham (4 G., 7 T.) 29 pts. v. Rochdale H. (2 G., 3 T.) 13 pts.
Attendance 5,541

Teams : OLDHAM—Dyson ; Lord, Noon, Nestor, Elliott ; Davies,
Pycroft ; Lloyd, McIntyre, Robinson, Rae, Bott, Parker.

ROCHDALE H.—Atherton; Unsworth, Edwards, Walsh, Levula;
Evans, Fishwick ; Scott, Wolstencroft, Slevin, Ravouvou, Kilduff,
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Scorers : OLDHAM—Tries : Lord, Parker Robinson, Pycroft 2,
Elliott 2 ; Goals : Noon 4.

ROCHDALE H.—Tries: Unsworth 3 ; Goals: Unsworth, Levula.



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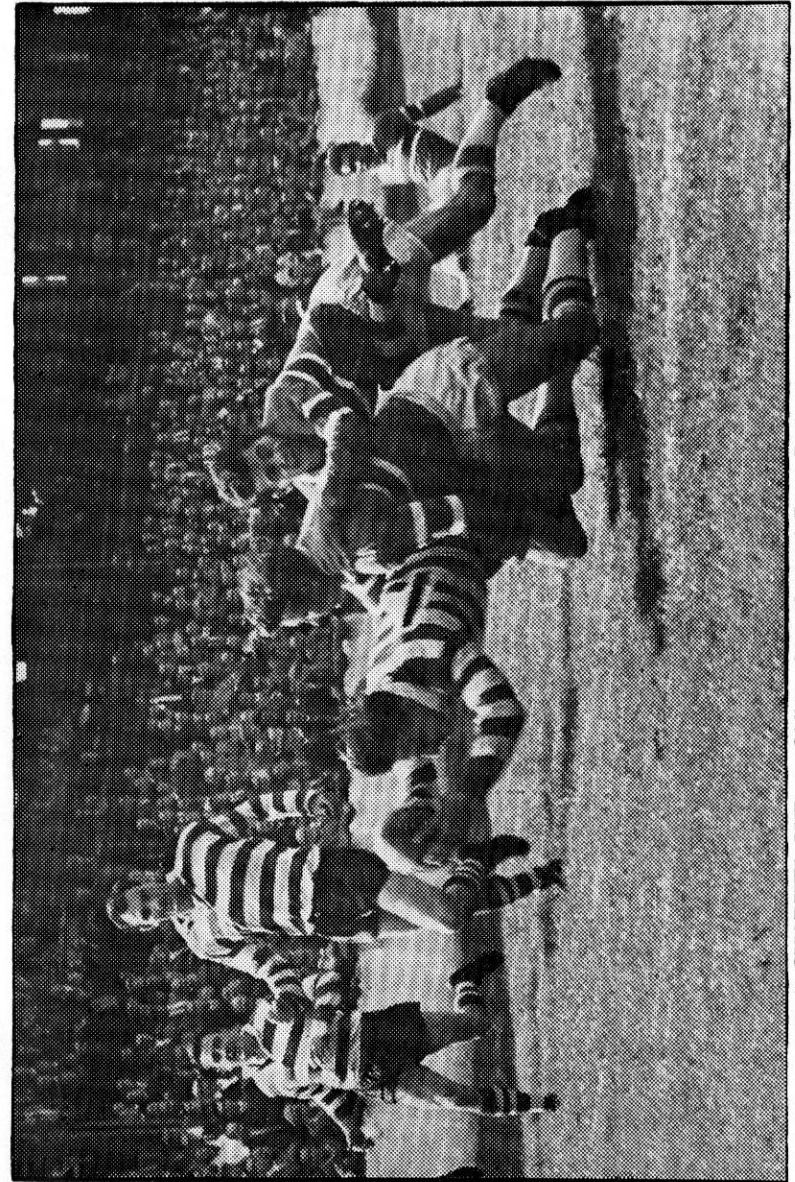
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Oldham R.L.F.C. Playing Record, 1963/64

WESTERN DIVISION

Date 1963	Opponents	Competition	Gd.	Res.	Score	Attend.
Aug. 17	—Rochdale H.	Charity Cup	H	W	29-13	5,541
Sept. 7	—Widnes	Lancs. Cup (1)	H	W	10-5	7,976
16	—Blackpool B.	West. League	A	W	24-10	5,000
18	—Whitehaven	Lancs. Cup (2)	H	W	35-4	
30	—Leigh	Lancs. Cup (semi)	A	L	0-10	15,500
Oct. 5	—Australia	Tour	H	L	4-12	11,773
26	—Rochdale H.	West. League	H	W	13-4	6,122
Nov. 30	—Barrow	West. League	A	L	9-15	3,049
1964						
Jan. 4	—Blackpool B.	West. League	H	W	18-13	3,908
Feb. 15	—Leigh	West. League	A	W	6-2	6,000
Mar. 21	—Barrow	West. League	H	W	32-5	4,194
28	—Leigh	West. League	H	W	12-0	6,899
April 24	—Rochdale H.	West. League	A	W	5-3	3,831
May 1	—St. Helens	West. League (Semi-final)	A	L	11-22	12,000

DIVISION TWO

Date 1963	Opponents	Competition	Gd.	Res.	Score	Attend.
Aug. 24	—Rochdale H.	Division II	A	W	20-7	4,157
27	—Leigh	Division II	H	D	6-6	5,990
31	—Batley	Division II	H	W	44-7	5,299
Sept. 2	—Liverpool C.	Division II	A	W	20-9	250
14	—York	Division II	A	W	7-4	3,862
21	—Barrow	Division II	H	W	35-8	7,401
28	—Blackpool B.	Division II	A	W	22-6	4,500
Oct. 12	—Doncaster	Division II	H	W	45-13	5,621
19	—Barrow	Division II	A	W	21-15	4,765
Nov. 2	—Doncaster	Division II	A	W	12-6	2,990
9	—York	Division II	H	W	17-0	3,814
16	—Whitehaven	Division II	A	W	19-0	1,500
23	—Rochdale H.	Division II	H	W	18-7	3,549
Dec. 12	—Bramley	Division II	A	L	0-9	1,850
28	—Dewsbury	Division II	H	W	29-0	5,429
1964						
Jan. 25	—Salford	Division II	H	W	37-20	4,657
Feb. 1	—Dewsbury	Division II	A	W	11-4	3,300
8	—Keighley	R.L. Cup (1)	A	W	11-4	5,000
22	—Blackpool B.	Division II	H	W	18-5	4,092
29	—Featherstone R.	R.L. Cup (2)	H	W	9-7	12,000
Mar. 7	—Batley	Division II	A	W	9-4	1,361
14	—Hunslet	R.L. Cup (3)	A	W	7-5	9,079
27	—Liverpool C.	Division II	H	W	7-4	5,517
30	—Salford	Division II	A	W	43-8	4,000
April 11	—Hull K.R.	R.L. Cup (semi) at Headingley	D		5-5	25,000
15	—Hull K.R.	Replay at Swinton			17-14	27,209
		(Abandoned after 92 minutes — 14-14 at 80 minutes)				
20	—Hull K.R.	Replay at Huddersfield	A	L	2-12	33,000
27	—Leigh	Division II	A	L	21-7	4,250
May 2	—Whitehaven	Division II	H	W	41-5	2,153
6	—Bramley	Division II	H	W	20-2	2,513

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DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Swinton	30	25	0	5	401	202	50
Wigan	30	21	2	7	530	294	44
St. Helens	30	20	1	9	418	266	41
Featherstone Rovers	30	18	1	11	485	364	37
Workington Town	30	18	1	11	436	332	37
Castleford	30	18	0	12	436	338	36
Wakefield Trinity	30	16	0	14	488	339	32
Halifax	30	15	1	14	368	388	31
Hull Kingston Rovers	30	15	0	15	448	368	30
Warrington	30	15	0	15	374	380	30
Hunslet	30	14	0	16	371	487	28
Widnes	30	13	0	17	338	386	26
Leeds	30	10	0	20	323	493	20
Huddersfield	30	10	0	20	264	413	20
Keighley	30	5	0	25	253	599	10
Hull	30	4	0	26	267	551	8

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Oldham	24	21	1	2	508	170	43
Leigh	24	16	2	6	411	224	34
Dewsbury	24	15	2	7	239	220	32
Barrow	24	14	1	9	351	280	29
Bramley	24	14	0	10	300	256	28
Blackpool Borough	24	12	1	11	299	303	25
York	24	12	0	12	317	250	24
Liverpool City	24	8	1	15	202	261	17
Rochdale Hornets	24	8	1	15	209	271	17
Batley	24	8	0	16	174	304	16
Salford	24	8	0	16	218	392	16
Whitehaven	24	8	0	16	173	341	16
Doncaster	24	7	1	16	182	311	15

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(Half-time 0-2)

Scorers : HULL K.R.—Goal : Kellett ; Try : Burwell.

WIDNES—Goals : Randall (2) ; Tries : Briers, Myler, Collier.

Teams : WIDNES—R. Randall ; R. Chisnall, A. Briers, F. Myler, W. Thompson ; G. Lowe, R. Owen ; W. Hurstfield, G. Kemel, F. Collier, J. Measures, A. Hughes, V. Karalius (Capt.).

HULL K.R.—C. Kellett ; G. Paul, T. Major, D. Elliott, M. Blackmore ; A. Burwell, A. Bunting ; B. Tyson, P. Flanagan, B. Mennell, E. Palmer, L. Clark, H. Poole (Capt.).

Referee : Mr. R. L. Thomas (Oldham).

Touch-Judges : Mr. R. Syers (Warrington) ; Mr. T. G. Fellows (Halifax).

Attendance : 85,000 ; Receipts : £44,500.

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HULL KINGSTON ROVERS

8th Feb., 1st Round v. Rochdale H. (home)

Hull K.R. (3 G., 2 T.) 12 pts. Rochdale H. (3 G., 2 T.) 12 pts.
Scorers: Hull K.R.—Goals: Kellett (3); Tries: Blackmore, Harris.
Attendance: 7,149 (£1,045).

11th Feb., 1964, 1st Round replay v. Rochdale H. (away)

Rochdale H. (2 G., 1 T.) 7 pts. Hull K.R. (5 G., 4 T.) 22 pts.
Scorers: Hull K.R.—Goals: Kellett (5); Tries: Kellett, Elliott,
Burwell (A), Harris.
Attendance: 5,068 (£642).

29th Feb., 1964, 2nd Round v. York (away)

York (2 G., 1 T.) 7 pts. Hull K.R. (4 G., 5 T.) 23 pts.
Scorers: Hull K.R.—Goals: Kellett (3), Clark; Tries: Palmer,
Moore, Poole, Elliott, Bunting.
Attendance: 12,259 (£1,972).

14th March, 1964, 3rd Round v. Barrow (home)

Hull K.R. (7 G., 8 T.) 38 pts. Barrow (2 G.) 4 pts.
Scorers: Hull K.R.—Goals: Kellett (7); Tries: Taylor (3),
Flanagan, Major, Clark, Moore, Elliott.
Attendance: 7,114 (£1,114).

11th April, 1964, Semi-final v. Oldham (at Headingley, Leeds)

Hull K.R. (1 G., 1 T.) 5 pts. Oldham (1 G., 1 T.) 5 pts.
Scorers: Hull K.R.—Goal: Kellett; Try: Blackmore.
Attendance: 28,556 (£7,402).

15th April, 1964, Semi-final Replay v. Oldham (at Swinton)

Hull K.R. (1 G., 4 T.) 14 pts. Oldham (4 G., 3 T.) 17 pts.
N.B.: The score at the end of 80 minutes play was Hull K.R. 14,
Oldham 17, but play had to be abandoned owing to failing light
after only 12 mins. of the half-hour's extra time had been played.
Scorers: Hull K.R.—Goal: Kellett; Tries: Burwell (2), Major,
Blackmore.
Attendance: 27,209 (£5,929).

20th April, 1964, Semi-final (2nd replay) v. Oldham (at Huddersfield)

Hull K.R. (3 G., 2 T.) 12 pts. Oldham (1 G.) 2 pts.
Scorers: Hull K.R.—Goals: Kellett (3); Tries: Bunting, Blackmore.
Attendance: 32,757 (£6,153).

SCORING RECORD

For: 24 goals, 26 tries—126 pts. Against: 15 goals, 8 tries—54 pts.
Goals: Kellett (23), Clarke. Tries: Blackmore (4), Burwell (3),
Elliott (3), Taylor (3), Harris (2), Moore (2), Major (2),
Bunting (2), Kellett, Palmer, Poole, Flanagan, Clark.

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WIDNES

8th Feb., 1964, 1st Round v. Leigh (away)

Leigh (1 G.) 2 pts.

Widnes (1 G.) 2 pts.

Scorers : Widnes—Goal : Randall.

Attendance : 9,870 (£1,380).

12th Feb., 1964, 1st Round replay v. Leigh (home)

Widnes (4 G., 1 T.) 11 pts.

Leigh (1 G., 3 T.) 11 pts.

Scorers : Widnes—Goals : Randall (4) ; Try : Measures

Attendance : 9,432 (£1,201).

17th Feb., 1964, 1st Round (2nd replay) v. Leigh (at St. Helens)

Widnes (4 G., 2 T.) 14 pts.

Leigh (1 G.) 2 pts.

Scorers : Widnes—Goals : Randall (4) ; Tries : Hughes, Measures.

Attendance : 12,091 (£1,536).

29th Feb., 1964, 2nd Round v. Liverpool C. (home)

Widnes (5 G., 2 T.) 16 pts.

Liverpool C. (2 T.) 6 pts.

Scorers : Widnes—Goals : Randall (5) ; Tries : Owen, Measures.

Attendance : 8,592 (£1,098).

14th March, 1964, 3rd Round v. Swinton (home)

Widnes (1 G., 1 T.) 5 pts.

Swinton (1 G., 1 T.) 5 pts.

Scorers : Widnes—Goal : Randall ; Try : Owen.

Attendance : 19,015 (£2,653).

18th March, 1964, 3rd Round replay v. Swinton (away)

Swinton — nil

Widnes — nil

Attendance : 14,756 (£2,147).

23rd March, 1964, 3rd Round (2nd replay) v. Swinton (at Wigan)

Widnes (3 G., 3 T.) 15 pts.

Swinton (1 T.) 3 pts.

Scorers : Widnes—Goals : Randall (3) ; Tries : Myler, Croydon, Thompson.

Attendance : 21,369 (£2,746).

18th April, 1964, Semi-final v. Castleford (at Swinton)

Widnes (2 G., 1 T.) 7 pts.

Castleford (2 G., 1 T.) 7 pts.

Scorers : Widnes—Goals : Randall (2) ; Try : Myler.

Attendance : 25,602 (£5,541).

22nd April, 1964, Semi-final replay v. Castleford (at Wakefield)

Widnes (2 G., 1 T.) 7 pts.

Castleford (1 G., 1 T.) 5 pts.

Scorers : Widnes—Goals : Randall (2) ; Try : Thompson.

Attendance : 28,732 (£5,309).

SCORING RECORD

For : 22 goals, 11 tries—77 pts. Against : 7 goals, 9 tries—41 pts.
Goals : Randall (22). Tries : Measures (3), Owen (2), Myler (2),
Thompson (2), Hughes, Gaydon.

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Year	Winners	G	T	P	Runners-up	G	T	P	Venue
1897	Batley	1	2	10	St. Helens	0	1	3	Headingley
1898	Batley	2	1	7	Bradford	0	0	0	Headingley
1899	Oldham	2	5	19	Hunslet	3	1	9	Fallowfield
1900	Swinton	2	4	16	Salford	1	2	8	Fallowfield
1901	Batley	0	2	16	Warrington	0	0	0	Headingley
1902	Broughton R.	5	5	25	Salford	0	0	0	Rochdale
1903	Halifax	2	1	7	Salford	0	0	0	Headingley
1904	Halifax	1	2	8	Warrington	0	1	3	Salford
1905	Warrington	0	2	6	Hull K.R.	0	0	0	Headingley
1906	Bradford	1	1	5	Salford	0	0	0	Headingley
1907	Warrington	4	3	17	Oldham	0	1	3	Broughton
1908	Hunslet	4	2	14	Hull	0	0	0	Huddersfield
1909	Wakefield T.	1	5	17	Hull	0	0	0	Headingley
1910	Leeds	2	1	7	Hull	2	1	7	Huddersfield
1910	Leeds (Replay)	7	4	26	Hull	3	2	12	Huddersfield
1911	Broughton R.	2	0	4	Wigan	0	0	0	Salford
1912	Dewsbury	1	2	8	Oldham	1	1	5	Headingley
1913	Huddersfield	0	3	9	Warrington	1	1	5	Headingley
1914	Hull	0	2	6	Wakefield T.	0	0	0	Halifax
1915	Huddersfield	5	9	37	St. Helens	0	1	3	Oldham
1920	Huddersfield	3	5	21	Wigan	2	2	10	Headingley
1921	Leigh	2	3	13	Halifax	0	0	0	Broughton
1922	Rochdale H.	2	2	10	Hull	0	3	9	Headingley
1923	Leeds	5	6	28	Hull	0	1	3	Wakefield
1924	Wigan	3	5	21	Oldham	2	0	4	Rochdale
1925	Oldham	2	4	16	Hull K.R.	0	1	3	Leeds
1926	Swinton	3	1	9	Oldham	0	1	3	Rochdale
1927	Oldham	4	6	26	Swinton	2	1	7	Wigan
1928	Swinton	1	1	5	Warrington	0	1	3	Wigan
1929	Wigan	2	3	13	Dewsbury	1	0	2	Wembley
1930	Widnes	2	2	10	St. Helens	0	1	3	Wembley
1931	Halifax	5	4	22	York	1	2	8	Wembley
1932	Leeds	4	1	11	Swinton	4	4	8	Wigan
1933	Huddersfield	6	3	21	Warrington	4	3	17	Wembley
1934	Hunslet	1	3	11	Widnes	1	1	5	Wembley
1935	Castleford	1	3	11	Huddersfield	1	2	8	Wembley
1936	Leeds	3	4	18	Warrington	1	0	2	Wembley
1937	Widnes	3	4	18	Keighley	1	1	5	Wembley
1938	Salford	2	1	7	Barrow	2	0	4	Wembley
1939	Halifax	4	4	20	Salford	0	1	3	Wembley
1941	*Leeds	2	5	19	Halifax	1	0	2	Bradford
1942	*Leeds	3	3	15	Halifax	5	0	10	Bradford
1943	*Dewsbury	2	4	16	Leeds	3	1	9	(Dews. won on agg. 16-15)
	Dewsbury	0	0	0	Leeds	3	0	6	
1944	*Bradford N.	0	0	0	Wigan	0	1	3	(Brad. won on agg. 8-3)
	Bradford N.	1	2	8	Wigan	0	0	0	
1945	*Huddersfield	2	1	7	Bradford N.	2	0	4	(Hudd. won or agg. 13-9)
	Huddersfield	0	2	6	Bradford N.	1	1	5	
1946	Wakefield T.	2	3	13	Wigan	0	4	12	Wembley
1947	Bradford N.	1	2	8	Leeds	2	0	4	Wembley
1948	Wigan	1	2	8	Bradford N.	0	1	3	Wembley
1949	Bradford N.	3	2	12	Halifax	0	0	0	Wembley
1950	Warrington	5	3	19	Widnes	0	0	0	Wembley
1951	Wigan	2	2	10	Barrow	0	0	0	Wembley
1952	Workington T.	3	4	18	Featherstone R.	2	2	10	Wembley
1953	Huddersfield	3	3	15	St. Helens	2	2	10	Wembley
1954	†Warrington	1	2	8	Halifax	0	0	4	Bradford
1955	Barrow	3	6	21	Workington	3	2	12	Wembley
1956	St. Helens	2	3	13	Halifax	2	0	2	Wembley
1957	Leeds	0	3	9	Barrow	2	1	7	Wembley
1958	Wigan	2	3	13	Workington	3	1	9	Wembley
1959	Wigan	6	6	30	Hull	5	1	13	Wembley
1960	Wakefield T.	7	8	38	Hull	1	1	5	Wembley
1961	St. Helens	3	2	12	Wigan	3	0	6	Wembley
1962	Wakefield T.	3	2	12	Huddersfield	0	2	6	Wembley
1963	Wakefield T.	5	5	25	Wigan	2	2	10	Wembley
1964	Widnes	2	3	13	Hull K.R.	1	1	5	Wembley

*War-time competition in which not all the clubs took part

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LANCASHIRE

1905	Wigan	1934	Salford
1906	Broughton R.	1935	Salford
1907	Oldham	1936	Salford
1908	Wigan	1937	Warrington
1909	Wigan	1938	Wigan
1910	Oldham	1939	Swinton
1911	Rochdale Hornets	1940/44	No Competition
1912	Wigan	1945	Widnes
1913	Oldham	1946	Wigan
1914	Rochdale Hornets	1947	Wigan
1918	Rochdale Hornets	1948	Wigan
1919	Oldham	1949	Wigan
1920	Broughton R.	1950	Wigan
1921	Warrington	1951	Wigan
1922	Wigan	1952	Leigh
1923	St. Helens R.	1953	St. Helens
1924	Oldham	1954	Barrow
1925	Swinton	1955	Leigh
1926	St. Helens	1956	Oldham
1927	Swinton	1957	Oldham
1928	Wigan	1958	Oldham
1929	Warrington	1959	Warrington
1930	St. Helens R.	1960	St. Helens
1931	Salford	1961	St. Helens
1932	Warrington	1962	St. Helens
1933	Oldham	1963	St. Helens

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LANCASHIRE CUP FINAL

ST. HELENS (3 G., 3 T.) 15 pts. LEIGH (2 G.) 4 pts.
(at Swinton)

LANCASHIRE RUGBY LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP

Draw for the First Round

Widnes v. Rochdale Hornets	Workington Town v. Swinton
Whitehaven v. Oldham	Liverpool City v. St. Helens
Leigh v. Warrington	Barrow v. Blackpool Borough
Wigan v. Salford	

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YORKSHIRE

1905	Hunslet	1936	York
1906	Bradford	1937	Leeds
1907	Hunslet	1938	Huddersfield
1908	Halifax	1939	Featherstone Rovers
1909	Huddersfield	1940	Bradford Northern
1910	Wakefield Trinity	1941	Bradford Northern
1911	Huddersfield	1942	Dewsbury
1912	Batley	1943	Bradford Northern
1913	Huddersfield	1944	Halifax
1914	Huddersfield	1945	Bradford Northern
1919	(May) Huddersfield	1946	Wakefield Trinity
1919	(Nov.) Huddersfield	1947	Wakefield Trinity
1920	Hull K.R.	1948	Bradford Northern
1921	Leeds	1949	Bradford Northern
1922	York	1950	Huddersfield
1923	Hull	1951	Wakefield Trinity
1924	Wakefield Trinity	1952	Huddersfield
1925	Dewsbury	1953	Bradford Northern
1926	Huddersfield	1954	Halifax
1927	Dewsbury	1955	Halifax
1928	Leeds	1956	Wakefield Trinity
1929	Hull K.R.	1957	Huddersfield
1930	Leeds	1958	Leeds
1931	Huddersfield	1959	Featherstone Rovers
1932	Leeds	1960	Wakefield Trinity
1933	York	1961	Wakefield Trinity
1934	Leeds	1962	Hunslet
1935	Leeds	1963	Halifax

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YORKSHIRE CUP FINAL

HALIFAX (2 G., 2 T.) 10 pts. FEATHERSTONE R. — Nil
(at Wakefield)

YORKSHIRE RUGBY LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP

Draw for the First Round

Hull v. Batley	Castleford v. Hull K.R.
Leeds v. Hunslet	Keighley v. Doncaster
Halifax v. York	Dewsbury v. Wakefield T.
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Howe (Castleford)	36
Burgess (Barrow)	35
Hardisty (Castleford)	32
Coetzer (Wakefield T.)	29
Buckley (Swinton)	27
Jordan (Featherstone R.) ...	27
Boston (Wigan)	26
Simms, T. (Oldham)	26
Glastonbury (Workington) .	24
Measures (Widnes)	24
Harvey (St. Helens)	23
Jackson (Halifax)	23
Freeman (Halifax)	22
Martyn (Leigh)	22
Vollenhoven (St. Helens) ...	22
Fox, N. (Wakefield T.)	21
Wear (Barrow)	21
Griffiths (Hunslet)	20
Smith, F. (Castleford)	20
Smith, G. (York)	20
Bell (Workington T.)	19
Wiseman (Blackpool B.) ...	19

GOALS

Coslett (St. Helens)	137
Dyson (Oldham)	135
Fox, D. (Featherstone R.) .	131
Gilfedder (Wigan)	127
Langton (Hunslet)	125
Fox, N. (Wakefield T.) ...	125
James (Halifax)	105
Randall (Widnes)	100
Kellett (Hull K.R.)	90
Curry (Huddersfield)	87
Blan (Swinton)	78
Owen (Keighley)	78
Clark (Castleford)	73
Yorke (York)	67
Jones (Leeds)	66
McCarrick (Blackpool B.) .	65
Foster (Workington T.) ...	64
Jones (Dewsbury)	64
Tyrer (Leigh)	61
Fraser (Warrington)	60
Holliday (Whitehaven) ...	56
Gowers (Swinton)	54
Risman (Leigh)	54
Keegan (Hull)	53

(Charity Cup games not included)

POINTS

	G.	T.	Pts.
Neil Fox (Wakefield Trinity)	125	21	313
Don Fox (Featherstone Rovers) ...	131	13	301
Kel Coslett (St. Helens)	137	5	289
Frank Dyson (Oldham)	135	2	276
Lawrie Gilfedder (Wigan)	127	4	266
Billy Langton (Hunslet)	125	2	256

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1945 Widnes	7	Wigan	3
1946 Wigan	9	Belle Vue	3
1947 Wigan	10	Belle Vue	7
1948 Wigan	14	Warrington	8
1949 Wigan	20	Leigh	7
1950 Wigan	28	Warrington	5
1951 Wigan	14	Leigh	6
1952 Leigh	22	St. Helens	5
1953 St. Helens	16	Wigan	8
1954 Barrow	12	Oldham	2
1955 Leigh	26	Widnes	9
1956 Oldham	10	St. Helens	3
1957 Oldham	13	Wigan	8
1958 Oldham	12	St. Helens	2
1959 Warrington	5	St. Helens	4
1960 St. Helens	15	Swinton	9
1961 St. Helens	25	Swinton	9
1962 St. Helens	7	Swinton	4
1963 St. Helens	15	Leigh	4

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1948 Bradford N.	18	Castleford	9
1949 Bradford N.	11	Huddersfield	4
1950 Huddersfield	16	Castleford	3
1951 Wakefield T.	17	Keighley	3
1952 Huddersfield	18	Batley	8
1953 Bradford N.	7	Hull	2
1954 Halifax	22	Hull	14
1955 Halifax	7	Hull	0
1956 Wakefield T.	23	Hunslet	5
1957 Huddersfield	15	York	8
1958 Leeds	24	Wakefield T.	20
1959 Featherstone R.	15	Hull	14
1960 Wakefield T.	16	Huddersfield	10
1961 Wakefield T.	19	Leeds	9
1962 Hunslet	12	Hull K.R.	2
1963 Halifax	10	Featherstone R.	0

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OLDHAM v. HULL K.R. CUP-TIE



Double-check . . . Oldham's Len McIntyre (left) and Charlie Bott pull down Hull K.R. second-row man Len Palmer at Swinton

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No chance . . . Oldham prop Charlie Bott goes down under a double tackle, with Rovers' scrum-half Arthur Bunting on hand on the left, and Oldham loose-forward Dave Parker, his left eye closed by his earlier injury, backing up

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Oldham v Hull K.R. Cup-tie. Hull K.R.'s hooker, Flanagan, tackled by Smethurst during the replay at Fartown

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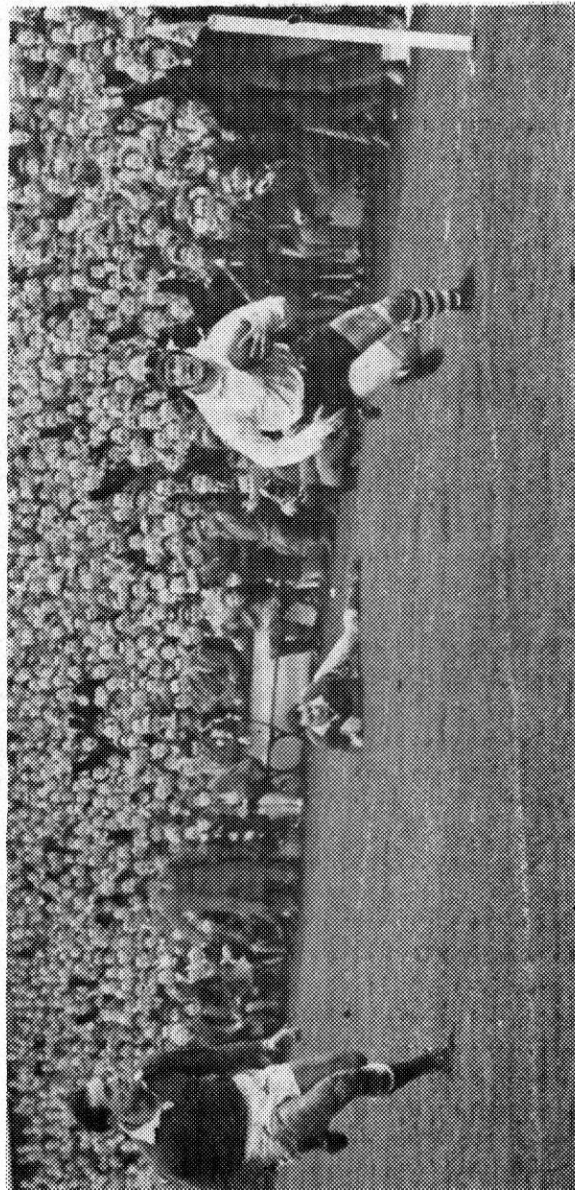
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OLDHAM v. HULL K.R. CUP-TIE



Try number one at Swinton . . . Oldham winger Trevor Simms scoots in at the corner for the opening score of the replay, leaving Rovers' defenders Cyril Kellett and Graham Paul trailing in his wake. The try came after a gallant break by Stuart Whitehead

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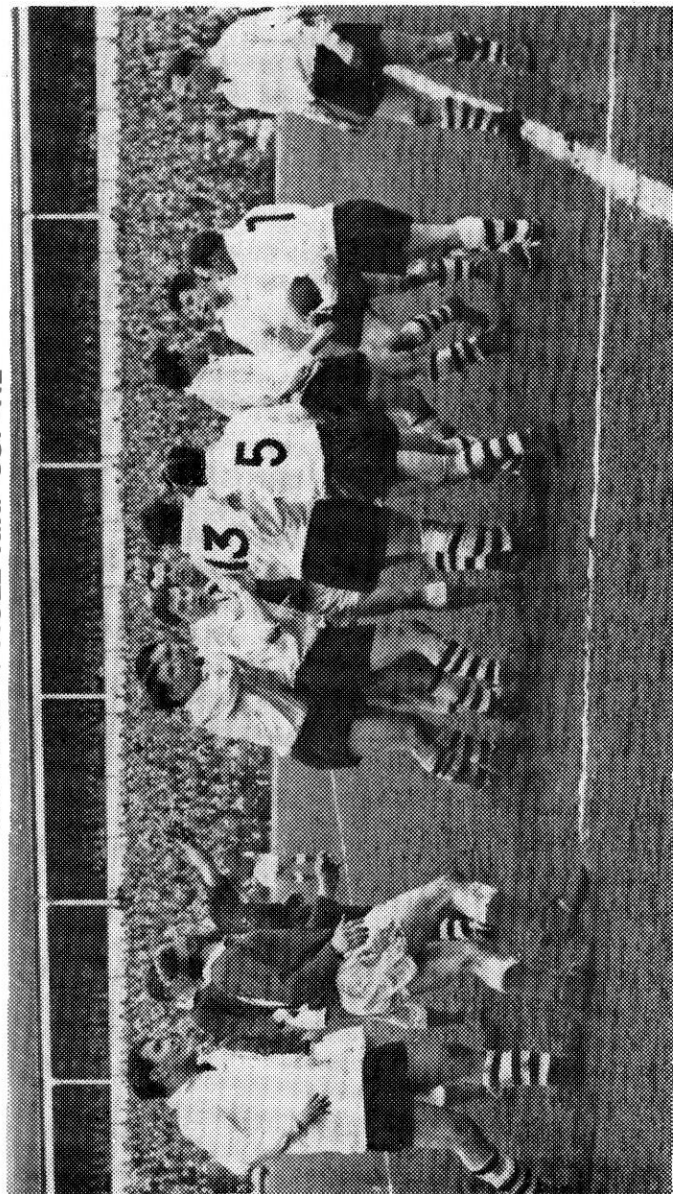
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1903/4	Bradford	54	1935/6	Hull	61
1904/5	Oldham	51	1936/7	Salford	61
			1937/8	Hunslet	53
		per cent	1938/9	Salford	63
1905/6	Leigh	80.00	1945/6	Wigan	60
1906/7	Halifax	82.35	1946/7	Wigan	60
1907/8	Hunslet	79.28	1947/8	Warrington	61
1908/9	Wigan	87.50	1948/9	Huddersfield	54
1909/10	Oldham	88.23	1949/50	Wigan	63
1910/11	Oldham	83.82	1950/51	Workington T.	54
1911/12	Huddersfield	87.50	1951/2	Wigan	55
1912/13	Huddersfield	87.50	1952/3	St. Helens	66
1913/14	Salford	79.68	1953/4	Warrington	61
1914/15	Huddersfield	88.28	1954/5	Warrington	60
1919/20	Hull	75.00			
1920/1	Hull	75.00			per cent
1921/2	Wigan	70.81	1955/6	Hull	70.83
1922/3	Hull K.R.	73.61			pts.
1923/4	Batley	70.83	1956/7	Oldham	66
1924/5	Hull K.R.	77.94	1957/8	Hull	56
1925/6	Wigan	80.26	1958/9	St. Helens	63
1926/7	Swinton	78.98	1959/60	Wigan	56
1927/8	Swinton	79.16	1960/1	Leeds	60
1928/9	Huddersfield	73.68	1961/2	Huddersfield	52
1929/30	Huddersfield	68.42	1962/3	Div. 1—Swinton	45
			1962/3	Div. 2—Hunslet	44
		pts.	1963/4	Div. 1—Swinton	50
1930/1	Swinton	64	1963/4	Div. 2—Oldham	43
1931/2	St. Helens	60			
1932/3	Salford	64			

County Championship, 1963/64

Lancashire	9	9	45	pts.	Yorkshire	4	4	20	pts.
Yorkshire	2	3	13	pts.	Cumberland	3	3	15	pts.
Cumberland	2	3	13	pts.	Lancashire	1	2	8	pts.

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Cumberland	2	2	0	0	28	21	4
Lancashire	2	1	1	0	53	33	2
Yorkshire	2	0	2	0	33	60	0

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Castleford	6	6	0	0	145	42	12
Bramley	8	6	2	0	80	71	12
Featherstone Rovers	8	4	3	1	126	90	9
Wakefield Trinity	6	4	2	0	159	37	8
Leeds	6	4	2	0	72	60	8
Hull	8	4	4	0	92	89	8
Hull Kingston Rovers	8	4	4	0	105	86	8
Hunslet	8	4	4	0	101	130	8
Huddersfield	6	3	3	0	84	51	6
Dewsbury	8	3	5	0	56	90	6
Doncaster	8	2	6	0	56	162	4
York	8	1	6	1	85	162	3
Keighley	8	1	7	0	64	123	2
Batley	8	1	7	0	78	208	2

SEMI-FINALS

Halifax	...	3	5	21	Wakefield Trinity	3	2	12	
Castleford	...	1	3	11	Bramley	...	1	0	2

FINAL

Halifax	...	4	4	20	Castleford	...	3	2	12
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WESTERN REGION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Swinton	8	8	0	0	190	34	16
St. Helens	8	8	0	0	173	57	16
Oldham	8	7	1	0	119	52	14
Widnes	8	6	1	1	101	68	13
Wigan	8	6	2	0	201	95	12
Workington Town	8	5	1	2	141	63	12
Warrington	8	5	3	0	143	84	10
Barrow	8	2	6	0	103	143	4
Leigh	8	2	6	0	59	93	4
Blackpool Borough	8	2	6	0	90	222	4
Whitehaven	8	1	5	2	40	128	4
Rochdale Hornets	8	1	6	1	61	149	3
Liverpool City	8	0	8	0	41	143	0
Salford	8	0	8	0	59	190	0

SEMI-FINALS

Swinton	...	3	5	21	Widnes	...	1	1	5
St. Helens	...	5	4	22	Oldham	...	4	1	11

FINAL

St. Helens	...	2	2	10	Swinton	...	2	1	7
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18—Yorkshire	1	4	11	Australia	1	1	5	11,300
21—Leeds	0	5	10	Australia	1	5	13	16,641
25—Lancashire	3	3	13	Australia	3	1	11	15,040
28—St. Helens	0	1	2	Australia	2	1	8	23,500
Oct. 2—Featherstone R.	3	7	23	Australia	3	4	17	7,850
5—Oldham	0	2	4	Australia	2	3	12	11,733
9—Leigh	1	2	7	Australia	7	6	33	10,000
12—Hull XIII	2	2	10	Australia	5	4	23	11,000
16—GT. BRITAIN	0	1	2	Australia	6	5	28	13,469
19—Rochdale H.	0	0	0	Australia	1	0	3	8,637
23—Hunslet	3	2	13	Australia	3	4	17	4,440
26—Wakefield T.	0	7	14	Australia	5	7	29	15,821
31—Cumberland XIII	0	0	0	Australia	5	3	21	8,229
Nov. 2—Barrow	1	1	5	Australia	4	3	18	10,130
9—GT. BRITAIN	2	3	12	Australia	12	7	50	30,833
13—Castleford	3	2	13	Australia	2	3	12	7,887
18—Wigan	2	2	10	Australia	2	6	18	11,746
21—Widnes	1	3	9	Australia	4	4	20	7,509
23—Swinton	0	1	2	Australia	0	1	2	11,947
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29—Combined XIII	12	Australia	16
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