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Challenge Cup Runners-up

Oldham come to Wilderspool tonight as runners-up of the Lancashire Challenge cup. They put up a brave fight against Wigan in the recently held final at the Swinton ground at Station Road being beaten by 16 pts. to 13. It is hoped that they will be fully represented tonight for their full-back Curry who was previously with Huddersfield has been unlucky with injuries since he was transferred to the Watersheddings club. Now he is back again and hopes to continue his goal-kicking feats.

The team is coached by Frank Dyson who was formerly with Huddersfield. There is an abundance of talent in the side. Dolly, the right winger, is a former R.U. player and on the other flank is Simms, one of the few skull-capped wingers in the game. The centres in the recent final were McCormack, once with Wigan, and

Donovan (ex St. Helens).

Much has been said and written about the displays of Warburton, their stand-off half and if Billy Aspinall is playing there should be a rare duel between the pair.

The scrum-half may be Broomhead or Canning, who have been recruited from the Rugby Union code. The pack is particularly strong and is led by Smethurst who at one time was a centre at Swinton. Taylor is a young and virile hooker and Fletcher has switched to prop forward with success.

Mooney, loose forward, is the ex St. Helens centre and much is expected of Irving the second row player. Wilson is one of the biggest props in the game.

Clashes between Warrington and Oldham sides usually produce thrilling struggles and tonight's game should be no exception to the rule. We hope that the weather does not spoil the match although at the time of writing the very wet weather was continuing.



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The Directors and staff have been particularly active in the past week or so

searching for fresh talent.

We made great efforts to sign Ken Parr of Rochdale Hornets and got our man despite keen opposition from Leigh. Ken played against us in the Lancashire Challenge cup final at St. Helens last season but had to leave the field in the first half owing to a broken finger. He figured in our colours last Saturday at Huddersfield.

Ken has given some fine displays for the Hornets and being quite a young fellow he should have several years of good football before him. Although our second signing Dave Harrison of Halifax is a hooker with a lot of experience, he too is by no means a veteran, Dave was previously with St. Helens.

If he follows in the footsteps of other ex St. Helens hookers who have joined the Wilderspool club over the years, we will have no cause to grumble at any time.

We refer, of course, to Ike Fishwick who played in the veterans game at Headingley, and Dave Cotton. The pair were in the leading flight of hookers and gave many years of valuable service to the Warrington club. We extend to our new players a warm welcome and hope they will soon settle down in their new surroundings. Dave was unable to make his debut last week.

Supporters will have noted from the Press that we have been making approaches to the Barrow club for the services of Fred Tomlinson, the second row forward who

has made two appearances for Lancashire this season.

Barrow are also interested in John Tembey, our prop forward, who feels that he does not wish to leave his home in Cumberland and come to live in South Lancs.

It is now one of the rules at Wilderspool that players must train together and therefore it is not possible for Tembey just to come down on match days, although he will be training at home.

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At the time of writing no deal had been arranged, but when these notes are published something definite may have been announced. The Board is determined to build up the side to its former strength. It may take some time because we have had several setbacks. We hope that supporters will rally round and help swell the gates.

Ken Large, whose hand in that famous try for St. Helens against Wigan in 1961 is still talked about in many places has joined us on trial. Ken has played for

Leigh and Blackpool Borough since he left St. Helens.

Following the very bright showing against Keighley the previous week when supporters went away well satisfied, we did not show our best form at Huddersfield and therefore paid the penalty. We were without the services of two or three regular players, but we hope to field our strongest available team tonight. Billy Aspinall received a bad facial wound in the big game at Headingley. He may be available tonight Joe Pickavance was also unable to play last week, and there was a reshuffling of the pack.

Last week-end John Clark entered hospital for ligament trouble. Geoff Robinson

has been unfit and we hope to have better news about Mal Thomas.

We note that the local amateur team Crossfields Recs. are doing well in the qualifying rounds of the R.L. Challenge Cup. Crossfields have twice appeared in the first round of the challenge cup. We wish them well. To save a lot of arguments here is their record. Last season beaten at Barrow by one goal three tries 11 pts. to one goal, two points. The previous season they went to Blackpool being beaten by the Borough by six goals five tries 27 pts. to two goals 4 pts.

Other local teams to reach the first round proper are Orford Tannery, Rylands Recreation, Thames Board Mills, and Latchford Albion. This is a great record and

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Parry Gordon (scrum-half)	-	9	27
Jack Melling (centre)	-	6	18
Billy Aspinall (stand-off)	_	6	18
Alan Aspey (winger)	-	5	15
Brian Glover (winger)	_	5	15
Geoff Bootle (utility player)	1	3	11
Joe Pickavance (centre)	-	3	9
Brian Brady (forward)	-	2	6
Barry Briggs (utility player)	_	2	6
Brian Leigh (centre)	2	JANE THE	
Bill Churm (loose-forward)	110-17	THE DIE	3
Ray Clarke (loose forward)	13-6	1	3

This up-to-the-minute list includes all games—the Wardonia Cup match; the Lancashire challenge cup ties, also the league fixtures, and Floodlit Competition game.

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RUGBY LEAGUE TABLE

Up to and including matches played November 12th

	P	W	D	L	\mathbf{F}	A	P
Hull K. R	14	13	0	1	307	136	26
Leeds	14	13	0	1	311	153	26
St. Helens	15	10	2	3	305	177	22
Bradford N	16	11	0	5	260	193	22
Halifax	13	10	0	3	298	194	20
Widnes	15	9	2	4	206	166	20
Salford	17	10	0	7	202	230	20
Workington	15	9	0	6	252	163	18
Wakefield T.	14	9	0	5	245	184	18
Castleford	15	9	0	6	228	199	18
Oldham	13	8	0	5	242	152	16
Huddersfield	15	8	0	7	198	142	16
Warrington	15	8	0	7	198	217	16
Swinton	16	8	0	8	247	203	16
Featherstone R	14	8	0	6	195	165	16
Barrow	15	7	1	7	252	188	15
Hull	14	7	1	6	228	206	15
Leigh	14	7	0	7	185	202	14
York	16	7	0	9	233	271	14
Wigan	15	7	0	8	248	251	14
Whitehaven	15	7	0	8	184	260	14
Rochdale H	16	6	1	9	196	242	13
Blackpool B	17	4	1	12	188	304	9
Bramley	13	4	0	9	174	198	8
Dewsbury	15	4	0	11	126	215	8
Hunslet	14	3	1	10	166	276	7
Batley	14	3	0	11	152	289	6
Keighley	14	3	0	11	182	313	6
Doncaster	14	2	1	11	144	289	5
Liverpool C		2	0	13	167	337	4



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First Team

196			Opponents	Venue	R	esult		967		Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug.	12 17 20 23 27 29 3 10 17 23	(F) (F) (S) (S) (S) (S) (S) (S) (S) (S) (S)	Wigan (W'donia Cup) Blackpool B. Liverpool C. St. Helens Rochdale Hornets Widnes Liverpool (Lancs Cup) Hull K.R. Liverpool City Salford	Home Away Away Home Home Away Home Away	< < < < < < < < < < < < < < < < < < <	4-18 5-4 10-6 15-11 11-14 29-12 10-30 28-16	Jan.	27 31 2 7 14 28	(Tu) (S) (M) (S) (S) (S) (S) (S)	St. Helens Oldham Wigan Swinton Keighley Huddersfield (1) Whitehaven Workington T. (2)	Home Away Home Away Home Away Home	Result
"	28	(W)	Wigan (Lancs, Cup Semi-final	Away		7-16	Mar		(S)	Workington T. Salford	Away	
Oct.	30 7	(F) (F)	Blackpool B. Rochdale H. Whitehaven		L	17-15 10-17 22-13	::	17	(F)	Widnes (3)	Away	
"	22	(S) (Tu)	Featherstone R. Widnes (Fl'lit Comp.)	Away Home	L	0-19	Apl	25 27	(S) (M) (S)	Wigan Leigh S.F. (1) (Chall, Cup)	Home Home	
Nov.	28 5 8		Barrow Keighley Castleford (Fl'lit C.)	Away Home Away	L	10-31		15 22	(S) (S)	S.F. (2) (Chall. Cup) Top "16" 1st Round Top "16" 2nd Round		
,; ,,	12 18 26 3	(S) (F) (S)	Huddersfield Oldham Featherstone R.	Home Home	_	3-18	May	29 6 13	(S) (S)	Top "16" Semi-Finals League Championship Chall. Cup Final (Wen		
Dec.	10 24 26	(S) (S) (M)	Swinton Hull K.R. Barrow Leigh	Home Home Away								

"A" Team

Da 19			Opponents	Venue Re	sult	Da 19			Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug.	13	(5)	Wigan	Away W	21-13	Jan.	7	(5)	Swinton	Away	
**	20	(5)	Liverpool C.	Home L	5-10	,,,	13	(F)	Wigan	Home	
**	27	(5)	Rochdale Hornets	Away W	13-8	**	21	(5)	Warrington A.R.L.	Home	
Sept.	3	(S)	Liverjool City (S)	Away L	10-19	Feb.	3	(F)	St. Helens	Home	
**	17	(5)	Liverpool City			,,	10	(F)	Swinton	Home	
Oct.	1	(5)	Blackpool B.		17-13	,,	18	(5)	Workington	Away	
	7	(F)	Rochdale H.	Home W		,,	24	(F)	St. Helens	Away	
,,	21	(F)	Leigh	Home W	5-0	Mar.	4	(5)	Workington	Home	
**	29	(5)	Barrow	Home W	17-7		11	(5)	Salford	Away	
Nov.	11	(F)	Salford	Home W	8-2	**	18	(5)	Widnes	Home	
**	19	(5)	Oldham	Away	100		25	(5)	Wigan	Away	
**	25	(F)	Widnes	Away			27	(M)	Leigh	Away	
Dec.	17	(5)	Blackpool Borough	Home		**		()	Leign	Anaj	
"	24	(5)	Barrow	Away							
	30	(F)	Oldham	Home							

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