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VIEWPOINT

Owing to printing difficulties these notes are having to be written before last Saturday's match against Warrington, I am therefore unable to comment on this game, if we succeeded in obtaining our first league points I am sure it will have been a good performance, considering that Warrington are in top class form, if we lost yet again, well that is a different matter. No matter how hard our lads try, the hard to please Rugby League supporters will only watch a winning team, that is of course with the exception of our faithful diehards who, by now, have got accustomed to rebuffs, it is therefore to their credit that they still support us. This gives me an opportunity of mentioning the fine work being done by our Supporters' Club, this last 12 months they have really worked hard and as usual the bulk of the work has fallen on their executive committee. Last season they reached a very healthy financial position and were able to hand over to our club about £300, this purchased for them a similar amount of shares in the club, and I believe this makes their shareholding now something in the region of 2000. They recently decided to purchase and erect their own pavilion, and the Directors gave their consent for this to be placed on the West side of the stand, the plans have now gone into the local authority and are awaiting the consent of the Town Council. In addition to this I have heard that their Committee have again earmarked a certain sum of money to be handed over to the Boro in the near future towards the purchase of a new player, and there may soon be developments in that direction. It is also very pleasing to record that on Bank Holiday Monday there were 3 donations made to the club, one of a £100 by a vice-president, and 2 of £5 each by visiting committee men, one of them from Dewsbury, and one from Barrow, a gesture which I can assure you was greatly appreciated by the Directors, on the other hand, the donors have expressed their appreciation of the courtesy extended to them in the Board Room. We may be a struggling club but it is nice to know that our hospitality is appreciated, and just in case anyone gets the wrong ideas it is perhaps as well to inform them that all the refreshments are paid for by the Directors, whilst this spirit prevails in the club, it cannot help but succeed, and I do sincerely believe that the tide is slowly turning. There are approximately 2000 shares at £1 still available and if these can be sold this season it will ease our financial position considerably, should anyone wish to purchase shares I shall be pleased to receive their applications.

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This is the second visit of our friends from Oldham already this season, for we opened our programme on Aug. 12th with a Charity Cup game against them. This turned out to be a most enjoyable match with only 3 points separating the teams in the end. It could be said of course that the game was not taken seriously by the players, but it didn't appear to me as if there was any lack of effort on their part. However, today's game will of course be more vital, for league points are at stake, and at the time of writing, Oldham, like ourselves, have not done too well in this respect. Since we opened Boro Park, Oldham have always managed to beat us here, but there has always to be a first time and we therefore hope that today will see a change in our fortunes. I do not feel that they are as strong this season as in recent years, they have lost some very good players this last 12 months, full back Winton has returned to South Africa, forwards Tug Wilson and Parker have retired for one reason and another, and Bott was transferred to Salford, but despite their poor start you can rest assured that Oldham will be somewhere around the top of the league before the season closes.

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6—FAIRHURST

Scrum Half

7—JONES

Prop

8—BELSHAW

Hooker

9—DICKENS

Prop

10—WHITWORTH

Second Row

11—DUFTY

Second Row

12—CUMBERBATCH

Loose Forward

13—WINSTANLEY

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6—CANNING *Donovan*

Scrum Half

7—BROOMHEAD *Canning*

Prop

8—OGDEN

Hooker

9—TAYLOR *Wood*

Prop

10—FLETCHER *Bamford*

Second Row

11—BANFORD *Hill*

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Headline in one newspaper last Saturday: "King Yapper is match-fit for talking". Who said it? None other than Peter Smethurst, the Oldham captain. Who was he writing about? One of the most controversial figures in the Rugby League, Alex Murphy, now player coach at Leigh. Murphy is not only a great player, he is a great talker on the field, he keeps up a constant barrage of advice to the referee, but whether the latter take any notice of him is another matter. There is no doubt about it, Murphy is a character and the game needs a few of these around.

LAST SEASON'S LEADING SCORERS

TRIES		GOALS	
YOUNG (Hull K.R.)	35	RISMAN (Leeds)	168
HOWE (Castleford)	34	KILLEEN (St. Helens)	152
SULLIVAN (Hull)	31	KELLETT (Hull K.R.)	151
HARDISTY (Castleford)	28	FOX (Wakefield T.)	144
SENIOR (Huddersfield)	28		

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August	Results	December	Results
5—Wigan Sevens (2-00)		2— Batley	H
12— Oldham (Ch'ty Match)	H L 23-26	9—Hunslet	A
19—Warrington		16—Whitehaven	A
(1st Lincs. Cup)	A L 10-17	26—(T) Workington	A
22—(T) Workington (6-30)	H L 24-28	30— Liverpool	H
26—Liverpool	A L 12-15		
28—(M) Hunslet (3-0)	H L 15-23	January, 1968	
		1—(M) Salford (6-00)	A
September		6—Warrington	A
2— Warrington (3-00)	H	13— Whitehaven	H
4—(M) Oldham (3-00)	H	20—	
9—Rochdale	A	27—Batley	A
16— Wigan	H		
23—Huddersfield	A	February	
30— Rochdale	H	3—1st Rd. R.L. Cup	A
		10—Wigan	H
		17— Huddersfield	H
		24—2nd Rd. R. L. Cup	
October		March	
7— Swinton	H	4—Leigh (7-00)	A
13—Barrow (7-00)	A	9— St. Helens	H
21— Bramley	H	16—	
28—Oldham	A	20—Swinton (7-30)	A
		30—	
November		April	
4— Widnes	H	6—	
11—St. Helens	A	12—(F) Salford	H
18— Barrow	H	13— Leigh	H
24—(F) Widnes (7-30)	A	15—(M) Bramley	A

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