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RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

BLACKPOOL BOROUGH 10

v.

OLDHAM 44

OFFICIAL

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PROGRAMME

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### OFFICIAL NEWS AND VIEWS.

The build-up in playing strength at Borough Park continues slowly but surely. The Directors were delighted on Bank Holiday Monday to secure, at last, the signature of Tony Colloby, the Workington and Cumberland County centre or wing, and he did sufficiently well in his first game after a long layoff to show us that he will be an asset to the Club for another few seasons. A Cumberland selector present at the game against Huyton was sufficiently impressed to recommend his selection for the County against Yorkshire at Whitehaven on Wednesday next.

These notes are written before our Cup Tie against Leigh, but having seen Leigh nearly topple Wigan at Central Park we have no doubt had a double handful to deal with at Hilton Park. Whatever the result at Leigh we must draw encouragement from the fact that we already have two wins under our belt and nearly another against a strong Swinton side. The last two home matches did indeed provide a varied bill. Unfortunately our lads took the field against Swinton with a different line-up to the one planned because of the late arrival of Ray Ashby who appeared at the ground at 3-15 p.m. for a 3-00 kick-off. This was Ray's first experience of travelling to Blackpool in Bank Holiday traffic and he will know better next time. Nevertheless, Swinton were fully extended to beat us and at one point, when we were leading 12 points to 4, it really did look like our first win at Borough Park over them.

On Monday against Huyton, apart from Tony Colloby and Ray Ashby having their first games for the Club, a trialist from Salford, Allan Gregory, was given a run on the wing. His normal position is centre and we hope to see him in this position before long. He has certainly got the physique for the job.

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The game against Huyton was a bit disappointing. Although we won comfortably Huyton had a complete off-day and, unfortunately, Freddie Clarke, who has been playing outstandingly well, suffered a dislocated finger and will probably be absent for a few games.

The game also revealed obvious weaknesses in our forwards and it is here where more strengthening is required. Perhaps by the time you read this something will have been done in this direction.

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### OUR VISITORS.

We give a hearty welcome today to the Directors, players and supporters of the Oldham Club who are always most popular visitors to Borough Park and usually provide us with one of our best 'gates'.

Already this season Oldham have chalked up two wins against us— one in the pre-season charity match and the other in our League fixture at Oldham which was played in dreadful weather conditions and where we went down by 29 points to 5. Outstanding in this match were Wilf Briggs, who scored three tries and Derek Whitehead, who played full-back that night and never put a foot wrong. Since then Oldham have had their problems and are at present a bit unsettled but with the talent they have we are sure this is purely a temporary matter.

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Right Centre  
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Left Centre  
4—**TONY COLLOBY**

- Left Centre  
4—**TONY COLLOBY**  
Left Wing  
5—**BRIAN HOLMES** T

- Stand Off Half  
6—**RAY ASHBY**

- Scrum Half  
7—**FRANK JONES**

- Prop  
8—**JIM BELSHAW**

- Hooker  
9—**JOHNNY FAIRHURST**

- Prop  
10—**PETER WALKER**

- Second Row  
11—**TEX McCARRICK** UG

- Second Row  
12—**KEITH CHADWICK** T

- Loose Forward  
13—**JOHN FARRELL**

- Substitutes  
14—**TERRY CASSIDY**  
15—**STAN OWEN**

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1—**MARTIN MURPHY**

- Right Wing  
2—**MICK ELLIOTT**

- Right Centre  
3—**PHIL LARDER**

- Left Centre  
4—**JOHN DONOVAN** T

- Left Wing  
5—**DEREK WHITEHEAD**

- Stand Off Half  
6—**WILF BRIGGS** T

- Scrum Half  
7—**TOM CANNING** T

- Prop  
8—**KEN WILSON**

- Hooker  
9—**KEVIN TAYLOR**

- Prop  
10—**GEOFF FLETCHER** T

- Second Row  
11—**BOB IRVING** T

- Second Row  
12—**CHARLIE McCOURT** T

- Loose Forward  
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There may be changes to their team as set out in the programme today but if it is as selected, then it represents very formidable opposition. We shall watch with great interest Oldham's two new signings this season: Phil Larder, an outstanding centre from Rugby Union, formerly with Manchester and Sale, and Derek Whitehead, signed for £4,000 from Swinton. Stand-off Wilf Briggs was signed from Leigh last season at a big figure and has now been put on the transfer list at £4,000. The pack includes such well-known players as Ken Wilson, formerly of Gloucester Rugby Union, Geoff Fletcher, signed from Leigh, who was most unlucky to miss a World Cup trip to Australia, Bob Irving, signed from St. Joseph's Amateur Club, Huddersfield and already with many Test appearances to his name and Arthur Hughes, that excellent distributor of the ball, formerly with Salford and Widnes. Last year we scored one of our rare wins against them—let us hope we can repeat the dose this time!

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### AUGUST

10—Oldham ..... A L 27-37  
 (Charity Match)  
 17—Hunslet ..... H W 16-11  
 19 (M)—Oldham 7-30 A L 5-29  
 24—Warrington ..... A L 16-32  
 31—Swinton ..... H L 15-19

### SEPTEMBER

2 (M) —Huyton ... H W 32-11  
 7—Leigh ..... A  
 (Lancs Cup 1st R.)  
 9 (M)—Oldham ... H  
 14—Keighley ..... H  
 21—Workington ..... A  
 28—Barrow ..... H

### OCTOBER

5—Batley ..... H  
 12—Rochdale ..... A  
 19—Wigan ..... H  
 26—Keighley ..... A

### NOVEMBER

2—Doncaster ..... H  
 8—Widnes (7-30) ... A  
 15—Swinton (7-30) ... A  
 23—Leigh ..... A  
 30—Rochdale ..... H

### DECEMBER

4 (W)—St. Helens (7-30) A  
 7—Whitehaven ..... A  
 14—  
 21—  
 26 (Th)—Workington H  
 28—Leigh ..... H

### JANUARY, 1969

1 (W)—Salford (7-30) A  
 4—Warrington ..... H  
 11—Doncaster ..... A  
 18—Whitehaven ..... H  
 25—1st Round Ch. Cup.

### FEBRUARY

1—Batley ..... A  
 8—Wigan ..... A  
 15—2nd Round Ch. Cup.  
 22—

### MARCH

1—St. Helens ..... H  
 8—Hunslet ..... A  
 15—Huyton ..... A  
 22—1st S.F. Ch. Cup.  
 29—2nd S.F. Ch. Cup.

### APRIL

4 (F)—Salford ..... H  
 5—Widnes ..... H  
 7 (M)—Barrow ..... A

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