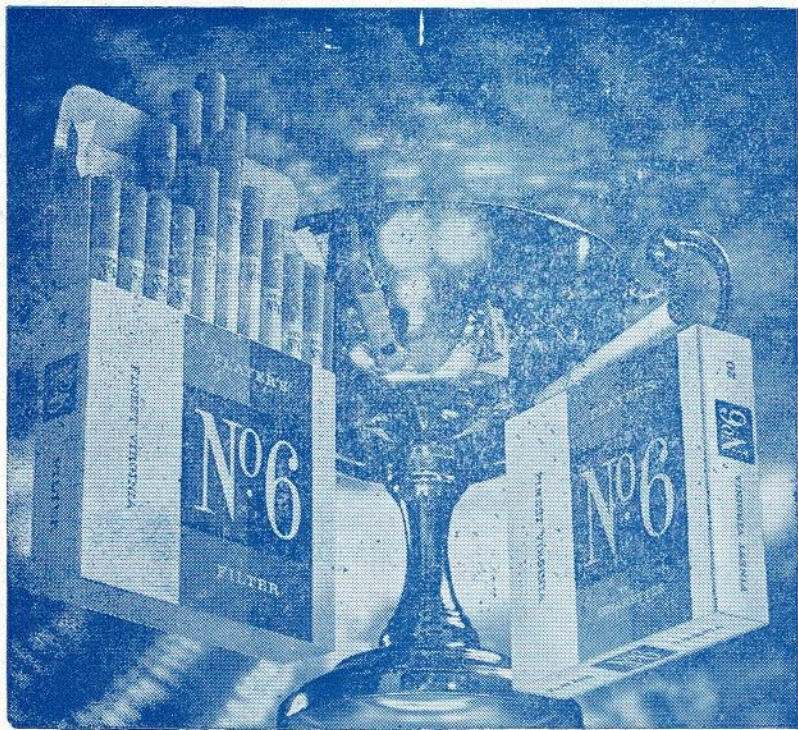


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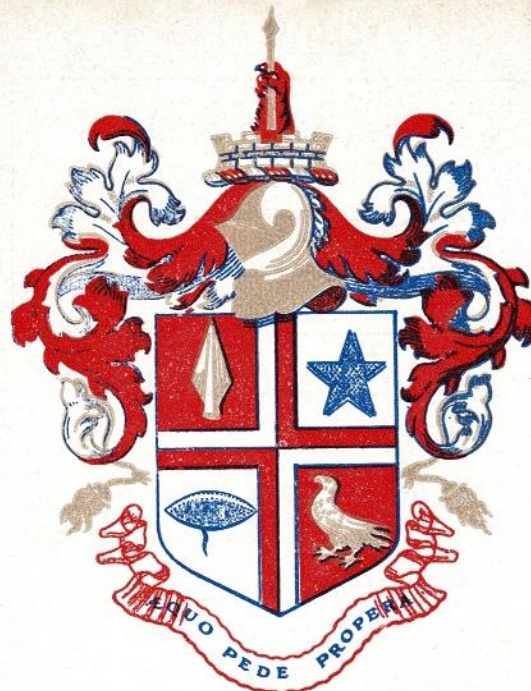
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Oldham Here Again !!

Our visitors from Oldham were here for the league match on Saturday, 1st February, and what a fiasco. After only 23 minutes the game was abandoned on account of a freak snow blizzard. Since then we met at Oldham on 3rd March and were soundly beaten by 20 points to 7. In view of Leigh's welcome return to form, no doubt they will try very hard tonight to get equal with Oldham on league points. At least the two teams have one thing in common. For example, Oldham were beaten home and away by lowly Huyton, whilst Leigh were defeated home and away by a similar bottom of the table team, Doncaster. On the other hand both teams have registered wonderful victories over the top clubs. During the season two ex-Leigh players, Geoff Fletcher and Wilf Briggs have been doing very well for their new club. Fletcher is not only captain, but since Gerry Helme's unfortunate illness he has assumed the responsibility of coaching. Murphy, also a Leigh boy, has had some good games for Oldham. We were very much impressed with the Oldham full-back Whitehead when we visited Watersheddings two weeks ago. In the League there is little difference between Leigh and Oldham. At the moment Leigh are in eighth position, with 32 points from 27 matches. Their scoring record is 341 for and 300 against. Oldham are in eleventh position with 30 league points from 27 matches, and they have scored 424 points to 384 against. No doubt Oldham will be a little fresher than Leigh, as their fixture last Saturday was postponed. In view of the even record of the clubs there is bound to be a most exciting and closely fought contest tonight. We give our friends from Oldham, Directors, Players and Supporters a very cordial welcome to "Hilton Park" and may we witness a game worthy of two great clubs.

v. Oldham (Abandoned)

As mentioned above the previous league match between the home club and Oldham was called off by the referee after only 23 minutes. Everyone agreed that the referee was right to call a halt for five minutes during the terrible freak storm, but it should be put on record that both sets of players and the officials of both clubs were shocked when the referee decided to abandon the game, but in accordance with the tradition in Rugby League the referee's decision was taken without any serious repercussion. This experience of a match only lasting for a quarter of the usual 80 minutes is most unusual. In fact no one can ever remember it ever happening before in our club's history, and maybe it will never happen again. It certainly caused the administration a great deal of trouble. With no previous experience, there were no preparations for dealing with the spectators, but the Directors, out of loyalty to the supporters, made a quick decision to issue free tickets for tonight's match. Many who did not hear the announcement about ticket distribution were given another opportunity to collect a ticket. This generous gesture of the club is very much appreciated by Oldham supporters as well as our own. About one thousand tickets were distributed, so the income from tonight's match will be reduced considerably. In accordance with a Rugby League bye-law, the abandoned match has become a friendly, and after deduction of expenses, Oldham will have a claim for half the proceeds. Having taken legal and other advice, the Board have decided that should any future match be abandoned, there will be no refund of money or ticket re-issues. For everybody's sake we earnestly hope this will not occur again.

A Tonic for Leigh Supporters

After humiliation and disappointment comes glory. This is the feeling of our supporters after last Saturday's great win against the powerful "Saints". We played badly against Rochdale in the Cup, against Oldham at Oldham, and

to beaten twice by Doncaster was indeed humiliating. On the other hand our boys played brilliantly against Hull K. R. (three times), v. Leeds (twice), and v. Wigan (three times). The team last Saturday rubbed out the memories of Doncaster with a brilliant come-back. To hold the famous St. Helens pack and to prevent St. Helens scoring a try, was truly a magnificent performance, especially when it is considered we brought on two substitutes at half-time and played without Brian Highcock for 28 minutes in the second half. Our two tries were worthy of any top team. If we can keep up this form for our remaining six matches we should finish in the "top eight", and thus gain a home match in the first round of the "Top Sixteen" play-off. Unfortunately we suffered casualties last Saturday, and our team selection for tonight poses some problems. Highcock will be out for a few weeks with a dislocated shoulder. On Sunday Tickle, Welding, Ashcroft and others were down for treatment, and we shall not know until tonight the final line-up of the Leigh team. If our players can reproduce the form shown against St. Helens they will keep our loyal band of supporters very happy.

Make a Note in your Diary

Next Friday, 21st March—LEIGH v. WHITEHAVEN—Kick-off 7-30 p.m.

Next Saturday, 22nd March—LEIGH 'A' v. WORKINGTON 'A'—

Kick-off 3 p.m.

Sunday, 30th March—v. WORKINGTON (at Workington) Kick-off 3 p.m.

Saturday, 19th April—v. HUYTON (changed to 'Hilton Park')—Kick-off 3 p.m.

Dance - Derek Higg's Testimonial Fund - 21st March.

Cup Semi-Final Tickets

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29th March - CASTLEFORD v. WAKEFIELD TRINITY at Leeds.

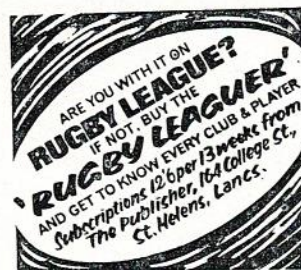
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MURPHY	23	9	12	51
GRAINEY	21	2	21	48
GILFEDDER	12	—	20	40
WALSH	30	11	—	33
TICKLE	31	11	—	33
LEWIS	29	9	—	27
COLLINS	36	8	—	24
FOX	7	1	10	23
CHISNALL	26	4	—	12
HOUGHTON	4	—	6	12
ECKERSLEY	21	3	1	11
ASHCROFT	31	2	2	10
HIGHCOCK	17	2	—	6
WATTS	16	2	—	6
CLARKE	22	2	—	6
ENTWISTLE	13	1	—	3
FIDDLER	4	1	—	3
HIGGS	5	1	—	3
WELDING	33	1	—	3
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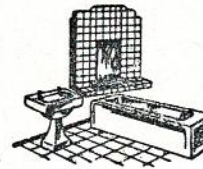
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| 5. Walsh | Left Wing |
| 6. Warburton | Stand-off |
| 7. Murphy | Scrum-Half |
| 8. Major | Prop Forward |
| 9. Ashcroft | Hooker |
| 10. Chisnall | Prop Forward |
| 11. Welding | 2nd Row Forward |
| 12. Grimes | 2nd Row Forward |
| 13. Clarke | Loose Forward |
- Substitutes—
14. Fox
15. Watts

Oldham

- | |
|-------------------------|
| 1. Whitehead/
Murphy |
| 2. Elliot |
| 3. Crellin |
| 4. Buckley |
| 5. Davies |
| 6. Briggs |
| 7. Canning/Sayer |
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Good evening everyone, and welcome to Hilton Park for what looks like being another thriller. I don't know if Geoff Fletcher will be out today, but if he is may we wish his team the best of luck. After Saturday, they will need it. Oldham gave us the run around at Oldham, so now I hope it is our turn to give them the same treatment. All we want from both teams is a tip top game, and may the best team win.

Charity Match SOCCER

This game is in aid of the widow of the late Stanley Moore, the Frogman who gave his life while he was diving for others.

The game is a Police invited players team. There will be players of the past and present, Harold Hassall (ex Bolton and England), Willy Holden (Burnley and England), W. Steel (Sunderland) and Charlie Mitten. The Referee will be Mr. Jack Kelly, international referee.

The team to play them will be a team of Leigh Rugby players. I don't know who the players will be yet, but the game will be at Hilton Park on Friday, 16th April at 7-15 p.m. Tickets on sale from Police Station and Hilton Park. Stand 2/6, Ground 1/6. Also I have some stand tickets for sale.

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

To the Leigh players for a wonderful victory against the mighty "Saints" on Saturday. A truly great effort.

TESTIMONIAL—DEREK HIGGS . . .

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 17 LeedsH 22-19
 21 Barrow (7-30)H 23-13
 23 Castleford (7-0)H 5-10
 31 Rochdale HornetsA 24-3

September—
 2 Wigan (7-30)A 10-12
 7 Blackpool B.
 (L.C. 1st Rd.)H 15-15
 11 1st Rd. ReplayA 32-15
 14 St. HelensA 2-27
 21 Doncaster R.H 7-14
 28 LeedsA 13-32

October—
 4 Widnes (7-30)H 18-8
 7 St. Helens (L.C.)H 6-17
 11 Swinton (7-30)A 12-4
 15 Hull K. R. (7-15)H 27-19
 (B.B.C. 2 Competition)

25 CastlefordA 2-2

November—
 1 Wigan (7-30)H 7-7
 9 WhitehavenA 18-9
 12 Leeds (B.B.C.2 Comp.) H 25-11
 15 Barrow (7-0)A 10-20
 23 Blackpool B.H 13-8
 29 Salford (7-30)H 5-20

December—
 3 Wigan (B.B.C. 2)A 7-9
 7 HuytonH 19-8
 14 OldhamP.
 20 Swinton (7-30)H 19-8

1969
 January—
 4 Rochdale H.H 16-7
 8 Blackpool (at Wigan) ...A 20-0
 10 Salford (7-30)A 6-6
 14 Warrington (7-30)H 2-2
 25—Rochdale Hornets ...H 4-13
 (1st Rd. R.L. Cup).

February—
 1—Oldham (Abandoned) H 2-5
 8—WorkingtonA P.
 15 2nd Rd. R.L. Chall. Cup
 22—WhitehavenH P.
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March—
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August—
 10 Widnes (Farrell Cup) ...H 22-12
 17 BarrowA 24-5
 24 OldhamH 19-13
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September—
 7 OPEN.
 14 St. HelensH 18-25
 21 Langworthy J.A 14-5
 28 WiganH 15-13
 29 Whitehaven L.S.H 13-9

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 12 SwintonH 12-13
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 26 Workington TownA P

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