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## THANK YOU — COME AGAIN!

As this is the last match of the season at Watersheddings as far as the first team goes, I would like to thank everyone, on behalf of the Committee, who have supported the Club in any way during the season 1968/69.

To our faithful members who have followed the Club in all weather this season we extend our very best thanks and sincerely hope they will again support the Club in what will be a crucial next season. At the same time it would be nice if some supporters who have attended regularly this season will make themselves members for the forthcoming season.

We also appeal for support in other ways next season. We require turnstile operators, programme sellers and supporters (preferably ladies) to sell draw tickets at each home game.

Anyone interested in doing these jobs for us are asked to contact the Secretary during the close season. I might add that our need for turnstile operators is most urgent.

This season has been, as far as the Oldham Club is concerned, a season of ups and downs. For instance had the team not conceded four valuable league points against lowly Huyton then the struggle for a top 16 place would not have been.

The game at Wigan could have been won but for the fact that the 'A'

team had to turn out as the first team had a pay disagreement with the Club.

The Huddersfield game away was another game which was literally thrown away and there were also one or two other games which could have been won but were lost.

There have also been some exciting performances by the team. The way they won their way to the Lancashire Cup final was a credit, especially the way they disposed of Salford in the semi-final. The league game at Watersheddings against Salford was also a tip top performance by every man in the side. Hull K.R. in the cup tie, Leigh (home), Blackpool (away), and Warrington (away) were other games which could be looked on as good performances.

We look forward to next season and hope that we will have success both on and off the field. Please support the Club by becoming a member. Members Cards will be on sale before 'Wakes'. Order yours today!

## WELCOME DONCASTER

Tonight sees a visit from our very good friends from Doncaster and we extend to them a very hearty welcome for this the last league game of the season.

Doncaster have no hope of finishing in the top 16 this season but they have contributed some exciting play this

term and have had some excellent wins particularly when they notched 'double' victories against Leigh and Rochdale and recently had an outstanding win in Cumberland against Whitehaven.

We hope that this evening's game will be played in the same sporting manner as the last game between the clubs way back in September, when we won by 26 points to 10.

## SOCIAL CLUB

We are very pleased with the progress of the Social Club and we hope that our members will patronise the Club during the summer months.

A lot of excellent cabaret acts have been booked and details of these can be found on the Club Notice Board and in the local press nearer the time.

We have a tremendous act with us this week who go by the name of 'The Laurels'. Their first record is to be released on Friday week and they have an act which we recommend you do not miss.

They are with us tomorrow and Saturday and if you intend coming please try to be early to ensure a good seat.

## RUGBY QUEEN DANCE

Tonight in the Social Club there is a Grand Dance to 'Linda and the Rockyfellas' and during the evening the Oldham Rugby League Queen will be chosen for 1969/70.

Several Oldham players who have played this evening will act as judges. The bar will be open till 11-30 p.m. and a good night is assured.

There are one or two tickets still available at 5/- each.

Incidentally the Supporters Club Committee are still accepting entries for the Rugby Queen Contest. Anyone interested can contact Mr. Alan Craig in the Supporters Club Canteen before the end of the game or in the Social Club after the match.

## EARLY-SEASON END FOR THE MACKESON GOLDEN BALL?

### Huyton hold trophy as Salford stumble

A surprise 8-5 win by Huyton over crest-of-the-wave Salford on Friday last (April 11) might result in an unexpectedly early finish for the 1968/69 Mackeson Golden Ball Contest.

Lowly Huyton, already doomed to miss the League Championship knockout series by having failed to gain a place in the top-16 in the League table, complete their programme on Saturday next (April 20) with an away fixture at Leigh and a successful defence of the trophy by the Liverpool club would leave the Ball stranded at Huyton.

But a win by Alex Murphy and his Leigh team, already certain of a top-16 placing, would mean that the top clubs would have further chances to win Mackeson money this season.

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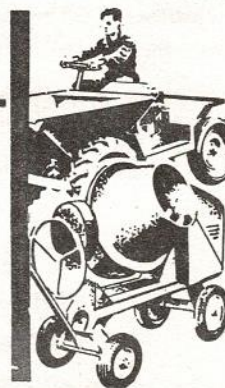
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## FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

(up to and including Friday April 11th)

	A	T	G	A	T	G
Brian Curry	2	0	8	39	12	0
Philip Larder	28	7	7	37	2	110
Trevor Buckley	13	0	0	18	1	0
John Donovan (now Bradf'd)	8	2	0	13	0	0
Martin Murphy	30	3	0	4	0	0
Wilf Briggs	39	26	8	2	0	0
Tommy Briggs	27	4	0	12	0	0
Ken Wilson	36	4	1	1	0	0
Kevin Taylor	40	10	0	1	0	0
Geoff Fletcher	33	2	1	1	0	0
Bob Irving	39	6	0	1	0	0
Charlie McCourt	39	2	0	32	11	1
Arthur Hughes (Warrington)	21	3	0	1	0	0
John Mullarkey	4	1	0	1	0	0
Ray Clarke	15	0	0	1	0	0
Jim Crellin	14	2	1	4	1	0
Mike Elliott				4	0	0
Derek Whitehead				2	0	0
Jim McCormack				12	0	0
Alan Ogden				1	0	0
Denis Maders				1	0	0
Trevor Simms				1	0	0
Cliff Sayer				1	0	0
Gary Beverley				1	0	0
Ray Hicks				1	0	0
Tom Canning				32	11	1
Michael Mooney (now Rochd'e)				1	0	0
Colin Dickman				2	0	0
Ged Smith				3	0	0
William Wilkinson				1	0	0
Colin Smith				5	0	0
Tom Leyland				2	0	0
Ken Payne				4	0	0
Fred Russell				2	1	0
Brian Lennigan				1	0	0
Joe Dunn				1	0	0
Arthur Daley				4	1	0

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### FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Club	Grd.	F	A
Aug. 10	Blackpool (friendly) ...	home	37...	27
17	Huddersfield .....	away	14...	19
19	Blackpool .....	home	29...	5
24	Featherstone R. ....	home	22...	24
28	Rochdale H. ....	away	14...	22
31	Workington T. ....	away	10...	29
Sept. 6	Rochdale (Lancs. Cup) ..	away	17...	5
9	Blackpool B. ....	away	44...	10
14	Hunslet .....	away	22...	14
21	Wigan .....	home	4...	9
28	Doncaster .....	away	26...	10
Oct. 5	Huddersfield .....	home	15...	13
12	Featherstone R. ....	away	12...	23
19	Widnes .....	home	17...	9
25	Salford .....	away	2...	4
Nov. 11	Wigan .....	away	3...	50
15	Warrington .....	home	14...	10
Dec. 1	Whitehaven .....	away	15...	6
7	Hunslet .....	home	30...	13
20	Widnes .....	away	5	26
22	Whitehaven .....	home	17...	7
Jan. 4	Huyton .....	home	5	13
8	Warrington .....	away	19...	10
11	Huyton .....	away	3	7
18	Salford .....	home	22...	12
Mar. 1	Workington T. ....	home	13...	11
3	Leigh .....	home	20...	7
8	Barrow .....	home	18...	8
11	Swinton .....	home	9...	13
15	Doncaster .....	home		
18	Leigh .....	away	5...	12
28	St. Helens .....	away	4...	19
Apr. 4	Swinton .....	away	8...	18
7	Rochdale H. ....	home	20...	12
11	Barrow .....	away	7...	5
15	St. Helens .....	home	2...	17

### 'A' TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Club	Grd.	F	A
Aug. 31	Workington 'A' .....	home		
Sept. 7	Rochdale 'A' (Shield) ..	away		
14	Rochdale 'A' (Shield) ..	home		
21	Wigan 'A' .....	away		
Oct. 12	Rochdale 'A' .....	home		
19	Widnes 'A' .....	away		
26	Salford 'A' .....	home		
Nov. 2	Whitehaven 'A' .....	away		
9	Wigan 'A' .....	home		
16	Warrington 'A' .....	away		
23	Whitehaven 'A' .....	home		
30	St. Helens 'A' .....	home		
Dec. 14	Leigh 'A' .....	away		
21	Widnes 'A' .....	home		
28	Warrington 'A' .....	home		
Jan. 4	Huyton 'A' .....	away		
11	Huyton 'A' .....	home		
18	Salford 'A' .....	away		
Feb. 1	Leigh 'A' .....	home		
8	St. Helens 'A' .....	away		
Mar. 1	Workington T. 'A' ...	away		
8	Barrow 'A' .....	away		
21	Swinton 'A' .....	away		
Apr. 7	Rochdale 'A' .....	away		
12	Barrow 'A' .....	home		
19	Swinton 'A' .....	home		

#### Times of Kick-off

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