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NEWS AND VIEWS

The League programme, these past few weeks, has been pretty hectic, with the World Cup Series beginning on October 21st. This congestion of matches is bound to reflect in the standard of play, when teams are playing as many as five matches in the space of two weeks.

In our match against Whitehaven on Monday, the team were slow to start in on the action, the score at half-time being 2-nil for our visitors. However, Oldham changed all that in the second half with three quick tries from Garrett, Irving and Larder; Terry Garrett kicking three goals, to give us a comfortable 15-2 win. This is our fourth League win of the present campaign and was achieved in the absence through injuries of three regular first-teamers, Keith Ashcroft, Graham Starkey and Johnny Blair. We hope all these lads will soon be fit again, and that they may even be in today's line-up!

We are now in a better position than last season, this most recent win moving us up to fourteenth in the League Table.

What was so encouraging in the second half of Monday's game was the fact that, although no tries had been scored up to three-quarter time, our lads kept on trying against what had up to that point been a very good defence! This persistent effort paid off eventually, although many of our supporters must have been wondering if we had left it a bit late.

TODAY'S VISITORS

Dewsbury have a similar playing record to ourselves at this early part of the season, having played six matches, won four and lost two, their points average, however, being slightly lower than ours.

It would appear that we are in for a keen tussle today, with both sides so evenly balanced.

Win or lose, we welcome the lads from Crown Flatt, and content ourselves with the hope of a good, open game this afternoon.

BBC 2 FLOODLIT COMPETITION

We have a 'bye' in the Preliminary Round this year, and will meet the winners of the Wakefield Trinity v. Huddersfield match to be played on Tuesday, September 29th. Immediately a date has been fixed for our away game, details will be announced in the local press.



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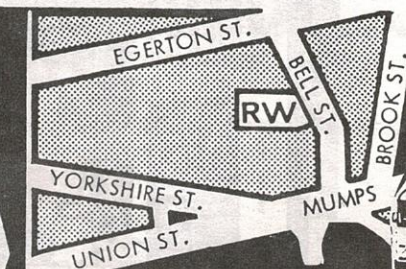
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When you take a tap penalty the other team are ten yards away. You are hoping to fool them as to where the ball is or open up a gap as they advance. If you have completed the crucial part of the move when your opponents have only moved three to five yards they will be able to pick out who is getting the ball and you won't fool them. So the players have to stand deep so that they won't arrive to work the move too soon but will be running as they take the ball.

At other times the main part of the move may be planned after the first, second or third play the ball. It then looks as if the forward who has just run and got himself tackled hasn't really tried to make any progress. Yet when he plays the ball, the others will be ready to work the move. If you can get the other side wondering

Finally of course they can go wrong and then there is a right muddle; but you if there is a move on then you're halfway to outwitting them. have to try again the week after.

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- 7—GED SMITH
- 8—KEN WILSON
- 9—KEVIN TAYLOR
- 10—KEITH ASHCROFT
- 11—BOB IRVING
- 12—FRANK WALKER
- 13—JIM REYNOLDS

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He has in his own words, just achieved one of his life-long ambitions, by being elected to the Committee of Oldham R.L. Football Club.

His future goal is to see our Social Club become a top Northern Diners' Club for late night dancing and cabaret.

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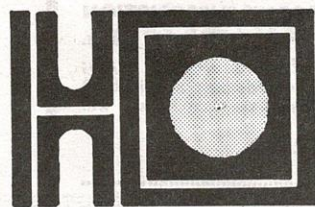
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The supporters who travelled with us to Doncaster last Saturday had the privilege of seeing Oldham's first away win for 12 months, and first win on the other side of the Pennines since September, 1968, when Doncaster were beaten at Tatters Field, Arthur Hughes getting the man of the match award.

It ended a run of nine consecutive defeats in Yorkshire, and raised hopes that the side might be able to pull off more victories this season away from Watersheddings.

There are two reasons for laying on a coach—the obvious one of providing facilities for getting spectators from point A to point B and, secondly, as a means of raising income for the club at the same time.

A coach was run to most matches last season but, perhaps because the team had its worst record ever, the response was not great and, in fact, a small loss was made on the venture over the season.

Now some may argue that if a venture is losing money, the best way to deal with it is to scrap it, and so cut the losses.

But there is a little more to it than that. We feel that, as the organisation representing the supporters of Oldham Rugby League Club, one service we can provide is that which, except in special circumstances, enables no supporter to turn round and say, "I would have gone to so-and-so on Saturday, but the transport wasn't available".

The facility we provide, by necessity, can only be open to members of the Supporters' Club, but we feel that, far from incurring a loss, we should be able to produce a profit on the trips—and that profit, of course, would go in the long run to the parent body.

Because most supporters are unable to travel to a mid-week match so very far away, it is most unlikely that we will be arranging a trip to Whitehaven on Wednesday.

But there is every likelihood that some form of transport will be laid on for next Saturday's match at Derwent Park, Workington.

There was a good response from members for the Doncaster game—the coach was almost full and we DID make a profit—and we are hoping sufficient members will desire to travel with us to Cumberland next week to make the provision of transport a viable proposition.

Anyone who has travelled through the Lakes in the English Autumn knows what a fine trip it is, irrespective of the fact that there is a rugby match thrown in for good measure at the end of it.

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Aug. 8	Halifax (Charity) ...	home	25	23
15	Huddersfield (Ch'arity)	home	4	18
22	York	away	11	24
25	Hunslet	home	54	5
29	Salford (L. Cup Rd. 1)	home	12	35
Sept. 2	Huddersfield	away	4	9
5	Barrow	away	17	23
7	Blackpool	away	11	20
12	Bramley	home	24	8
19	Doncaster	away	14	10
21	Whitehaven	home	15	2
26	Dewsbury	home	16	17
30	Whitehaven	away		
Oct. 3	Workington	away		
10	York	home		
17	Huyton	away		
Nov. 2	Blackpool	home		
14	Wakefield	away		
21	Keighley	home		
29	Batley	away		
Dec. 5	Wakefield	home		
12	Warrington	away		
19	Barrow	home		
26	Rochdale	away		
Jan. 1	Huddersfield	home		
9	Huyton	home		
16	Batley	home		
23	Challenge Cup 1st Round			
30	Halifax	away		
Feb. 6	Keighley	away		
13	Warrington	home		
20	Challenge Cup 2nd Round			
27	Halifax	home		
Mar. 6	Workington	home		
13	Dewsbury	away		
20	Doncaster	home		
Apr. 9	Rochdale	home		
10	Hunslet	away		
17	Bramley	away		

'A' TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Club	Ven.	F	A
Aug. 22	Swinton	home	26	17
29	Leigh (Shield 1st leg)	away	10	19
Sept. 5	Workington	home	5	11
14	Leigh (Shield 2nd leg)	home	8	16
19	Salford	away		
26	Leigh	away		
Oct. 3	Wigan	home		
10	Barrow	away		
17	Huyton	home		
24	St. Helens	home		
31	Widnes	away		
Nov. 7	St. Helens	away		
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