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WELCOME TO OLDHAM

For this afternoon's important 3rd Round Rugby League Challenge Cup-tie we extend a warm welcome to the Officials, Players and Supporters of the Oldham Rugby League Club.

It is, in fact, almost ten years ago since we played Oldham down Wheldon Road, but since then we have twice been to Water-sheddings in the B.B.C. T.V. Floodlit Competition, winning there in 1965/66 season and of course losing by 9 points to 7 this season.

The League fixtures in 1962/63 resulted in wins for Castleford by 10 points to 2 at Oldham and 22 points to 4 at home, and the

teams for this latter match make interesting reading.

Castleford: F. Dickinson; Gamble, G. Ward, M. Battye, Cartwright; Hardisty, Hepworth; Tomkinson, J. Ward, Grace, W. Bryant, Walker, Sheridan.

Oldham: Noon; Elliott, Donovan, Nestor, Simms; Kellett, Fallon; Mumberson, Taylor, McIntyre, Johnson, Rae, Parker.

Oldham are having a successful season and have obviously compiled a good side together (to win at Hull so convincingly in the 3rd Round of the Cup is proof of that), and we look forward to a fine sporting game of rugby this afternoon.

RUGBY LEAGUE AT WHELDON ROAD

CASTLEFORD v HALIFAX

FRIDAY, MARCH 9th, 1973

Kick-off 7-30 p.m.

CASTLEFORD 'A' v HULL K.R. 'A'

SATURDAY, MARCH 17th, 1973

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

PEN PICTURES OF OUR VISITORS

Full Back—Tommy Davies: A utility player called upon to fill the role because of the injury to first choice Martin Murphy. Davies, a former Wigan 'B' and Orrell R.U. player, has filled every position in the backs.

Right Wing—Mike Elliott: A Welshman who is now in his benefit year at Oldham. Hitting his best form since joining the club, he has collected 14 tries so far this season.

Right Centre—Phil Larder: A local boy who was signed from Rugby Union in the Manchester area. He played with Manchester, Sale and Broughton Park at Rugby Union. Top scorer for the side, having kicked 90 goals this term.

Left Centre—Tony Wainwright: Signed from Leeds last September for £2,000. While at Leeds he played in the Cup Final at Wembley against Leigh. Unable to command a regular place after that and he was granted a transfer. Several Yorkshire clubs were interested in him, but Oldham snapped him up.

Left Wing—Chris O'Brien: Another Welshman. Has played for most of the season as deputy to Lancashire wingman Norman Hodgkinson. When Hodgkinson was injured O'Brien was given his chance and he scored a try in the second round game against Hull.

Stand-off Half—Cliff Hill: A half-back with a great deal of cup experience, having been to Wembley three times with Wigan. He is skipper of Oldham and his clever play has played no uncertain part in the drive for glory.

Scrum Half—Mick McCone: Lives in Pontefract and played amateur football with Ackworth before turning professional with Doncaster. Formed quite a useful half-back partnership at Tatters Field with Gary Brook. Joined Oldham 12 months ago for less than £1,000, but the Lancashire fans believe that they have got a real bargain.

Open-side Prop—Ken Wilson: An ex-English Rugby Union forward who has been

with Oldham for nine years now. He is a solid scrummager and hard grafter in the loose.

Hooker—Kevin Taylor: Another Oldham player in his benefit year. Has gained quite a few honours in the game, representing Lancashire, England Under-24 and the full England side against Wales at Salford three years ago.

Blind-side Prop—Frank Foster: Considered by many to be the toughest forward in the game to-day. Has covered himself with glory with Workington, Hull K.R., Bradford Northern and Barrow as a pack leader. Moved to Oldham a year ago for £2,250. Played for Great Britain against Australia in 1967.

Second Row—Bob Irving: Signed seven years ago from junior football and has risen to become one of the best second-row forwards in the game. Played for Great Britain against the Rest of the World and was a member of the last touring team in Australia. A strong tackler and hard runner, he was a compatriot of Brian Lockwood in the last World Cup series.

Second Row—Fred Hall: A local boy who joined the club after several seasons at Blackpool. Oldham signed him for £700 just before the cup dead-line. A very hard working forward.

Loose Forward—Johnny Farrell: Another ex-Blackpool player who was snapped up at the bargain price of £750 at the turn of the year. Played in many positions for the seaside club.

Substitute Back—Mick Siddall: A Halifax area player who made his debut against Bradford Northern last season. Only the form of the regular players has prevented him from occupying a regular spot.

Substitute Forward—Arthur Daley: A very big forward signed from junior football in the Widnes area. Oldham has been his only club and his form suggests that he has a very bright future.

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CLUB NOTES

RE-ARRANGE FIXTURES

Our home League fixture with Swinton, postponed on December 8th, has been re-arranger for Wednesday, March 21st, kick-off 7-30 p.m. The away match at Hull, postponed on December 29th, has been fixed for Friday, April 13th, kick-off 7-30 p.m. Two other postponed matches, Keighley away and Doncaster at home, have still to be finalised.

JUNIOR NOTES

"Four in a Row". By beating Hull K.R. "B" at Craven Park last Saturday our "Under 19's" again reached the Final of the Yorkshire Cup for the fourth year in succession, the score being 38 points to 16.

As the "Under 17's" also won their Semi-final the previous week, beating Siddall by 64 points to nil (they now meet Townville in the Final), there is a good chance of both Yorkshire Cups being at Wheldon Road at

the end of the season.

Congratulations to J. Harrison, S. Denton and S. Taylor on their selection to play for Yorkshire "Under 19's" county side against Cumberland at Maryport on Sunday, March 11th.

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TO-DAY'S REFEREE

Mr. E. Lawrinson. Age 46. Commenced his refereeing career in District League in February 1950 and passed R.L. Examination in March 1953. Refereed his first senior game in February 1960 and was promoted to Grade 1 status in March 1963. He is a Managing Director of an Engineering Company.

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Congratulations to Charlie Birdsall on the try he scored at Batley last Sunday. It was his first senior try.

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Two former team-mates who could be facing one another to-day are Gary Brook and Oldham's scrum half Mick McCone. Both formed quite an impressive partnership a few seasons ago at Doncaster.

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When skipper Brian Lockwood sailed over for his try at Batley last Sunday it was his 11th try this season, the first time that he has reached double figures.

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Scrum half Tony Dean has been given permission to play amateur rugby with Pointer Panthers in the Castleford and Wakefield League.

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Castleford 'A', strong favourites to win the Yorkshire Senior Competition title, begin their bid to land the Cup as well when they visit Hunslet tomorrow afternoon.

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FIRST TEAM

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	App.	Goals	Tries	Pts.
A. Ackroyd	7	1	3	11
R. Appleyard ...	13	27	7	75
C. Birdsall	8	5	1	13
T. Biscomb	2	—	—	—
T. Briggs	27	—	4	12
G. Brook	12	—	5	15
S. Brunyee	2	—	—	—
J. Coventry	2	—	—	—
T. Dean	10	2	3	13
C. Dickinson ...	26	—	2	6
A. Dickinson ...	27	—	4	12
D. Foster	28	—	15	45
D. Hargrave	5	—	—	—
D. Hartley	24	—	1	3
P. Higgins	3	—	—	—
J. Huddleston ...	2	—	—	—
P. Johnson	22	—	10	30
J. Joyner	10	—	2	6
G. Knight	9	2	1	7
G. Lloyd	20	62	3	133
B. Lockwood ...	23	—	11	33
A. Lowndes	16	—	8	24
A. Miller	16	—	3	9
R. Newton	27	—	8	24
S. Norton	23	—	14	42
S. Pincher	1	—	—	—
M. Redfearn ...	18	10	1	23
R. Spurr	1	—	—	—
I. Stenton	12	—	—	—
G. Stephens	3	—	—	—
I. Van Bellen ...	2	—	—	—
C. Wallis	21	1	4	14
K. Worsley	28	—	16	48
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"A" TEAM

Up to and including February 25th 1973

	App.	Goals	Tries	Pts.
A. Ackroyd	10	12	5	39
R. Appleyard ...	3	1	2	8
A. Baker	15	—	9	27
C. Birdsall	13	11	2	28
T. Biscomb	7	—	6	18
G. Blakeway ...	4	—	1	3
T. Briggs	1	—	—	—
G. Brook	6	—	5	15
S. Brunyee	17	14	9	55
J. Coventry	2	—	1	3
G. Cloughton ...	16	—	10	30
T. Dean	5	—	—	—
A. Dickinson ...	2	—	—	—
P. Downham ...	7	—	—	—
D. Fowler	3	—	—	—
B. Garbett	16	—	2	6
E. Garlick	3	—	—	—
I. Guest	2	—	—	—
D. Hargrave	8	—	3	9
D. Hartley	3	—	—	—
P. Higgins	19	—	8	24
J. Huddleston ...	12	—	2	6
P. Johnson	4	—	3	9
J. Joyner	9	—	6	18
G. Knight	15	11	10	52
G. Lloyd	6	30	3	69
A. Lowndes	4	—	1	3
A. Miller	6	—	3	9
S. Norton	1	—	—	—
S. Pincher	11	—	1	3
M. Redfearn ...	4	7	2	20
L. Shaw	8	—	5	15
R. Spurr	19	—	10	30
G. Stephens	18	—	11	33
I. Van Bellen ...	5	—	1	3
C. Wallis	1	—	—	—
J. Walsh	5	—	4	12
D. Woodall	10	—	2	6
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