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**Lancashire Shield winners:** 1975-76.



Bob Welding on the move. The Oldham forward, who played at prop against St. Helens, is pictured going for a gap between Billy Benyon and Peter Glynn.

Picture by courtesy of the OLDHAM EVENING CHRONICLE.

## OLDHAM OUTLOOK

TODAY we welcome Workington Town to Watersheddings. And in doing so we can sympathise with them for their defeat by little Blackpool Borough at Derwent Park last Sunday in the quarter-final of the Player's No. 6 Trophy. After all, we know from personal experience how they must have felt!

The Cumbrians have come on in leaps and bounds in the last couple of seasons. Though they finished only third in the Second Division last season, they have certainly shaped better than their promotion rivals in the top flight this season.

For the first time in their history they reached the final of the Lancashire Cup and gates have zoomed from below 1,000 per match to about 5,000 per game when there is a top-flight team on view.

Success is based on a big pack, the link work of full back Paul Charlton, and the goalkicking of Iain MacCorquodale, the former Keb Lane player who still lives and teaches in the Oldham area.

Iain is in charge of rugby and PE at Fitton Hill School and is actually the Oldham Schools' Rugby League public relations officer.

Doubtless he will have clued up Town coach Ike Southward, to whom we extend a special welcome on his return to Watersheddings, on the strengths and weaknesses of the Oldham side.

The odds are that Workington will be without big prop Jim Mills, who was sent off in a recent match at Bradford and later declared that he was retiring.

Only time will tell whether the Welshman really means what he says but much could depend on the outcome of Thursday's disciplinary meeting which was held after these notes had to be compiled.

Even without Mills, however, the big Town pack will prove quite a handful today. But they have struggled a little since their defeat by Widnes in the Lancashire Cup final, in much the same way that we have found it hard to put our game together since that terrific backs-to-the-wall fight at Castleford a month ago.

But, having said that, it is a fact that home games against teams like Workington are ones that must be worn if we are to keep clear of the bottom four relegation zone.

### CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

How time flies! After today we have only one more home game before Christmas and the visit of neighbours Rochdale to Watersheddings on Sunday, December 26, at 3-30 p.m.

We make special mention of the derby match now because people tend to make their Christmas holiday arrangements well in advance.

With the extended holiday this year there should be quite a demand for local sport and we are expecting a bumper gate for the visit of the Hornets. So make a note of it now in your Christmas diary of events.

Talking of Christmas, can we recommend to you for purchase as stocking fillers our special Centenary ties and our Centenary brochures?

The ties, in blue or green, are on sale at £2 and the brochures are on offer at 50p.

Both can be obtained after the match from the secretary's office. Knowing what to buy at Christmas is always a problem, particularly now that prices of presents are spiralling.

For anyone interested in Oldham RL Club both the ties and brochures are a good idea.

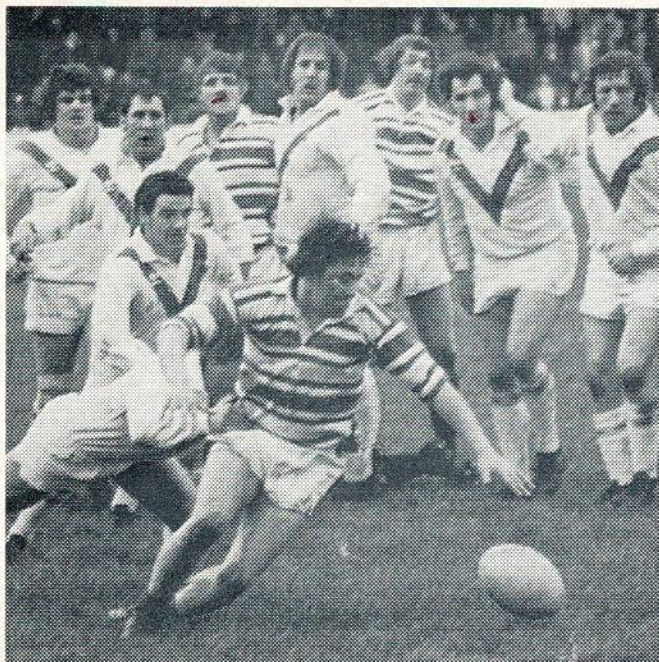
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John Paterson, who had a tremendous game against St. Helens last week, is here seen going down on a loose ball, ahead of Saints' loose-forward Harry Pinner and scrum-half Alan Ashton, as a scrum breaks up.

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# Oldham FC Down the Years

No. 8

by TOM WEBB

IN 1902-03 TOMMY CASH appeared for the Oldham club for the first time, his debut taking place on September 6, 1902 at Hull in a game which was won 10-3. George Tyson, another newcomer, made his debut a fortnight later at Watersheddings when the then powerful Broughton Rangers triumphed by 13 clear points. Cash scored nine tries during the season in first-team matches and Tyson four, the latter also kicking a couple of goals.

In all the club played 41 games, winning 24, losing 16 and drawing 1, scoring 35 goals and 50 tries against 27 goals and 29 tries, the club finishing in sixth place in the Northern Rugby Football League. Spottiswood, with 13 tries, topped the list and other leading scorers included Civil and S. Lees junior, both with six. Joe Ferguson with 18 and Sammy Lees junior with 12 scored almost all the goals.

The "A" team match with Swinton was played at Sheepfoot Lane when that part of the town was still very rugby minded.

Ernest Kempsey was the club president and the club made a profit on the season of over £355. The club reached the semi-final of the Challenge Cup but lost to Salford after a replay, both matches taking place at Broughton.

In 1903-4 John Potter, a founder member of the club, became president. George Kilner, the secretary, reported a loss on the season of almost £272. Joe Platt was honorary club treasurer and the committee consisted of Bill McCutcheon, R. Thompson, G. W. Holden, G. H. Rhodes, G. Walker, J. Chadwick, A. E. Tetlow, T. Taylor, N. Duckworth, and J. Blunn.

The price of admission was sixpence all round, threepence extra over the penny rush and threepence extra on the press box side. The whole playing staff was excused training on October 10 when the committee presented each player with a free ticket to the Scottish concert at the Coliseum, according to the Manchester Courier the following day.

During the season the first team played 37 games, winning 22, losing 12 and drawing 3, scoring 44 goals and 54 tries. The "A" team played 28 matches and won 26, losing 2, one being against the first team in the last match of the season.

The club was second in the "A" team league to Broughton Rangers "A". Spottiswood (17), Civil (10), A. Lees (5), Dixon (5), P. Thomas (5) and Tyson (5) were leading try scorers and Ferguson, with 32 goals, dominated the goalkicking.

Among the season's signings was that of Vowles who transferred from Broughton Rangers to Oldham.

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- 6 PATERSON, J.
- 7 McCONE, M.
- 8 RAMSHAW, T.
- 9 O'MAHONEY, R.
- 10 KEAR, B.
- 11 HERBERT, S.
- 12 POLLARD, G. *Q. Hughes*
- 13 REYNOLDS, J. *G. Pollard*
- 14 MUNRO, G.
- 15 *S. Reynolds*

Referee:  
P. GERAGHTY  
(York)

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### Workington

- 1 CHARLTON, P.
- 2 RISMAN, J.
- 3 WILKINS, R.
- 4 WRIGHT, I.
- 5 McCORQUODALE, I.
- 6 LAUDER, A.
- 7 WALKER, A.
- 8 CALVIN, R.
- 9 BANKS, A. *Sent off.*
- 10 BOWMAN, E.
- 11 GORLEY, L.
- 12 GORLEY, R.
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# OUR VISITORS

BY DON YATES

SO FAR this season Oldham have played three matches against Cumbrian opposition and have won them all but they will have to pull out all the stops if they are to continue that sequence today against Lancashire Cup finalists Workington Town (writes Don Yates). At present Town lie in ninth position in the First Division table, one place above Oldham, with nine points from eight matches. They have an impressive home record and have beaten Bradford Northern, Widnes and Leeds up at Derwent Park but they have only won once away from home, that was by 7-0 at Rochdale. Their last away match was at Bradford and resulted in a 30-10 thrashing so questions must be asked about Town's away form. In cup football it has been a similar story with Town reaching the Lancashire Cup Final thanks to home wins over Swinton, Blackpool and Warrington although it must be noted that they did force a draw at Wilderspool before finishing off Alec Murphy's boys up in Cumbria. Town were confident of victory in that final but, unfortunately, they found Widnes too experienced and lost 16-11. That defeat was a bitter disappointment to Workington's followers but last week's result against Blackpool was even worse as Second Division Boro' scored a well deserved 11-5 victory which took them through to their first ever Player's Trophy semi-final.

No doubt Town lost an attractive winning bonus with that result and so will be determined to recoup their losses by registering a win here today instead. Their last visit to Watersheddings was two years ago, in November 1974, when they beat Oldham 11-7 in a Second Division match but Oldham gained revenge three weeks later when they went up to Derwent Park and won by 20 points to 7. Earlier that season Oldham had beaten Workington at home in a John Player Cup-tie but one has to go back to August 1972 for Oldham's last League victory over Town here at Watersheddings. Oldham had won their opening two League matches of that 1972-73 campaign with a 25-7 win at Huddersfield and a 30-13 home win over Whitehaven so were expected to win against a Workington side that had struggled to beat Leigh and had actually lost 7-5 at home to lowly Doncaster. The match went pretty well as expected with Oldham coasting to a 19-5 victory which satisfied most of the 2,702 crowd. Oldham, who led 10-0 at half time scored tries through Joe Collins (2) and Geoff Munro whilst Phil Larder landed four goals and Frank Foster one. Workington's try was scored by Ralph Calvin and their goal kicked by Bob Nicholson but it was a rather poor performance from Town that afternoon and they are sure to provide much stiffer opposition today.

The player coach of the present Workington side is Paul Charlton who began his career at Derwent Park but who spent six highly successful years with Salford where he was regarded as the World's best full-back. Thirty-four years old Charlton is a product of the highly productive Kells junior club who, after rising to fame with Workington, was transferred to Salford in October 1969 for a fee of £13,000. He is a vastly experienced player who toured Australasia with the British tourists of 1974 and was also a member of the Great Britain team which lifted the World Cup in France in 1972. In all he made 20 full international appearances for Britain as well as playing once for England and 24 times for Cumbria. Even in those happy days with Salford, Charlton always indicated his intention to return to his native Cumbria so it was no real surprise when he was transferred back to Town in June 1975 for a bargain £500 fee. His first season in charge at Derwent Park ended in promotion with only four League defeats against them in their entire League programme. They started this season in impressive style and are sure to provide stiff opposition to an Oldham side who must win and so end the recent dismal run of results which threaten to send them sliding back down into the relegation zone.

# Supporters Club

## AWAY TRAVEL

The Supporters' Club are running a coach to next Sunday's game at Featherstone departing 1-00 p.m. from the Social Club. Seats can be booked today from any of the canteens or the bar behind the scoreboard.

## RADIO MANCHESTER "TOP SCORE" QUIZ

Two second round matches of the above quiz are to be held in the Oldham Rugby Social Club on Monday, November 29, commencing at 8-00 p.m. The two ties featured are Oldham Rugby versus Leigh and Manchester City versus Manchester United. The ties are to be recorded on the night and will be broadcast at a later date. Admission is free so everyone is welcome to attend and give their support.

## CHALLENGE CUP FINAL TICKETS—7 MAY, 1977

Supporters who have ordered tickets for the 1977 Cup Final with the Rugby Football League and have only paid a deposit are reminded that the outstanding balance must be paid before 30 November, 1976, otherwise the reservation will be cancelled.

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## MAN IN THE MIDDLE

The referee for this afternoon's match is Mr. Peter Geraghty who hails from Acomb, near York. He is married with six children and in his private life is a Reproduction Manager in the printing trade.

Peter became a first grade referee back in 1963 and honours to come his way have been several County matches, a Lancashire Cup Final but his "dream" match was, of course, the Wembley Cup Final in 1975 between Warrington and Widnes.

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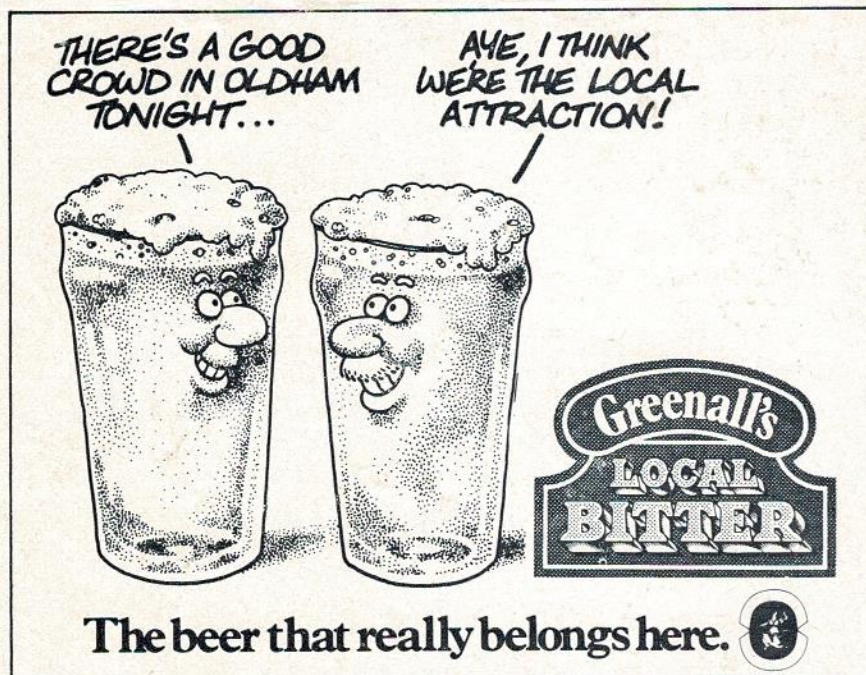
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### FIXTURES 1976-77

#### FIRST TEAM

Date	Opponents	Ground	F. A.
1976			
Aug. 22	(Sun.) 1st Round County Cup—Blackpool (3-00)	A	10-17
Sept. 5	(Sun.) Widnes (3-00)	A	20-22
12	(Sun.) Leeds (3-30)	H	10-18
19	(Sun.) Leigh (3-30)	A	13-19
26	(Sun.) Wigan (3-30)	H	23-20
Oct. 3	(Sun.) Wakefield T. (3-30)	A	13-11
10	(Sun.) Barrow (3-30)	H	33-0
15	(Fri.) Castleford (3-30)	A	5-11
23/24	(Sat./Sun.) Player's No. 6 1st Round Batley	H	17-9
31	(Sun.) Bradford N. (3-30)	H	10-20
Nov. 6/7	(Sat./Sun.) Player's No. 6 2nd Round—Leigh	H	13-28
14	(Sun.) Barrow (2-30)	A	23-16
21	(Sun.) St. Helens (3-30)	H	9-20
28	(Sun.) Workington T. (3-30)	H	
Dec. 5	(Sun.) Featherstone R. (2-30)	A	
12	(Sun.) Featherstone R. (3-30)	H	
19	(Sun.) Wigan (3-00)	A	
26	(Sun.) Rochdale H. (3-30)	H	
1977			
Jan. 2	(Sun.) Salford (3-00)	A	
9	(Sun.) St. Helens (3-00)	A	
16	(Sun.) Leigh (3-30)	H	
23	(Sun.) Workington T. (2-30)	A	
30	(Sun.) Wakefield T. (3-30)	H	
Feb. 6	(Sun.) Hull K.R. (2-45)	A	
12/13	(Sat./Sun.) Challenge Cup 1st Round		
20	(Sun.) Warrington (3-30)	H	
26/27	(Sat./Sun.) Challenge Cup 2nd Round		
Mar. 12	(Sat.) Leeds (3-00)	A	
20	(Sun.) Castleford (3-30)	H	
27	(Sun.) Bradford N. (3-30)	A	
3	(Sun.) Salford (3-30)	H	
8	(G.F.) Rochdale H. (3-00)	A	
11	(E.M.) Hull K.R. (3-30)	H	
17	(Sun.) Warrington (3-00)	A	
24	(Sun.) Widnes (3-30)	H	

#### "A" TEAM

Date	Opponents	Ground	F. A.
1976			
21	(Sat.) Huyton L.S. (3-00)	A	36-4
28	(Sat.) Huyton L.S. (3-00)	H	25-9
18	(Sat.) Leigh (3-00)	H	22-17
25	(Sat.) Wigan (3-00)	A	15-35
2	(Sat.) Swinton (3-00)	H	26-8
9	(Sat.) Barrow (2-30)	A	22-17
20	(Sat.) St. Helens (3-00)	A	3-21
27	(Sat.) Workington (2-30)	A	
18	(Sat.) Wigan (3-00)	H	
1977			
Jan. 8	(Sat.) St. Helens (3-00)	H	
15	(Sat.) Leigh (3-00)	A	
22	(Sat.) Workington (3-00)	H	
Feb. 5	(Sat.) Huyton (3-00)	H	
18	(Fri.) Warrington (7-30)	A	
25	(Fri.) Rochdale (7-30)	A	
Mar. 12	(Sat.) Warrington (3-00)	H	
19	(Sat.) Swinton (3-00)	A	
26	(Sat.) Huyton (3-00)	A	
Apr. 9	(Sat.) Rochdale (3-00)	H	

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