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WELCOME TO THRUM HALL

To-day we see the curtain come down on season 1977/8 in so far as our Division 2 fixtures are concerned and we would extend a most sincere welcome to the Players, Officials, and Supporters of Oldham R.L.F.C. who will provide the opposition for the end of season game.

Whilst we have had a disastrous season and are just starting to show signs of recovery Oldham are engaged in the very tight struggle for promotion and it is absolutely certain that they will be intent on collecting two absolutely vital points to-day for failure to do so would most probably put them right out of contention. For our point to finish on a double winning note would be an excellent tonic for all connected with the club after suffering the worst season ever by far.

Our meeting earlier in the season at the Watersheddings saw us go down by 19pts. to 5 pts., Oldham registering 5 tries to our 1 by Weavill. Oldham's tries were registered by Larder (2), Paterson, Standin, Jewitt. Goals for Oldham were 2 by Standin whilst Shires landed 1 for Halifax.

Clearly Oldham who were relegated at the end of last season have made a strong bid to return at the first attempt and have been amongst the leaders through-out. However there can be no doubting the intention of Maurice Bamford to see his team finish on a winning note if at all possible and this is the attitude throughout the team. In their efforts to achieve this we are right behind them - GOOD LUCK.

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VICTORY AGAINST BATLEY

Well, it had to happen. Huyton away broke the ice but in spite of some improvements at home results just would not come, though in the changing room there could be no doubting the intention to give all to halt the slide and under the circumstances it matters not that it means nothing of value in league points for the value to the players and training staff was far greater. The game itself was in many ways disappointing but it proved a lot never-the-less. In gaining victory by 10 pts. to 7 pts. we saw Hannah score the clinching try near the end in his first senior game after Dave Callan had scored the first on his return after injury. Dave Cholmondely registered two goals.

LEADING SCORERS (as at 10th April)

Division 1

Tries	Goals
Cunningham (St. Helens) 30	Pimblett (St. Helens) 142
Fielding (Salford) 29	Hesford (Warrington) 130
Fenton (Castleford) 26	Mac Corquodale (Workington) 124

Division 2

Morgan T. (York) 25	Woods (Leigh) 142
Branch (Huddersfield) 21	Storey (Rochdale) 58
Mason (Barrow) 20	Stondin (Oldham) 55
Woods (Leigh) 19	Morgan T. (York) 55
Drummond (Leigh) 19	Hetherington (York) 53

The Relegation Struggle

	Played	Points
Wakefield	28	23
Warrington	25	22
Castleford	26	22
New Hunslet	26	22
Hull	28	21
Bramley	29	12
Dewsbury	28	6

(above as at 12th April)

AFTER TO-DAYS GAME

The Playing Staff would like to make a small gesture of appreciation for the way you have continued to support them throughout what has been a depressing and frustrating season so if our supporters would remain behind after the game just for a minute and let the younger ones come up to the barriers it would be appreciated.

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It is hoped by all at Thrum Hall that the introduction of this new lottery will achieve the desired results and bring in additional revenue to the club. If this is achieved, and the initial signs are good, and maintained then obviously the road to improvement will have been eased considerably.

We would therefore ask for the assistance of every one of our supporters in helping to make it a huge success by joining, and more so where possible by selling tickets amongst friends or fellow workers or clubmates. Anyone who could help in the latter form would they please drop in at the Secretary's office. Remuneration for Agents is good and the Lottery itself offers prizes of £1,000, £500, £250 plus a great many prizes of lesser amounts.

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Though to-day concludes our Division 2 fixtures for 1977/78 we would point out that the "A" team still have fixtures to play at Thrum Hall and your support for their game against Hull K.R. "A" on Tuesday next (7.30) and Saturday 22nd April against New Hunslet (2.30 p.m.) would be much valued by the players. Do come and give them some support to round their season off.

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Date	Opponents	k.o.	Gr'nd
1977			
Sun. Aug. 14	HUDDERSFIELD (Charity Match)	3.30	Home
Sun. " 21	KEIGHLEY (Yorks. Cup)	3.15	Away
Sun. Sept. 4	YORK	3.00	Away
Sun. " 11	KEIGHLEY	3.30	Home
Sun. " 18	DONCASTER	3.00	Away
Sun. " 25	ROCHDALE	3.30	Home
Sun. Oct. 2	BARROW	2.30	Away
Sun. " 9	WHITEHAVEN	3.30	Home
Sun. " 16	ROCHDALE	3.00	Away
Sun. " 23	PLAYER'S No. 6 1st Round		
Sun. " 30	LEIGH	3.30	Home
Sun. Nov. 6	PLAYER'S No. 6 2nd Round		
Sat. " 12	WHITEHAVEN	3.00	Away
Sun. " 20	OLDHAM	3.30	Away
Sun. " 27	BARROW	3.30	Home
Sun. Dec. 4	BATLEY	2.30	Away
Sun. " 11	BLACKPOOL	3.30	Home
Mon. " 26	HUDDERSFIELD	3.00	Away
Tu. " 27	HUDDERSFIELD	3.30	Home
1978			
Mon Jan. 2	SWINTON	3.30	Home
Sun. " 8	KEIGHLEY	3.15	Away
Sun. " 15	DONCASTER	3.30	Home
Sun. " 29	BLACKPOOL	3.00	Away
Sun. Feb. 5	LEIGH	3.30	Away
Sun. " 12	CHALLENGE CUP 1st Round		
Sun. " 19	BATLEY	3.30	Home
Sun. " 26	CHALLENGE CUP 2nd Round		
Sun. Mar. 5	HUYTON	2.30	Away
Sun. " 19	YORK	3.30	Home
Mon. " 27	SWINTON	3.00	Away
Sun. Apl. 2	HUYTON	3.30	Home
Sun. " 16	OLDHAM	3.30	Home

"A" TEAM FIXTURES, 1977/78

Date	Opponents	k.o.	Gr'nd
1977			
Sat. Aug. 20	HULL	2.30	Home
Sat. " 27	BRADFORD N.	3.00	Away
Sat. Sept. 3	YORK	2.30	Home
Fri. " 9	KEIGHLEY	7.30	Away
Sat. " 17	NEW HUNSLET (Y.S.C. Cup)	3.00	Away
Sat. " 24	FEATHERSTONE R.	2.30	Home
Thu. " 29	DONCASTER	6.30	Away
Fri. Oct. 7	CASTLEFORD	7.30	Away
Sat. " 22	CASTLEFORD	2.30	Home
Sat. " 29	HULL	2.30	Away
Sat. Nov. 5	LEEDS	3.00	Away
Sat. " 12	NEW HUNSLET	2.30	Home
Sat. " 19	HULL K.R.	2.30	Away
Sat. " 26	KEIGHLEY	2.30	Home
Sat. Dec. 10	BATLEY	2.30	Home
Sat. " 24	HUDDERSFIELD	2.30	Home
Sat. " 31	Dewsbury	7.30	Away
1978			
Sat. Jan. 7	HULL K.R.	2.30	Home
Sat. " 14	DONCASTER	2.30	Home
Sat. " 28	BRAMLEY	3.00	Away
Wed. Feb. 1	NEW HUNSLET	7.30	Away
Sat. " 11	BRADFORD N.	2.30	Home
Sat. " 18	BATLEY	3.00	Away
Sat. " 25	BRAMLEY	2.30	Home
Sat. Mar. 4	HUDDERSFIELD	3.00	Away
Sat. " 11	DEWSBURY	2.30	Home
Sat. " 18	YORK	3.00	Away
Sat. " 25	WAKEFIELD	2.30	Home
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