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NEWS AND VIEWS

A disappointing result last week against the Second Division's surprise team of this season, Blackpool Borough, brought players and supporters down to earth after the splendid encounters against First Division Salford.

Chances to win the match were there for us, but over-cautiousness, and a failure to release the ball to better placed colleagues meant a loss of two precious points, and we now have it all to do to maintain interest for the rest of the season.

Even allowing for absentees Johnson, Rowett, Pieniazek, Trevor Briggs, and Hawkesley, we should have done better. Blackpool produced no surprises: we'd played them only five weeks earlier and should have known what to expect. However, at the end of the day Blackpool deserved victory, but words of praise are due to Sampson, Carroll, Appleyard, Ackroyd and Bond who did not deserve to be on the losing side. Steve Hunter also produced a tremendous display in the loose, but lack of possession in the 2nd half did not help our case.

Today's game against Oldham will be another tough encounter, and it is hoped that all last week's absentees, except Trevor Briggs (he'll be some time yet) will be fit. Record Rugby Union signing, Chris Bowman could also find himself on the sheet today; coach Don Robinson was hoping for a good display from Chris against Hull "A" on Thursday, 15th March, before deciding.

At the time of writing, moves are afoot to strengthen the First Team squad. and a signing just may have been finalised in time for today's game.

Re-arranged Fixtures

Wednesday, 4th April: Bramley v Halifax, k.o. 7.30 p.m. Sunday, 29th April: New Hunslet v Bramley, k.o. 3.30 p.m.

Fixtures still to be re-arranged

Dewsbury v Bramley; York v Bramley; Bramley v Huyton.

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Bramley v Oldham

Today we welcome to McLaren Field all associated with the Oldham club, a team with the same number of league points as ourselves, but having the advantage of a game in hand. Therefore, today's fixture, and the return game at the Watersheddings next week is very important indeed to both teams — results which can "make or break" this season for either.

Last Saturday saw ex-Bramley player, Jim Fiddler, make his long awaited debut for Oldham, and he chipped in with 5 goals, helping his side to a 22-5 victory over Huyton. Try scorers for them were Larder 2 and Patterson and O'Mahoney one each.

Circumstances which led to Jim Fiddler's departure from Bramley last season were unfortunate, and many people were sorry to see him go. It is disappointing that things did not work out for him during his second spell at Leigh, but we wish him well with his new club, but only after we've finished with them!

First Team Fixtures

March 25th		
OLDHAM	(A)	3.00
April 1st		
BATLEY	(H)	3.30
April 4th (Wed.)	17.	
HALIFAX	(H)	7.30
April 8th		
No.		
April 16th (M)		
DEWSBURY	(H)	7.30
April 22nd		
DONCASTER	(A)	3.00
April 29th		
NEW HUNSLET	(A)	3.30

Second Team Fixtures

March 21st (W) CASTLEFORD	(A)	7.30
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March 31st		
BATLEY		
HULL K.R.	(H)	3.00
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DEWSBURY	(A)	3.00
April 21st		2 1 8 Km
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OLDHAM

Year of formation — 1876.

Limited Company — Moves in season 1972-73 to make the club a limited company were out-voted by the members.

Former names of Club — Oldham Football Club from 1876-1971, when name was changed to Oldham Rugby League Football Club.

Former Grounds — Glodwick Lows from 1876 to date unknown; Clarksfield for unknown period; Watersheddings from 1889.

Club nickname — The Roughyeds.

Ground capacity — 18,500.

Record attendance — 28,000 v Huddersfield, February 24th, 1912.

Record victory — 67-7 v Liverpool City, April 1959.

Record defeat — 0-55 v Warrington, September 28th, 1948.

Highest scorer in one match — Bernard Ganley, 28 points v Liverpool City (April 1959).

Club try scoring record — Reg Farrar (49 in 1921-22).

Club goal scoring record — Bernard Ganley (224 in 1957-58).

Welcome to our friends from across the Pennines, Oldham; in fact, it's not often the two sides meet nowadays - this will be only the third league meeting between the clubs at Bramley since 1972. In 1972 they beat us here by 19 points to 5 after we had taken the honours at the Watersheddings in the early part of that season, winning by 30 points to 17. The other meeting was on February 10th, 1974, when Bramley won by 10 points to 7, with two tries from centre John Hughes and two goals from fullback Arthur Keegan.

We also welcome back to McLaren Field today our old friend Jimmy Fiddler. Jim made his debut for Oldham last weekend in the 22-5 home win over Huyton, and made the headlines with his powerful touch kicking, the try chances he made, and also his 5 goals; truly a great player and the man Bramley will have to watch if we are to get back on the winning trail.

Congratulations to Keith Waites and his wife, Lyn, on the birth of their baby boy. We wish them all the best.

We also take this opportunity to wish Blackpool Borough pack star, Jim Hamilton, a speedy recovery after unfortunately breaking his leg in the 34th minute of last week's game with Blackpool. To break a leg in the game which is your bread and butter is tragic; we wish him well.

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- 2. Which two clubs were relegated from Division One in the 1962-63 season?
- 3. How many times have Oldham played at Wembley?

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York	16	10	1	5	272	240	21
Blackpool	14	8	2	4	189	166	18
Halifax	14	8	1	5	174	106	17
Dewsbury	13	8 .	0	5	176	128	16
Keighley	14	7	1	6	202	132	15
Bramley	15	7	1	7	202	175	15
Whitehaven	15	7	1	7	190	187	15
Oldham	14	7	1	6	158	226	15
Swinton	16	3	1	12	220	291	7
Doncaster	14	3	0	11	141	310	6
Huyton	15	0	3	12	147	302	3
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GEORGE PIENIAZEK

Date of Birth—15th March, 1954 Birthplace—Leeds Family-None Occupation—School Physical Education Teacher Previous Clubs-Moortown R.U.F.C.: Leeds Supporters A.R.L.F.C. Keighlev R.L.F.C. Favourite other team—St. Helens

Favourite other player—B. Boston Most difficult opponent-None

Full Name—George Pieniazek

Biggest influence on career—Colin Evans and Alan Kellet. Any changes in the game—Remove law regarding pinching the

Favourite sportsman/woman—Barry John and Phil Bennet, Wales R.U.

Favourite food—Steak Favourite drink—Bitter

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