

SWINTON INSIGHT



OLDHAM

Second Division Championship

Sunday, 18th November, 1979
at Station Road
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

15p

OLDHAM

(Red & White Hoops)
Team Manager: Graham Starkey

Full Back

1. MARTIN MURPHY

Three-Quarters

2. GEOFF MUNROE

3. PHIL WARD

4. STEVE LUND

5. ERIC FITZSIMMONS

Half-Backs

6. BILL FRANCIS

7. RAY ASHTON

Forwards:

8. ALAN FORSTER

9. RAY MARTLAND

10. FRED HALL

11. STEVE HERBERT

12. BOB MARDELL

13. TERRY FLANAGAN

Substitutes:

14. PHIL LARDER

15. COLIN HAWKYARD

VISITORS

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SWINTON

(White with Blue V)
Coach: Ken Halliwell

Full-Back

1. DAVID WATKINS

Three-Quarters

2. GORDON GRAHAM

3. JOHN GORTON

4. KEVIN O'LOUGHLIN

5. STEVE HINDLEY

Half-Backs

6. TERRY McGOVERN

7. BOB BRUEN/KEVIN SIMPSON

Forwards:

8. ALAN GRICE

9. PETER CLARKE

10. KEN EARL

11. TOMMY HIGHTON

12. GARY FLETCHER

13. TONY PETERS

Substitutes:

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Oldham Insight

For the second time this season it is our pleasure to welcome to Station Road, the supporters, players and officials of Oldham.

In our notes at the start of the season we reported that 1979-80 promised to be an exciting season for the Oldham club. Using the proceeds of their fantastically successful lottery they had made every effort to equip themselves for success, and so far everything seems to be going to plan.

Since our Lancashire Cup meeting, Watersheddings has been a hive of activity and several new signings have been made.

They recently made the headlines by signing England Rugby Union forward Bob Mordell for a reported £14,000, and from all accounts he appears to be adapting quickly to the change of codes.

Their latest signing is Ken Gwilliam, they snapped up for £3,000 from St. Helens. An ex colleague of Bill Francis, he has been earmarked for the scrum half spot to allow Ray Ashton to move to his natural position of stand off half. This in turn will allow Francis to move to centre to stiffen up the three-quarters. The third signing of recent weeks has been that of hooker Roy Mortland from Wigan for £2,000. After regular hooker Roger O'Mahoney decided he wanted a rest from the game, Oldham moved quickly to snap up the ultra experienced Martland, a hooker of proven ability. Another signing of late has been that of Glen Crehan from ourselves. Glen, who was brought to Swinton by Oldham assistant coach Terry Gorman, was never able to secure a regular first team place and recently had a month on loan at Watersheddings.

So far Oldham are unbeaten in the Second Division with 6 wins and 2 draws from their eight League games, which must be a great boost for the club's unusual management and coaching line up. Manager Graham Starkey is assisted by former Swinton coach Terry Gorman and player coach Bill Francis.

A couple of unfamiliar faces in the Oldham side are two of their most successful players this season. Eric Fitzsimmons since taking over the goal kicking role has kicked a very high ratio of goals and has really proved himself a match winner. Whilst in the pack, Gareth Owen has really shown what he's capable of this season. After starting the season on the transfer list his consistent play has forced the Oldham committee to take him off the list. Possibly the most familiar Oldham face this afternoon will be that of Martin Murphy, who season after season proves himself to be one of the best full backs in the game.

Oldham at the moment are on the crest of a wave, but we hope the Lions will roar today because a win against the League leaders could give Swinton a much needed boost to their confidence.

Latest League Positions	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Oldham 3rd	8	6	0	2	133	72	14
Swinton 12th	9	2	6	1	69	137	5

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APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

(Not including Friendlies) (up to and including 11.11.79)

Player	Date of debut for Swinton	Season 1979-80			CAREER AT SWINTON		
		Played	Tries	Goals	Played	Tries	Goals
John Gorton	23.1.77	12	1	3	54	9	66
John Davies	8.1.78	8	3	—	27	8	24
Bob Bruen	25.11.73	10	1	—	47	2	6
Kevin O'Loughlin	21.8.77	12	2	—	71	16	50
Alva Drummond	21.8.77	9	2	—	17	2	6
Dave McAtee	1.4.79	2	1	—	10	2	6
Adrian Foster	21.1.79	2	—	—	17	4	13
Steve Phythian	1.10.74	7	—	—	57	1	3
Alan Derbyshire	23.1.77	1	1	—	29	5	16
Paul Armitage	18.3.73	4	—	—	25	1	3
Tommy Young	1.1.70	2	2	—	131	8	24
Gary Fletcher	19.8.79	12	—	—	12	2	6
Tony Peters	5.2.78	6	—	—	40	12	36
Steve Hindley	26.12.78	12	3	—	28	6	18
Tommy Highton	14.3.75	6	2	—	42	4	12
David Watkins	2.9.79	11	1	16	11	1	42
Peter Clarke	2.9.79	7	—	—	7	—	—
Gordon Graham	9.9.79	10	—	—	10	—	—
Alan Doran	2.4.78	5	—	—	24	4	12
Kel Earl	21.9.75	5	—	—	24	14	42
Bob Jolly	14.12.75	4	1	—	54	5	15
Vic Lawton	22.9.74	—	—	—	58	1	3
John Derbyshire	3.9.78	2	—	—	3	—	—
Tommy Davies	31.8.75	—	—	—	50	8	24
Brian Sutton	6.3.77	—	—	—	17	1	3
John Harrison	21.8.77	—	—	—	4	—	—
Brian Gomm	8.10.78	—	—	—	9	1	3
Ken Roberts	21.1.79	—	—	—	8	—	—
Stan Gittins	8.4.79	—	—	—	1	—	—
Dave Woods	22.4.79	1	—	—	4	1	3
Dave Nicholson	16.9.79	4	—	—	4	—	—
Alan Riding	23.9.79	7	—	—	1	—	—
Alan Grice	7.10.79	4	—	—	1	—	—
John Mellor	14.10.79	4	—	—	4	—	—
Dave Carsley	26.18.79	2	—	—	2	—	—
Terry McGovern	4.11.79	2	—	—	2	—	—
Kevin Simpson	11.11.79	1	—	—	1	—	—

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We take this belated opportunity of welcoming our new signing Terry McGovern to Station Road. Terry, aged 20, joins us from Warrington where his first team appearances were limited due to the form of international stand-off Ken Kelly. Terry was captain of the Great Britain youth squad which toured Australia in 1977. He has represented Lancashire on several occasions and formerly played for Widnes Amateurs Simms Cross.

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As the club strives to extend its scouting system, we are delighted to announce that plans are well in hand to form a Colts team. A move which will prove to be a great boost for our future playing strength. Men in charge of heading the Colts 'Quest' are Chief Scout Colin Lenton and a new addition to the staff, Jock Irvine. Jock and Colin have worked together for several years as trainer and coach to the all conquering Blackbrook (St. Helens) and Lancashire youth squads with highly successful results.

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The transfer of utility back Glen Crehan to Oldham was completed midweek. Glen played 26 first team games for the Lions scoring 8 tries. He was on the transfer list at £3,000.

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The injury list has eased over the last week with John Davies, Vic Lawton, Tommy Young and Steve Phythian ready to return via the 'A' team. Full back Damien McGrath is likely to be out for four weeks with a thigh injury, whilst Alan Derbyshire is ruled out for six weeks having undergone a cartilage operation last week.

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Leigh centre Billy McAtee has joined the club on trial. He is the younger brother of out half, Dave, who is back in training having recovered from severe rib injuries.

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Twenty year old scrum half Kevin Simpson recently signed from U.G.B. (St. Helens), became the eleventh player to make his first team debut this season. Kevin came in at Featherstone for 18 year old Johnny Mellor who was given a well earned rest after playing exceptionally well in four first team outings. Both Kevin and John obviously have very bright futures.

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County schoolboy Rugby League was played at Station Road last week for the first time in many years, when East Pennines gained narrow victories over North West Counties in the Under Thirteens and Under Sixteen age groups. Among the spectators were former Lion Johnny Stopford and Union leader Joe Gormley . . . or was it Mike Yarwood?

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Tonight on Radio Manchester's 'Rugby League Special' (Kick off 6.15) Ron Marlor reports on this afternoon's game, featuring after match interviews and all the details of games involving local teams.

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Tommy Highton				
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Extract from BBC Radio Manchester 'Barla Midweek' broadcast
by Ray Dennett. P.R.O. North West Counties A.R.L.

As well as being scrupulously honest and impartial a Referee also needs to be a person of authority and a disciplinarian. He has not only to judge, but to control. The handling of players has become as vital a task as knowing, and sensibly applying the laws.

The most important part of a Referee's reputation is that he is accepted as being both honest and impartial. Warnings and cautions have to be clear, simple and direct. But when a tense situation is building up it is often better defused by a humorous or understanding comment than by any demonstrative lecture.

Referees should always keep interference to a minimum. The more petty or niggling stoppages which are enforced, the less the advantage rule is applied to keep play moving, the more exasperated players become and consequently they become more difficult to control.

To be fit, fast and fair are amongst the other requirements for a referee.

By the time a referee has served his apprenticeship in the Schools and Amateur Leagues, there is still a long trek to the top, by which time his ability is well tried and his experience thorough and well varied. That apprenticeship in Amateur Rugby League is very tough and demanding and soon weeds out any weaklings.

What kind of person makes the best referee one may ask? Knowing the laws of the game and keeping pace with their amendments is not enough, for he has to have the instant judgement to apply them and to do so with commonsense where interpretation is difficult.

Above all he has to command respect and maintain discipline with the players. A love of the game is essential. It is certainly not the match fee that is an attraction for anyone. And that is good, because it helps to ensure that only those are recruited who have a genuine dedication to Rugby League and to Refereeing.

It would perhaps be helpful if referee's societies were reinforced with more players. Few players are, however, prepared for the grind of starting at the bottom and working through the various grades to get the right experience and qualification.

They would then appreciate that even the best referee, just like the best player, will make the occasional mistake. Referees are, after all, only human . . . just like the players.

N.B. The Manchester Rugby League Referees Society hold regular meetings here at Station Road, and new members are always made welcome. If you are interested in Rugby League refereeing then contact the Society's Secretary, Don Barrett, 8 Illona Drive, Salford 6.
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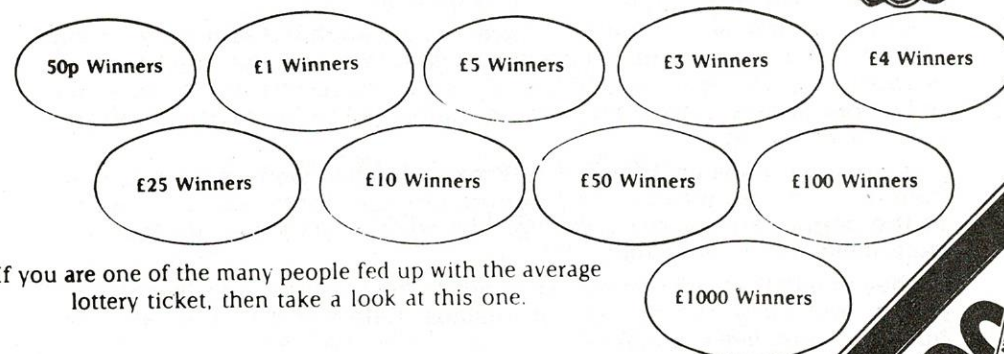


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November 1st, Swinton 10 Rochdale 18

Team: Trialist, Crehan, Trialist, Trialist, Trialist, Woods, Trialist, Simpson, Dodd, Harrison, Armitage, J. Derbyshire, Peters, Gittins. **Subs:** Tonge for No.1, Jolly for Harrison.

Scorers: Tries: Dodds, Gittins. Goals: Gittins (2)

November 8th, Swinton 20 Blackpool 13

Team: Tonge, Trialist, Bruen, Trialist, Drummond, Woods, Mellor, Dodd, Harrison, Armitage, Trialist, Trialist, Peters. **Subs:** Gittins for Drummond, Phythian for Dodd.

Scorers: Tries: Mellor (2), Woods, Harrison. Goals: Gittins (4)

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Aug. 12	Sun.	Salford	Station Road	Charity	3.00	15-38	Tries: T. Davies, J. Davies, Doran. Goals: Gorton 3.
Aug. 19	Sun.	Oldham	Station Road	Lancs. Cup (1)	3.00	15-22	Tries: A. Derbyshire, McAtee, Hindley. Goals: Gorton 3.
Sept. 2	Sun.	Dewsbury	Station Road	League	3.00	16-20	T: Drummond (2), O'Loughlin. G: Watkins (3). DG: Watkins.
Sept. 9	Sun.	Barrow	Craven Park	League	3.00	5-16	Try: Hindley. Goal: Watkins.
Sept. 16	Sun.	Workington T	Station Road	John Player (1)	3.00	11-30	T: J. Davies, Watkins. G: Watkins, DG: Watkins (3).
Sept. 23	Sun.	Halifax	Thrum Hall	League	3.30	5-31	Tries: Hindley, Goal: Watkins.
Oct. 2	Tues.	Widnes	Naughton Park	League	7.30	13-27	Tries: Davies (2), Bruen. Goals: Watkins (2).
Oct. 7	Sun.	Batley	Station Road	Flora (1-1)	3.00	6-13	Try: Jolly, Goal: Watkins. Drop Goal: Watkins.
Oct. 14	Sun.	Keighley	Lawkholme Lane	League	3.00	11-15	T: O'Loughlin, Gorton. G: Watkins (2). DG: Watkins.
Oct. 21	Sun.	Whitehaven	Station Road	League	3.00	6-5	Try: Mellor. Goal: Watkins. Drop Goal: Watkins.
Oct. 28	Sun.	Rochdale H.	Athletic Grnds	League	3.00	5-5	Try: Highton. Goal: Watkins.
Nov. 4	Sun.	Huyton	Station Road	League	3.00	7-0	Try: Fletcher. Goals: Watkins (2).
Nov. 11	Sun.	Featherstone R.	Post Office Rd	League	2.30	8-32	Tries: Fletcher, Highton. Goal: Watkins.
Nov. 18	Sun.	Oldham	Station Road	League	3.00		
Nov. 25	Sun.	Bramley	McLaren Field	League	3.00		
Dec. 2	Sun.	Keighley	Station Road	League	3.00		
Dec. 9	Sun.	Dewsbury	Crown Flatt	League	3.00		
Dec. 16	Sun.	Barrow	Station Road	League	3.00		
Dec. 30	Sun.	Bramley	Station Road	League	3.00		
1980 Jan. 6	Sun.	Oldham	Watersheddings	League	3.00		
Jan. 13	Sun.	Doncaster	Station Road	League	3.00		
Jan. 20	Sun.	Batley	Mount Pleasant	League	2.30		
Jan. 27	Sun.	Featherstone R	Station Road	League	3.00		
Feb. 3	Sun.	Huddersfield	Fartown	League	3.00		
Feb. 10	Sun.	Challenge Cup	First Round				
Feb. 24	Sun.	Challenge Cup	2nd Round				
Mar. 2	Sun.	Huddersfield	Station Road	League	3.00		
Mar. 9	Sun.	Huyton	Alt Park	League	3.00		
Mar. 16	Sun.	Doncaster	Tattersfield	League	3.00		
Mar. 30	Sun.	Rochdale H.	Station Road	League	3.00		
Apr. 6	Sun.	Halifax	Station Road	League	3.00		
Apr. 20	Sun.	Whitehaven	Recreation	League	3.00		