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Record Victory	67-6 against Liverpool City April 59
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Record attendance	28,000 v Huddersfield Feb 24th 1912
Record receipts	£4,897 v Leeds 3rd March 1968
Record transfer fee paid	£10,650 to Workington for Ike Southward March 1959
Record transfer fee received	£11,002 : 10s from workington for Ike Southward Jan 62
Record try scorer	Reg Farrar 49 tries 1921/22 season
Record goal scorer	Bernard Ganley 224 goals 1957/58 season
Record point scorer	Bernard Ganley 28 pts v Liverpool City April 59

CLUB HONOURS

Rugby League Championship Play-off winners:	1909-10, 1910-11 and 1956-57
Runners-up:	1906-07, 1907-08, 1908-09, 1921-22 and 1954-55.
First Division Champions:	1904-05
Second Division Champions:	1963-64
Rugby League Challenge Cup winners:	1898-99, 1924-25, 1926-27
Runners-up:	1906-07, 1911-12, 1923-24 and 1925-26
Lancashire Cup winners:	1907-08, 1910-11, 1913-14, 1919-20, 1924-25, 1933-34, 1956-57, 1957-58 and 1958-59
Runners-up:	1908-09, 1911-12, 1918-19, 1921-22, 1954-55, 1966-67 and 1968-69
Lancashire Championship Winners:	1907-08, 1909-10, 1021-22, 1956-57 and 1957-58
Runners-up:	1908-09, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1919-20, 1923-24 and 1954-55
Lancashire Shield winners:	1975-76

FROM HULL, HELL AND HALIFAX...

IN the days when Halifax used to storm all before them in the Rugby League there was a well-worn cliché in the game: "From Hull, Hell and Halifax good Lord deliver us..."

Dare we suggest that the days when Halifax really are a team to be feared are on their way back to Thrum Hall?

The signs certainly indicate that the club are on the up and up. Not only are they bound, like us, for promotion, but they reached the final of the Yorkshire Cup this season and also reached the semi-final of the Challenge Cup.

In the county cup competition they knocked out Bramley, Hunslet and Dewsbury before losing 15-6 to Leeds at Headingley in the final.

In the Challenge Cup they had a really tough series of matches in which they won at Featherstone and Barrow and beat First Division Wakefield at home before qualifying to meet the mighty Hull KR outfit in the semi-final, again at Headingley.

Class and the size and power of the Rovers pack finally told in the end and Halifax were deprived of their ambition of becoming the first Second Division side to step out at Wembley.

But they had already done enough to make it a season to remember at Thrum Hall and the semi-final appearance crowned a magnificent fight-back in less than two seasons.

Halifax were bottom of the Second Division at the end of 1977-8, having won only two of their 26 league games and having been beaten by Hull amateurs, Cawoods, in the Player's No. 6 Trophy.

How times change! The arrival at Thrum Hall of coach Maurice Bamford, the former assistant to Peter Fox at Bradford, signalled the start of a bright new era.

Before the start of the 1978-79 season he had made sweeping changes. He raided his old club at Odsal and took full back Jimmy Birts, stand-off Mick Blacker, centre Graham Garrod and hooker Dean Raistrick to Thrum Hall.

Blacker, a vastly experienced performer, was made skipper of Bamford's new-look side which put the pride back in the club, reached the semi-finals of the Yorkshire Cup and missed promotion by only one point.

Halifax finished in fifth position, one point behind Blackpool, after losing in a decisive match at Borough Park on the last day of the league season.

Terry Langton, known as the Iron Man, is one of the personalities in a strong, resolute and very good defensive side which includes Jimmy Birts, reckoned to be one of the best young full backs in the game, former Featherstone forward Dave Busfield in the second-row and the vastly experienced and talented ball player, Ken Loxton, at loose-forward.

Halifax beat us 21-10 at Thrum Hall at the end of January and at the time of writing they had lost only two league games out of 19 played and were in third position two points behind Oldham but with three games in hand.

Shortly before the Challenge Cup registers closed Halifax snapped up our former stand-off and utility player Johnnie Blair, who was at that time playing for local amateurs Fitton Hill.

Johnnie got his big chance sooner than expected because skipper Mick Blacker was hurt at Barrow in the second round of the cup and the Oldham lad was thrust into the key No. 6 role against Wakefield and David Topliss.

Blair played a major role in the Halifax win with four drop goals to equal a Rugby League record and a number of telling touch-finders which constantly drove Trinity back.

We tonight welcome Halifax and Johnnie Blair for what should be a cracker of a match.



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WHAT PRICE NOW ON YOUNG TRIO?

By Roger Halstead

(Oldham Evening Chronicle)

At the time when some clubs are asking five-figure fees for "A" team players, what sort of valuation can be placed on Oldham's top trio of Great Britain colts stars Ray Ashton, Terry Flanagan and Paddy Kirwan?

Local lad Kirwan, a scrum-half of whom big things are expected, has yet to prove himself because he has still to be given the chance at first-team level.

But he has led the title chasing colts magnificently all season and has also impressed in the "A" team.

Ashton and Flanagan have done enough already to impress many experienced judges in the game. Both are regular members of Oldham's first-team squad, at 19, and both played leading roles in the destruction of the France colts at Watersheddings.

Colt's coach Brian Gartland, who has watched Flanagan develop from a small boy and had Ashton under his wing last year in the Lancashire youth amateur side, is convinced both players will go right to the top.

"They're ready now for the under-24 side and I'll wager they will play for Britain and tour Australia", enthused Gartland after watching the Oldham pair carve open the French defence time and time again.

So how much is the trio worth on the inflated Rugby League transfer market?

Your guess is as good as mine but I hear, from sources outside Oldham, that Flanagan is being considered already on the Rugby League circuit as a player worth £35,000 or more.

Ashton is probably not far behind and if Kirwan comes through as expected the trio could well be worth a cool £100,000 by this time next year!

With promotion now assured, Oldham will be stepping up the tempo of their attempts to bring new players to Watersheddings.

Club official Jack Bowden has assured the fans that few games in the end-of-season rush of fixtures will go unchecked by Oldham.

And he strongly refuted the suggestion that work on ground improvements would interfere with the club's team strengthening plans.

"The ground has been neglected for 50 years", he said, "but, because we are talking about spending money on it, it doesn't necessarily follow that we will have nothing left to build up the playing side.

"We know we need an injection of class and our aim is to be ready for the start of next season.

"We have to keep the momentum going now, otherwise we will have wasted our time and money in all we have achieved so far.

"Money will certainly not stop us doing what we have to do. Whenever top-class players become available, we will be in there after them.

"The problem is one of availability - not money - but we are out looking all the time and we are determined to do the job".

It will have gone unnoticed by club officials that many of the current colts team will not be eligible next season.

I expect Oldham, as they did last summer, to spend a good deal of time recruiting again for their under-19 team next season . . . and if they can come up with a few more Kirwans, Ashtons or Flanagans so much the better!



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TOM WEBB'S YESTERYEAR

We are attempting to give all the Oldham R.L.F.C. results since the Club started in 1876. In the following tables the letters M, G, and T stand for Minors, Goals and Tries.

Minors were dead balls (DB), touch in goals (TIG) and touch downs (TD). Dead balls occurred when the attacking side either kicked or carried the ball over the dead line, and a touch down was when the defending side made the ball dead.

In the early Rugby Union days a goal counted more than any number of tries and on one occasion Oldham 'A' scored eight tries but lost because the opposition dropped one goal.

Unfortunately the full match details are incomplete for the 1880's. Any details would be welcomed by the Programme Editor or by me, Tom Webb, 3 Haggate Crescent, Royton, Oldham. OL2 5NF, as I am researching the history of the Club.

DATE	OPPONENTS	VENUE	OPPONENTS POINTS			OLDHAM POINTS		RESULT	
			T	G	M	T	G		
January 12th.	DEWSBURY	AWAY	7	1	1	1	1	Lost	
January 19th.	BROUGHTON	AWAY	2			3		Draw	
January 26th.	CHEETHAM	HOME		NIL		2	1	WON	
February 2nd.	THORNES	AWAY	5		2			Lost	
February 9th.	BROUGHTON RANGERS	HOME	2	1	1	2	1	Draw	
February 16th.	WALTON	AWAY							
February 23rd.	SOUTHPORT OLYMPIC	HOME	1			2	4	5	WON
March 1st.	ROCHDALE HORNETS	AWAY	1			1	1	WON	
March 8th.	ROYTON	HOME							
March 15th.	CHEETHAM	AWAY							
March 22nd.	SALFORD	HOME	2			8	1	WON	
March 29th.	SALE	AWAY	3	2	3			Lost	
April 5th.	CHEETHAM HILL	AWAY		NIL		8	1	3	WON
April 12th.	HALIFAX	HOME	1			3	2	WON	

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COLTS CORNER

DEWSBURY REPLAY

THE Rugby League Colts League management committee have ruled that our league game at Dewsbury should be replayed before the end of the season. The match, you will remember, was abandoned by the referee midway through the first half with Oldham ahead 10 - 0.

The referee called a halt to the match and alleged there was a brawl an allegation that will now go before the Rugby League executive committee. The events were particularly disappointing to the Oldham club because we were looking for the two points to enhance our claims on the league title in our first season.

Now that we have to replay the match the points are still there for the taking but, of course, that is not entirely the end of the matter because the facts now have to go in front of the executive committee.

At the time of writing these notes done early because of the Easter holiday we were sitting pretty on top of the league and looked to be in a strong position for honours.

We had 30 points one more than Leeds and had two games in hand on the boys from Headingley. Having lost only two league games and having played most of our matches away from home we are now well placed for the title.

And if we finish top we will enjoy the benefit of a home semi-final place in the top-four play-off for the Premiership.

Leeds met Widnes in the colts cup final as a curtain-raiser to the Widnes - Hull Challenge Cup semi-final at Swinton and Leeds will also be challenging for league and premiership honours in the tense, end-of-season run-in.

As we have several league matches still to play followed hopefully by the Premiership battles may we take this opportunity of asking for your support in the colts games still to be played.

The youngsters have done us proud in their very first season of operation and we are now coming up to the crucial period in their quest for honours when your support will be even more appreciated than normal.

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts
OLDHAM	17	15	0	2	372	195 ...	30
Leeds	19	14	1	4	521	219 ...	29
Hunslet	23	14	0	9	344	245 ...	28
Bramley	21	11	1	9	405	256 ...	23
Hull	18	11	1	6	326	193 ...	23
Rochdale	16	10	0	6	251	204 ...	20
Hull K.R.	17	10	0	7	308	292 ...	20
Bradford	19	10	0	9	271	263 ...	20
Leigh	20	7	1	12	273	366 ...	15
Widnes	15	7	0	8	255	251 ...	14
Salford	15	7	0	8	218	293 ...	14
Castleford	19	6	1	12	323	416 ...	13
St. Helens	19	5	1	13	197	347 ...	11
Wakefield	17	4	0	13	189	361 ...	8
Dewsbury	15	1	0	14	141	493 ...	2

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CLUB NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

THE warmest congratulations are due to our "A" team and coach Bob Welding on their achievement in winning through to the final of the Lancashire Shield for the third time in five years.

We won the trophy by beating Salford in the 1976 final, when coached by Ken Wilson, and a little bit of "A" team history will repeat itself shortly because we again play Salford in this season's final.

On the night we were restricting Wigan "A" to an 11 - 10 win at Central Park that meant we took the semi-final 19 - 17 on aggregate Salford were winning through at Warrington's expense.

The final will also be held over two legs but at the time of writing these notes the dates were not known.

We went into the second leg of the Wigan match with a 9 - 6 lead and won through to the final thanks to two Ray Ashton drop goals, tries by Alan Platt and Steve Littler and a penalty goal by Mick Worrall.

It was a very entertaining match and one which augurs well for a cracking final against a Salford side we have already beaten once this season in the Combination match at the Willows.

Indeed, with our "A" side in second place in the league, our colts on top of their league, and the first team having won promotion it has been a very pleasing season all round.

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WE have started work on the erection of a Wembley-style staircase which we hoped to have finished in time for the Standard Cup final on Good Friday.

Steps are being built up either side of the players' tunnel and a platform is to be constructed across the front of the committee box.

It will enable schoolboy and amateur teams to be presented with cups and medals Wembley style instead of entering the committee box from the back of the stand.

It will also keep paddock spectators a little further away from players and officials as they leave the field and allow the club doctor, manager and coaches easy access between stand and dug-out.

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THE Rugby League coaching sessions for local youngsters, run by the Amenities and Recreation Department, will again be held in May and June at Heyside Playing Fields.

Several highly-qualified coaches will put boys aged seven to 16 through the rudiments of Rugby League football under the guidance of coach Alex Givvons, the well-known grade one referee.

The coaching sessions will be held each Thursday from May 8 to June 12 between 6.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Cost per boy is £3.

A seven-a-side competition will be held on the last evening when winners and runners-up will receive plaques and medals.

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WE have recently appointed a new groundsman, who is probably well known to a lot of people interested in local sport Jack Walker, a former player, captain, chairman and groundsman of Crompton Cricket Club.

Jack, who lives in Shaw, is now associated with the Milnrow club in the CLL and also with the coaching of schoolboys.

We wish him a long and happy stay at Watersheddings.

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BOB WELDING

ALEX RULES, O.K.

REFEREE'S NOTES

People often ask me what is required to become a Referee. It is no secret that we are desperately short of Referees. Since the untiring efforts of B.A.R.L.A. and the many unsung heroes who act as Club Committee Men, the Amateur game is on the crest of a wave. This often means that some Officials referee as many as three games every weekend and often referee during the week when helping out at Schools and University level.

Anyone interested can attend the local Referees' Society meetings without any obligation to join. If they then wished to join, the Society would set a number of simple questions which would ensure that they would be able to handle basic rules of refereeing and run the touch line for experience.

As their experience and confidence increases by handling more matches, they can then ask the local league for permission to apply to RL Headquarters to sit the Grade 5 exam. The local league will be monitoring their progress from match reports submitted for local clubs and, of course by watching Officials.

GRADE 5

Is achieved by sitting a written examination at RL offices and consists of approximately 100 questions to be answered in one hour. This will be the only written test and if passed will enable the Official to referee all Amateur matches, act as touch judges for, "A" teams and 1st teams and also referee "A" teams. These appointments of course depend upon reports on their progress.

GRADE 4

Is for Officials forty years of age, who can referee Amateur matches and also act as touch judges at 1st and "A" team matches.

GRADE 2

Means that you are now a "Senior Referee". Having handled top Amateur and "A" team matches plus having been under the scrutiny of the RL Assessors Sam Shepherd and Joe Manley, you can now referee 1st and "A" team matches. Your allocation of 1st team matches will ensure a reasonable probationary period and, depending upon your marks from clubs, you would either advance or return to Grade 4 or 5.

GRADE 1

Officials handle only 1st team matches although many help out on "FREE" weekends in the Amateur Leagues. All Senior Referees are marked by both clubs. Points that the club look out for are:-

- Application of laws and control.
- Positioning and fitness.
- Stoppages and signals.

A Grade 1 Official can be Down-Graded to Grade 2 or 4.

The Senior Referee now has to pass physical and fitness tests prior to each season at Carnegie College. He will also be present at all local and Lancashire County meetings, plus attending Senior Referees meetings where they discuss all aspects of the game and indeed do meet with the RL Executive Council, and have had discussions with coaches.

The Lancashire County RL sponsor Referees' Schools run by a Senior Referee to help pass on experiences and discuss points of law to prepare your Referees for the future.

Not everyone can reach Senior Referee status, but I can assure anyone interested of a close involvement with the game at all levels, (it must be no less a thrill to be touch judge at Wembley), and tremendous companionship with colleagues who have a 100% interest in the game.

If you are an ex-player, a teacher or a spectator then why not come and join us.



By Alex Givvons
(RL Grade 1 Referee)

1. Play on
2. Play on
3. 2nd phase of penalty, ball in touch.
4. Scrum down, where penalty kick was to be taken.

Sorry the answers were missed off the Doncaster Programme. Here they are:-

Answers

SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

SUPPORTERS CLUB COMMITTEE:

Any person interested in becoming a member of the supporters Club Committee, please contact any Supporters Club Official after the match or any Monday evening in the Social Club, when the Committee meets.

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COLTS FIXTURES

1979		F.	A.
Aug. 18	Leigh	A	16-11
25	Bradford	H	38- 2
Sept. 1	Leeds	A	15-13
8	Bramley	H	29- 4
15	Castleford	A	28-11
29	Leeds	H	12-19
Oct. 6	Widnes	A	21-17
13	Hull	A	17-16
20	St. Helens	H	P.
27	Wakefield	A	37-16
Nov. 3	Hunslet	H	19-13
10	Bradford	A	8-6
17	Salford	H	P.
24	Hunslet	A	7-12
Dec. 1	Widnes	H	P.
8	St. Helens	A	28- 5
29	Leigh	H	P.

1980		F.	A.
Jan. 5	Salford	A	P.
12	Bramley	A	21-13
19	Hull	H	P.
26	Dewsbury	A	10-0 A
Feb. 2	Rochdale	A	P.
9	Cup-First Round		3-6
16	Widnes	H	24-12
23	Cup-2nd. Round		25- 5
March 1	Castleford	H	P.
8	Hull K.R.	A	18- 17
22	Dewsbury	H	P.
29	Wakefield	H	P.
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A SPORTSMANSHIP IN THE GAME

Brian Batty
Daily Mail

Rugby League can always find room for a genuine act of sportsmanship such as the one thousands of fans witnessed in the State Express Cup semi-final at Headingley.

Halifax skipper Mick Blacker, making a surprise comeback after an operation for a ruptured appendix, crashed to the turf after a fair but firm tackle by opposing skipper Roger Millward.

Millward immediately waved to stop play and signalled for a stretcher to help Blacker, putting the game second to his concern for his rival's safety.

There were fears that Blacker was seriously injured but happily he later went to hospital with concussion.

But as Halifax coach Maurice Bamford pointed out "I really appreciated Millward's action. It was the gesture of a first class sportsman and the sort of thing we need more of in Rugby League. I want to thank Roger publicly for what he did. He is a great little guy and he deserves to get to Wembley. I am delighted for him even though he has done it at our expense".

Bamford has won tremendous admiration for himself this season for the way he has handled Halifax's fairytale revival in League and Cup.

He seems set for a big future in the game for he is a great motivator and his warmth and enthusiasm for his players and the club come through strongly.

Both he and Millward had to fight back the tears for different reasons after the semi-final.

But another nice feature was the way Bamford rushed to console his players and then made his way into the Hull K.R. dressing room to congratulate Millward and his men.

Millward said after the game: "When I looked at Mike Blacker on the ground his eyes were glazed and he was out to the world.

My first reaction was to get expert help and see him off the field. I just tried to put the game out of my head at the time and I was most relieved when Mick was not found to be seriously hurt".



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First Team Fixtures 1979/80

Date	Opponent	Venue	K.O.
Aug 19	County Cup Swinton	Away	22-15
Aug 26	Warrington 2nd Round	Home	6-34
Sept 2	Doncaster	Away	25-0
Sept 9	Huyton	Home	3.00pm
Sept 16	John Player Leeds	Home	7-31
Sept 19	B.B.C. St. Helens	Home	9-20
Sept 23	Batley	Away	17-17
Sept 30	John Player 2nd Round		
Oct 7	Featherstone	Home	3.00pm 23-22
Oct 14	Whitehaven	Away	13-13
Oct 21	Barnley	Home	3.00pm 22-9
Oct 28	Halifax	Home	3.00pm P.
Nov 4	Huddersfield	Away	12-3
Nov 11	Barrow	Home	3.00pm 6-5
Nov 18	Swinton	Away	12-15
Nov 25	Dewsbury	Home	3.00pm 25-6
Dec 2	Huyton	Away	37-4
Dec 9	Batley	Home	3.00pm 32-9
Dec 16	Dewsbury	Away	17-14
Dec 23	Rochdale	Home	3.00pm 13-0
Dec 30	Featherstone	Away	8-8
Jan 6	Swinton	Home	3.00pm 29-4
Jan 13	Keighley	Away	18-17
Jan 20	Huddersfield	Home	3.00pm P.
Feb 3	Dewsbury Cup 1st Round		24-2
Feb 17	Huddersfield		15-12
Feb 24	Challenge Cup 2nd Round		5-10
Mar 2	Barrow	Away	14-23
Mar 9	Whitehaven	Home	3.00pm 9-12
Mar 16	Keighley	Home	3.00pm 18-10
Mar 23	Halifax	Away	
Mar 30	Doncaster	Home	3.00pm 46-2
Apr 6			
Apr 13			
Apr 20			
Apr 27	Barnley	Away	

'A' Team Fixtures 1979/80

Date	Opponent	Venue	K.O.	F. A.
Sept 1	Workington	Home	3.00pm	15-12
Sept 7	Leigh	Away	7.30pm	5-13
Sept 13	Blackpool	Home	7.30pm	25-23
Sept 27	Warrington	Away	7.30pm	18-10
Oct 6	Workington	Away	2.30pm	P.
Oct 13	Wigan	Home	7.30pm	18-17
Oct 26	Wigan	Away	7.30pm	25-15
Nov 7	Leigh	Home	7.30pm	16-3
Nov 10	Barrow	Away	2.30pm	16-22
Nov 15	Swinton	Home	7.30pm	
Nov 24	Rochdale	Away	3.00pm	P.
Nov 29	St. Helens	Home	7.30pm	P.
Dec 7	Widnes	Away	7.30pm	16-16
Dec 15	Whitehaven	Away	3.00pm	12-8
Dec 20	Rochdale	Home	7.30pm	P.
Jan 4	St. Helens	Away	7.30pm	12-15
Jan 10	Swinton	Away	7.30pm	6-28
Jan 17	Widnes	Home	7.30pm	P. 27 & 29
Jan 18	Whitehaven	Home	3.00pm	21-9
Jan 26	Rochdale			5-5
Feb 2	St. Helens			7-7
Feb 9				
Feb 14	Warrington	Home	7.30pm	12-0
Feb 23				8-8
Mar 7	Barrow	Home	2.30pm	28-16
Mar 12	Salford	Away	7.30pm	14-12
Mar 15	Blackpool	Away	3.00pm	10-13
Mar 20	Salford	Home	7.30pm	
Mar 26	Wigan			10-11
Mar 29	Whitehaven			13-16

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Events still to come before Season ends.

By Alan Burke

Public Relations Officer,
Oldham Amateur Rugby League.

Although the professional Rugby League season at Watersheddings comes to an end this evening, local amateur league followers have still many exciting events to look forward to before the conclusion of their 1979 - 80 term, beginning tomorrow night with the 1st Round of the Oldham League Championship play-off.

Thursday, April 10th (6.30 p.m.) - Oldham Championship 1st Round - Waterhead v St. Annes; Spotland v Higginshaw; Passenger Transport v Ferranti; Hollinwood v Salem Hornets.

Saturday, April 12th (3 p.m.) - Great Britain v France at Craven Park, Hull. The Oldham League will be well represented with Fred Howarth (St. Anne's) playing in the second row, and with Waterhead's Brian Caffrey making his International debut as the substitute back.

Tuesday, April 15th (6.30 p.m.) - Oldham Championship 2nd Round - Waterhead or Saint Anne's v Fitton Hill; Spotland or Higginshaw v Mayfield; Passenger Transport or Ferranti v Shaw; Hollinwood or Salem v Saddleworth.

Sunday, April 20th (2 p.m.) - Oldham League's Albert Edwards Memorial 7-a-side Trophy at Watersheddings. The winners will represent the Oldham League in the BARLA National Sevens and in next season's John Player Amateur 7-a-side Trophy.

Thursday, April 24th (6.30 p.m.) - Oldham League Championship Play-off semi-finals.

Sunday, April 27th (2 p.m.) - Pennine League Sevens - at Lawkholme Lane, Keighley.

Monday, May 5th (May Day) - Pennine 'Growler' Cup Final. The competition is currently at the quarter-final stage, for which the draw is Dudley Hill v Waterhead; Queensbury v St. Joseph's; Worth Villiage v West Bowling; Ovenden v Mayfield.

Friday, May 9th (7 p.m.) - Oldham A.R.L. Championship Play-off Final - at Watersheddings.

Sunday, May 11th (1.45 p.m.) - BARLA National Sevens at Watersheddings. The Championships will include events at both open-age and Under-19 levels, with eight teams in each section.

Saturday, May 24th - BARLA National Cup Finals at Borough Park, Blackpool. The Under-19s' Final kick-off at 1.45 p.m. with the senior event following at 3 p.m.

The Oldham League season will then be completed by the annual Presentation Evening, which, as usual, will be taking place at the Sports and Recreation Club on Featherstall Road South, Oldham, beginning at 8 p.m.



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