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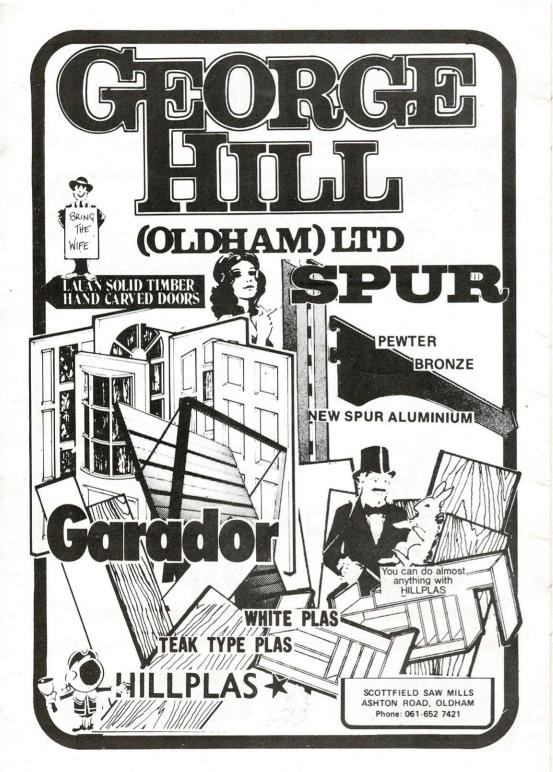


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CLUB HONOURS

Rugby League Championship Play-off winners:	1909-10, 1910-11 and 1956-57
	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, 1910-1	1, 1913-14, 1919-20, 1924-25, 1933-24,
	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, 1921-22, 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 1979-80
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BISHOP'S BOYS BOUNCE BACK

A remarkable transformation has taken place at Derwent Park in the past few months since former Great Britain scrum-half star Tommy Bishop flew in from Australia to take control of a side that looked destined for relegation.

Tommy, better known as a clever little half-back with Blackpool Borough and St. Helens, had spent ten years Down Under as player and coach and he has

clearly brought with his some Aussie training methods.

The Aussies are known for their super fitness and it did not take Bishop long to order extra training sessions in a bid to get the best out of the men under his control and steer them away from the relegation zone.

The Town players now train four nights a week and the way they have started putting together good results is further proof, if proof were ever needed, just

what a difference fitness can make to any team, talented or not.

In recent away games Workington have drawn at Castleford, after beating them at Derwent Park, and lost narrowly at Leeds in a match in which they were unlucky to drop both points.

Two weeks ago they had a comparatively easy first-round passage in the Three Fives Challenge Cup, beating Rochdale Hornets 17-9 at home to earn the chance of a second-round game here today at Watersheddings.

It is only the third time in 30 years that the two teams have met in the Challenge Cup, Oldham winning twice in Cumbria and Town winning once here.

This season in the League the teams have met twice - and won once each. We beat Town here in October and they gained ample revenge at Derwent Park just before Christmas.

Possibly their best known player is second-row or loose-forward Bill Pattinson, who was the sub forward for England against France at Headingley last Saturday possibly the first of many honours to come for this tough and rugged Cumbrian forward.

He is, of course, one of several Pattinsons to make the grade up there. Alf McCarron, like our own Terry Flanagan, was in the England shadow squad.

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EDDIE TAKES HIS EARLY BATH!

By Roger Halstead

(Oldham Evening Chronicle)

RUGBY League will lose one of its greatest characters with the retirement at the end of the season of commentator Eddie Waring.

Talk League in other parts of the country and you will almost certainly be asked: Do you know

Eddie Waring?

Not John Joyner, Steve Norton, Tommy Martyn, or other household names, but the man who, in his own inimitable style, has made the "up and under" a catch phrase in such unlikely places as Wimbledon, Watford and Middle Wallop.

Therein, perhaps, lies an indictment of the

man's unique style.

His love of League and his deep desire to see it flourish were never in doubt. But his style was such that over most of the country he became an entertainer in his own right, overshadowing the achievements of the men on the field.

People in the south would switch on their TV sets on Saturday afternoons, not

to watch league but to listen to Eddie.

The sad part was that they might learn as much about keeping pigeons in Castleford as they could about the finer arts of a rugged but highly skilful northern sport.

In these parts, where the game is the thing, Eddie was either loved or hated. I confess, on more than one occasion, to having watched a game on TV without the sound and with the help of the radio commentary.

What I could never understand was how Eddie fitted in with the highly-

polished BBC sports team.

He was so far removed from Bill McClaren or Nigel Starmer-Smith that I often wondered is he suited the image the BBC liked to portray of League nationwide: coverage which, after all, had its origins in the days when the BBC were seeking an alternative to the highly-popular wrestling coverage on ITV. Whoever succeeds Eddie, the commentaries will be different. There could never be another Eddie Waring. As he goes for his early bath, some will mourn and some will rejoice . . . but few will ignore the fact.

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ALEX RULES O.K.

By Alex Givvons (RL Grade 1 Referee)

Answer the following questions:-

1. Blue team are awarded a penalty and decide to kick for touch. The kicker misses finding touch but the ball runs in touch-in-goal. How is play restarted?

2. An attacking team are penalised in their opponents' in goal. How is game restarted?

In a passing movement the blue centre passes to his wingman, then is blatantly felled by the opposing wingman, the touch judge comes on the field having seen this. Meanwhile the referee allows the blue wingman advantage, but he is well tackled 50 yards downfield. Having allowed advantage how is play restarted after consultation with Touch Judge?

Blue team elect to kick at goal from a penalty. The kicker slices his kick badly, the ball goes

into touch. How is play restarted?

5. Is the player marking the tackled player allowed to strike for the ball?

the ball moving as quickly as possible to speed up play. worsening play-the-ball techniques referees insist on keeping this to a minimum, and try to get designed to be a sort of 2-man scrum with both teams having a chance at the ball. Probably due to It is interesting to note how trends change over the years. Originally the play-the-ball was lean on the opponent, he should also be standing up thus minimising diving round. 5. Yes, but only when the ball is on the ground, the defender should not kick out dangerously or

4. Second phase of penalty-kick.

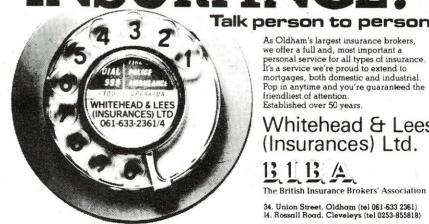
up when the touch judge came on the field the penalty would be where the offence was 3. Best advantage of non-offending side, i.e., where man was tackled. If the referee had blown

team which would normally incur a penalty are awarded here. Other infringments tap kick centre 2. 5 yards out from try line opposite where intringment occurred. All intringments by attacking

J. Drop out from centre of 25 yards line.

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CLUB NEWS



An escape for Blackpool during our 11-2 first-round win at Borough Park. Geoff Munro puts a hand on the ball over the Borough line but home loose-forward John Corcoran had touched down a split second before him.



The moment that brought the house down at Borough Park. Gareth Owen dives in for our first try at Blackpool in the first round which put us in front for the first time after 51 minutes.

SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

Anyone wishing to become a member of the Supporters Club may do so at any Canteen or in the Social Club. **Price:** £1.00 (including a Diary)

Forthcoming events in our Social Club, run by the Supporters Club.

An Easter Bonnet Parade - on Saturday 18th April, 1981. Admission Adults £1.00, Children 60p. 8 p.m. - 12 Midnight (including supper)

The Player of The Year Dance on Friday 24th April, 1981. Cabaret & Disco By Vic Preston. Admission £1.00 8 p.m. - 12 Midnight.

Annual Pram Race on Monday 25th May, 1981. To leave the Social Club at 7 p.m. Followed by a Disco & Presentation from 9 p.m - 12 midnight Admission 50p.

Lancashire Federation of Rugby League Supporters Club Annual Player of the Year Awards and Rugby Leage Queen Competition. In our Social Club on Friday May 29th, 1981 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. Cabaret & Dancing. Tickets £1.00 each. From any Supporters Club Committee Member.

(A number of Star Player's in attendance)

Wembley Draw on Tuesday 21st April, 1981 - Draw at 9 p.m. Potato Pie Supper **Free to all Supporters Club Members.** Small charge to nonmembers. Buy your Draw Tickets in our Canteens today or in the Social Club. **Prizes:** Cup Winners £25.00 Runners up £10.00 Losing semi-finalists £2.50 All other teams £1.00 **Tickets** 50p per book.

The Trumanns Man of Steel to be held at the **Golden Garter** on Wednesday 13th May, 1981. Tickets may be ordered from any Canteens or the Social Club.

Metal Supporters Club Badges are on sale at 60p, Blazer Badges £7.50 each. Oldham R.L.F.C. Sweaters sizes are 34, 36, 38, 40 in red, these are priced at £10 each. Red & White Rugby Shirts sizes 30,32 £6.50 each, 34,36 £8.75 40,42 £10.35. Red & White Scarves at £1.75. Bobhats £1.25 each. Colts Car Stickers 45p each. All items can be bought from any canteen or in the Social Club at any time.



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COLTS ON COURSE FOR 3 CUPS

OUR young colts side, which has set its sights on doing well in the Colts Cup this season, got over the first hurdle when they came from behind to beat a powerful Hull KR side 14-8 at Watersheddings.

Having lifted the title and the premiership last season, everyone associated

with out colts set-up would love to take the challenge cup this time.

Against Rovers we were losing 8-3 at half-time but the side put its football together after the interval and finally finished convincing winners with the Oldham best-player award, sponsored by Tench Sports of Middleton, going to loose-forward Mick Worrall.

Running him close for the award a silver tankard were skipper and stand-off Derek Seabrook and hooker Joe Warburton, whose work rate and tenacity

were exemplary.

It was the second week in succession that the colts did themselves a good turn towards winning a trophy. The previous Saturday, also at Watersheddings, they beat leaders Hull 12-10 to join the Boulevard lads as joint leaders and title favourites.

That, too, was a terrific match in which our youngsters did the club proud to avenge their defeat at Hull earlier in the season and give a boost to their hopes of retaining the title they won last year for the first time.

We have now lost only two of our 20 matches this season in the league and it looks an absolute certainty that the title will go to either Oldham or Hull. It means, in effect, that we are still in contention for THREE colts trophies the

cup, the championship and the premiership.

Our second-round cup-tie, at Rochdale, was due to be played yesterday. On the international front, too, we are breaking new ground, having had a total of six players in the two internationals against France a record for the game. Mick O'Rourke, Alan Platt, Stephen Dobb and Derek Seabrook played in both games, Mick Worrall was the sub at Leeds, and Paul Lowndes played in Cavaillon last weekend.



Our colts line-up before the international at Leeds. Back row (left to right): Alan Platt, Mick O'Rourke, Mick Worrall. Front: Derek Seabrook, Stephen Dobb.

NEWS FROM THE RUGBY LEAGUE TRUMANNS MAN OF STEEL AWARDS 1981

The fifth annual presentation of the Trumanns Man of Steel Awards is to be made at the Golden Garter Theatre Club, Wythenshawe, Near Manchester, on the evening of Wednesday, 13th May, 1981.

The following traditional awards will be handed over in the scheme, valued this season at £5,500.

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SUPERSTARS - RL - FIELDING v RU - RIPLEY

Brian Batty

Daily Mail

Away from the French clashes between the two rugby codes another battle is building up involving League and Union but of a much lighter nature.

It is the clash of the superstars Keith Feilding and Andy Ripley with the present score standing at one competition each as they prepare for the world championship.

Having taken the European championship so convincingly Ripley is looking in good shape but Fielding is hoping to upset the odds.

With the competition going to Florida for the world final the pace is going to be hot in more ways than one.

England Union star Ripley has so far given

away all his prize money so as not to affect his amateur status but the world final is, he admits, a different proposition.

He has gone into print as saying he will be prepared to call it a day in Union if he wins the event.

He has said: 'The last thing I want to do is add fuel to the controversy about professionalism in the game. Rugby Union means too much to me. Anyway I have had a lot of fun out of rugby and I believe in abiding by the law as it is written down.

Thave given away all the money I have won so far. I won £500 at the first stage and then I would have been entitled to £2,000 when I won the European section.

'That would have come down to £800 after tax and it would have simply not been worth giving up my rugby connections for that.

'The world final is a different thing though. The winner gets 25,000 dollars and with an extra 300 dollars for every point he gains in ten events could qualify for 40,000 dollars.

'If I won I would take the money and do the straight thing like Ian McLauchlan did. It would be foolish not to.

'But the standard in the Superstars' final is very high so I think I am unlikely to win and the prize money goes down so sharply below first place that I doubt if it would be worthwhile handing on to it.

'I suppose it means that every one has their price including me but I am 33 now and slipping down the far side of the mountain'.

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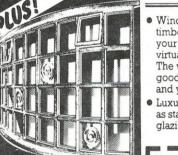
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A A H A	Oct. Oct. Oct. Nov.	18 Sat. 25 Sat. 30 Thurs. 8 Sat. 14 Fri.	Whitehaven Workington Wigan Blackpool	18 - 10 20 - 14 15 - 29 7 - 8
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OLDHAM AIM FOR DOUBLE TOP!

Oldham Amateur Rugby League town-teams at open-age and under-19 levels will both be taking the field next weekend just Public Relations Officer, 80 minutes away from a place in their respective BARLA Inter-League Finals. Both teams are aiming to give the Oldham League their first appearance in either of the deciders since the formation of the British Amateur Rugby League Association in 1973. The senior squad, having already gained home wins over Bradford and Huddersfield, again have ground advantage, and will be entertaining the Allerdale League (Cumbria), next Saturday, at Waterhead Park. In their tournament, the Oldham youth side have so far defeated West Cumberland and Wigan. and are also at home in their semi-final, with Saint Helens visiting Chamber Colliery next Sunday. Both matches will kickoff at 2.30 p.m.

Six Oldham League players - 3 at open-age level and 3 from the youth side - were chosen for this season's Lancashire County squads, and should all be in action next week as they try to impress the International selectors before the Great Britain teams to meet France in April are chosen. Scrum-half Dave Grimbley (St. Anne's), and forwards John Bywater (St. Anne's). and Paul Wilson (Saddleworth), all appeared for the Lancashire

open-age side, who finished runners-up to Yorkshire in their County Championship, while in the Red Rose under-19s team, which won their Championship title, the Oldham League were represented by scrum-half Gary Ainsworth and prop-forward Mark Rowbottom, both of Saddleworth, while St. Anne's forward Dave Turver was named as one of the reserves.

Higginshaw and Saddleworth Rangers were due to meet yesterday in the second of this season's Oldham Standard Cup semi-finals, to decide who will be meeting Waterhead on Good Friday morning at Watersheddings. Waterhead gained their place in the Final when they defeated Rochdale side Mayfield by 15 points to 10 in their semi-final, after they had trailed 10-0 after only ten minutes. Despite having previously appeared in five Standard Cup Finals since the war, Waterhead have yet to win the trophy, which itself was presented to the Oldham League by the former 'Oldham Standard' newspaper, and was first played for in 1904.

The Oldham League have once again attracted a host of sponsors for the Standard Cup Final, with Peter Brown, a former player and official with the Saint Anne's club, providing the financial backing for both the match itself and the man-of-the-match award. Len Hutton cleaning contractors are sponsoring the Cup Final souvenir brochure, while the local Hayneswood engineering company, run by Dave Wood and Waterhead forward Kevin Haynes, are the matchball sponsors.

The excellent co-operation between the Oldham Amateur League and the Oldham professional club continues to flourish, with the senior club having already agreed to the amateurs using their ground and facilities for their forthcoming end-of-season activities. With Oldham having switched their Easter Monday game with Salford to a morning kick-off, the local amateurs have been informed that should the Standard Cup Final result in a draw on Good Friday morning, the replay will be at Watersheddings on Easter Monday night (7pm). The Oldham Championship Final will take place at Watersheddings on Friday, May 8 (7pm).

During the half-time interval at today's match, the Oldham club chairman, Ray Hatton, will be presenting a new set of playing kit to officials of the Oldham Amateur Rugby League, for use by the local under-17s town-team. This is the second consecutive season in which Oldham have awarded kit to the amateurs, and yet again emphasises the excellent relationship which exists between the two bodies.

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