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Record goal scorer	Bernard Ganley 224 goals 1957/58 season
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First game	October 21 1876 v Stalybridge
Highest number of Points Scored	Bernard Ganley 2881
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Lancashire Shield winners:	1975-76 1979-80
Colts Premiership Trophy:	1979-80

TRINITY TALES

WAKEFIELD provide one of the most interesting fixtures of the season at Watersheddings today because Trinity can always be relied upon to produce fast, open and entertaining football.

Moreover, they will be all out to pick up both league points today. Though they can probably only be ranked as outsiders now in the Slalom Lager Championship race, they certainly need the points to ensure that they finish in the top four and a home game in the first round of the Premiership.

At the time of writing Trinity were in fourth place behind Castleford, Bradford and Warrington. They were three points behind Castleford and two behind Bradford but they had three games in hand on each of those clubs, having lost only six of their 23 First Division games to date.

After the completion of last week-end's table only Warrington and Wakefield had lost six or fewer games in the First Division which gives some indication of the size of the task confronting Oldham today.

What's more, Trinity boast an exciting scoring record. While their defence is not extraordinary, they have rattled in a total of 424 points - a total bettered only by leaders Castleford, who have played three games more.

Trinity also boast some of the game's best-known players and the most respected of them all has to be stand-off half David Topliss, who invariably has a "blinder" against Oldham.

Topliss has served Trinity loyally for more than ten years during which time he has represented Yorkshire and Great Britain and established a reputation as one of the quickest and most dangerous half-backs in Rugby League.

He is partnered this season by experienced scrum-half Alan Agar, who joined the Belle Vue outfit from Hull KR early on in the campaign.

Mike Lampkowski is another big-name at Belle Vue. The former England RU scrum-half is now playing loose-forward and judging by the performance he produced when Trinity beat us on their own ground last autumn he has made a very good job of the switch.

Another new recruit to Belle Vue this year was former York player Terry Day and with men like Topliss, Agar, Day, Andy Fletcher and Welsh pair Brian Juliffe and Steve Diamond outside the pack, Trinity can be a very strong attacking force indeed.

Up front, the forwards have undergone something of a transformation in the past 12 months.

Skerrett (to Hull), Idle (to Bradford) and Rayne (to Leeds) have all moved out, but Trinity still possess a strong and mobile unit, as their record proves.

There are few stronger front-row forwards than Colin Forsyth, who actually began his career here at Watersheddings as a 17-year-old in the mid-1960s. Alongside him is hooker Alan McCurrie, who is one of the finest footballing No. 9s in the game today.

Since we last played Trinity our own Oldham side has been transformed and of the team likely to play today there will be many changes from that beaten at Belle Vue.

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LET'S STAY ON THE RIGHT LINES

By Roger Halstead
(Oldham Evening Chronicle)

DESPITE what appears to be almost certain relegation to the Second Division at the end of the season it is my sincere belief that the major policies adopted by the club over the last four years or so will ultimately bring the success that everyone is clamouring for.

The youth policy, launched and developed on such a scale never seen before at Watersheddings, will certainly bear very succulent fruit over the next few years.

The right blend between youth and experience is obviously very desirable but in pursuit of that goal it could be a disaster if those in control were to spend to such an extent that the club was quickly back to the days when poverty stared it in the face.

A shortage of top-class players, an inflated market, the birth of new clubs and the hard financial times that most clubs have fallen upon means that it is going to get increasingly harder, as the years go by, to buy the right players at the right prices.

More and more clubs are coming to the conclusion that a youth policy is not only desirable but absolutely vital and, believe me, there are many top clubs in League right now who look enviously at the young players Oldham have gathered together at Watersheddings.

Everyone is bitterly disappointed at the prospect of playing in the Second Division next season but it need not be such a disaster so long as those whose policies have brought the club this far, from absolute desolation and despair four years ago, stick to their ideals and, perhaps more important, get the backing of members.

During most of the 17 years that I have been covering the club's affairs the club has tried repeatedly to put a team on the field in the belief that a successful side would pull in the crowds and ease financial worries.

The policy has never brought the desired results but, even worse, it led to a general decline in the club's financial affairs until there was a very real threat of extinction some years ago.

The major difference with policies now adopted is that concentration on finance will ultimately produce top-class football rather than the other way round. And, let's fact it, without money there can be no youth policy, and no way to the future.

To launch and develop a youth policy on the lines Oldham have adopted is in itself a project needing massive sums of money. Gone are the days when a likely lad signed for £50 and thought he was king!

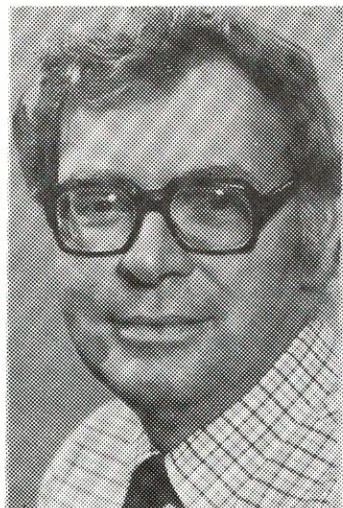
It does not mean that money will not be spent on high-quality players of experience if they become available and if the committee believe they are going to get value for money.

It does mean, when such players are costing £50,000 or more, that very serious consideration indeed has to be given to such a gamble.

Even players of average ability are costing £15,000 to £20,000 these days.

Given fees like that, how many clubs are going to be able to afford to buy extensively each season? Very few indeed.

It all comes back, of course, to developing your own players -- and that's where Oldham are going to score in the next year or two thanks to the foresight and vision of those who launched the Youth policy two years ago.



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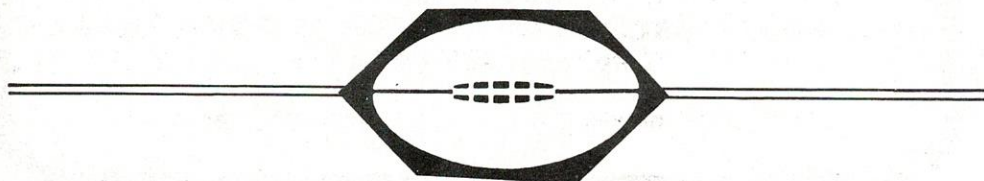
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ALEX RULES O.K.

By Alex Givvons
(RL Grade 1 Referee)

There is again much talk regarding players misconduct and how the three officials can and should deal with offenders. The varying degrees of misconduct can be designated as follows--
TECHNICAL i.e. Differential.

DELIBERATE i.e. Penalty/Caution.

UNNECESSARY AND VICIOUS i.e. Dismissal.

Without having a play on words it is obvious that the above action by the Referee is dependant on how he views the incident and any possible prior incidents.

The Referee shall enforce the laws of the game but it is not his responsibility to make a game of it. The standard of play very much depends on the skill and frame of mind of the players, but the Referee can improve the continuity of the play by the correct application of the advantage law.

Referees are accused of coaching players but I like to think the Referee is more like a Policeman who not only detects law breaking but helps to prevent it. This happens when he gives verbal instructions to "Play the ball" which encourages other players to release the tackled player so that play can continue "quickly" whilst other players come onside. He will also warn players to stand back in the line out rather than give doubtful offside penalties over a matter of inches.

Touch Judges often come in for unfair criticism. The three officials should act as a team but a Touch Judge must not unduly interfere with the Referees control of the game by reporting incidents obviously seen by the Referee. The good Touch Judge knows when to come on with advice in the above situation, but is also particularly vigilant in spotting the scourge of Rugby Football, the "off the ball offence".

There are 10 points in the manual of laws of the game to cover players misconduct. There are also 21 common offences at the play the ball and more than 25 possible offences at the scrum. You can see why the Referee has to use common sense when applying these laws and the advantage. I am sure few spectators would tolerate a game with more than 35 scrums and 50 penalties yet this happens constantly in Rugby Union matches where applying the law exact is paramount.

Finally I should say that the respect which Rugby League Referees command for discipline on the field must be shared with good back up from the Rugby League Council; the players who take decisions manfully, and finally to our past refereeing colleagues who give us the good standards to maintain.

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COLTS LEAGUE TABLE

OUR colts retained their hopes of landing the Colts League title with a 55-5 home win over bottom-of-the-table Widnes and a 16-12 victory last Sunday at Hunslet.

Conditions at Strinesdale for the Widnes game were atrocious but the players of both sides always tried to play above the wind and driving rain.

The conditions were so bad that the duration of the match was reduced to 30 minutes each way. However, the Oldham team was so much on top that it piled on 55 points despite "losing" 20 minutes playing time and this was important because of the need to try and catch up on leaders Hull's superior scoring record.

In the next game at Hunslet we suffered a blow when our Great Britain centre Mick O'Rourke was injured as he went over the line after a run of about 50 yards at a crucial stage of the match.

He received a kick to the face and it was believed he might have broken a jaw -- a nasty injury which needed an overnight stay in hospital at Leeds.

We can only hope that Mick's injury will not prove as serious as was first feared and that he will not miss our run-in to the end of the season which includes vital league matches and then, hopefully, the key premiership battles.

Points at Hunslet came from tries by Stephen Dobb (2), Chris Pilkington and Stuart Collinge and two goals by Mick Worrall.



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CLUB NEWS

OLDHAM ON T.V.

THE highlights of today's match between Oldham and Wakefield are due to be screened on television tomorrow night as part of the "RL Action" series on ITV. It will be the first time for many years that Oldham have appeared on the "little screen" so we hope the side can start where it finished off in that 25-24 thriller at Leigh last Sunday.

Some of the tries we scored at Hilton Park were quite extraordinary and though we were on the losing end of the scoreline at full time we had certainly played our part in providing the fans with the sort of entertainment that can only bring back the crowds to the terraces.

INTERNATIONAL CAP FOR GARETH

GARETH OWEN, our strong-running front-row forward, will become the first Oldham player for several seasons to be presented with an international cap when at half-time today, he will be awarded his Welsh cap.

Gareth played for Wales in France and also against England at Hull KR two weeks ago in the European championship series which France won.

He is one of several Oldham players to win representative honours this season. Terry Flanagan, our young skipper, was twice vice-captain of the Great Britain under-24 side in matches against New Zealand and France and was also a member of the squad, though he did not play, in the third Test against the Kiwis last autumn.

At colts level we had six internationals in the two games against France -- a record for the one club. They were the British skipper, Derek Seabrook, plus Paul Lowndes, Mick Worrall, Stephen Dobb, Alan Platt and Mick O'Rourke.



Prop forward Adrian Alexander dives over for the second of Oldham's four tries v Leigh.



Bob Mordell looking for support.....v Leigh

REMAINING GAMES

FOLLOWING today's game we travel to play Hull KR at Craven Park on Wednesday evening and then we have a blank week-end next Sunday before completing our fixtures at First-team level for the season 1980-81 with attractive home games over Easter against St. Helens and Salford.

Make a note of the kick-off times of the games against Saints and Salford here at Watersheddings. We play St. Helens on Good Friday with a 3.30 p.m. kick-off. This is half an hour later than usual because of the Standard Cup final here on this ground during the morning.

On Easter Monday we play Salford with an 11.30 a.m. kick-off to avoid a clash later in the day with Athletic's home game with Derby County.

OLDHAM MUSEUM

Secretary John Chadwick would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those supporters who contributed material to the club's museum. The collection is not yet complete and if any supporter has any material which he may think is suitable he is asked to contact the Secretary.

The museum is to be housed in a room in the pavilion and it will hopefully be ready for the start of next season, by which time the decorators will have smartened up the room and the material will be laid out.

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Here again if any supporters can help, Mr. Chadwick would be delighted to hear from them.



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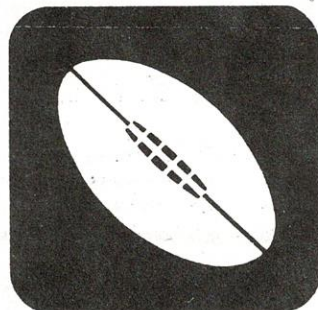
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BATTLE OF FARTOWN - 6 OFF

By **Brian Batty**
Daily Mail

Brian Batty
Daily Mail

Rugby League will take a long time to live down the Battle of Fartown which has left a nasty taste in the mouths of millions of television viewers.

I do not remember a worse game for fouls and ugly incidents since England and Wales locked horns in the infamous Battle of Brisbane in the 1975 World Championship.

Queensland referee Don Lancashire sent off Les Dyl in the Brisbane clash and then next day had the nerve to admit he could easily have sent off a dozen players.

After the Fartown farce which saw Manchester referee Vince Moss dismiss six offenders former Welsh star Lewis Jones rightly pointed out that Henry Cooper should really have had his role as inter-round commentator.

It was perhaps no surprise that the second half erupted with brawls and scuffles to provide some of the most embarrassing scenes the game has had to suffer.

There were so many high and dangerous tackles along with other bad tempered incidents littering the first half that it seemed the match was set on a disaster course.

Referee Moss admitted on local radio afterwards that he had no doubt he would have changed and handled things differently if he were to start the game knowing what was to happen.

It was a relief in a way to see Huddersfield replace Tony Johnson in the second half while he was still in one piece and still had a head on his young shoulders.

His fearless running was a revelation and one of the few redeeming features in a match that produced flashes of fine football but too many of the incidents that fans least want to see in a game.

We have to have a certain amount of physical contact in every game but the head high tackling, kicking and biting incidents are best left to the French who are the masters in this field.

We have Wigans' Gary Stephens reporting he was bitten three times on the thigh in defence of his foul on a Huddersfield player.

We have a situation in which three fights are going on in different parts of the pitch and many other unsavoury incidents.

This season started on a bad note with dismissals making the headlines more than in the past and just when we had hoped things had cooled down we have another battle to live down.

Let us hope that the League clampdown on the offenders and we do not get any reports - we cannot afford them.



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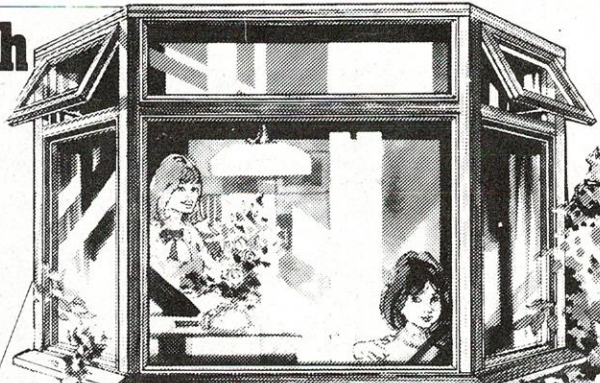
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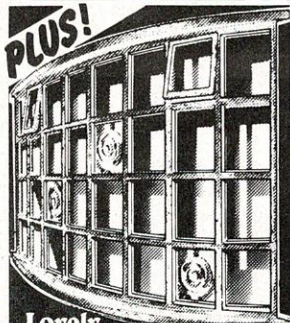
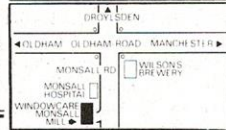
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	Date	Opponent	F. A.
H	Aug. 3 Sun.	Rochdale (Charity Match)	32 - 15
A	Aug. 10 Sun.	St. Helens (Friendly)	12 - 30
A	Aug. 17 Sun.	Swinton (County Cup)	11 - 5
A	Aug. 24 Sun.	County Cup 2nd Round	15 - 13
H	Aug. 31 Sun.	Castleford	14 - 14
A	Sept. 7 Sun.	Bradford	10 - 21
H	Sept. 14 Sun.	Featherstone	17 - 32
A	Sept. 21 Sun.	Hull	11 - 16
A	Sept. 28 Sun.	Leeds	14 - 16
H	Oct. 5 Sun.	Leigh	15 - 12
A	Oct. 12 Sun.		
A	Oct. 19 Sun.	Widnes	18 - 28
H	Oct. 26 Sun.	Workington	18 - 10
A	Nov. 2 Sun.		
A	Nov. 9 Sun.	Featherstone	10 - 31
H	Nov. 16 Sun.	Bradford	9 - 2
A	Nov. 19 Wed.	Salford	22 - 7
A	Nov. 23 Sun.	John Player York	9 - 11
A	Nov. 30 Sun.	Wakefield	15 - 24
A	Dec. 7 Sun.	Workington	4 - 25
H	Dec. 14 Sun.	Widnes	
H	Dec. 21 Sun.	Hull K.R.	9 - 27
A	Dec. 26 Fri.	St. Helens	10 - 11
	Boxing Day		2 - 1
H	Dec. 28 Sun.	Hull	2 - 30
A	Jan. 1 Thurs.	Warrington	11 - 27
	New Years Day		
A	Jan. 4 Sun.	Barrow	
H	Jan. 11 Sun.	Leeds	19 - 12
A	Jan. 18 Sun.	Castleford	20 - 11
A	Jan. 25 Sun.		8 - 15
H	Feb. 1 Sun.	Barrow	13 - 10
A	Feb. 8 Sun.	Halifax	11 - 2
A	Feb. 15 Sun.	Challenge Cup Blackpool	
A	Feb. 22 Sun.	Hull K.R.	
A	Mar. 1 Sun.	Challenge Cup 2nd Round	
H	Mar. 8 Sun.	Warrington	
A	Mar. 15 Sun.		
H	Mar. 22 Sun.	Halifax	
A	Mar. 29 Sun.	Leigh	
H	Apr. 5 Sun.	Wakefield	
A	Apr. 12		
H	Apr. 17 Fri.	St. Helens	
	Good Friday		
H	Apr. 20 Mon.	Salford	
	Easter Monday		

'A' TEAM FIXTURES 1980/81

	Date	Opponent	F. A.
H	Aug. 7 Thurs.	Higginshaw (Friendly)	26 - 2
A	Aug. 14 Thurs.	Saddleworth Rangers	P
A	Sept. 3 Wed.	Salford	6 - 13
A	Sept. 9 Fri.	Warrington L.C.C.S.	2 - 8
H	Sept. 18 Thurs.	Swinton	27 - 23
A	Sept. 25 Thurs.	St. Helens	6 - 15
H	Oct. 2 Thurs.	Leigh	10 - 23
A	Oct. 9 Thurs.	Rochdale Hornets	16 - 13
H	Oct. 16 Thurs.	Widnes	12 - 11
A	Oct. 18 Sat.	Whitehaven	18 - 10
A	Oct. 25 Sat.	Workington	20 - 14
H	Oct. 30 Thurs.	Wigan	15 - 29
A	Nov. 8 Sat.	Blackpool	7 - 8
A	Nov. 14 Fri.		
H	Nov. 20 Thurs.	Salford	P
A	Nov. 27 Thurs.	Swinton	16 - 11
H	Dec. 4 Thurs.	Wigan	18 - 7
A	Dec. 11 Thurs.	Widnes	18 - 7
H	Jan. 3 Sat.	Barrow	10 - 8
A	Jan. 9 Fri.	St. Helens	5 - 16
H	Jan. 17 Sat.	Whitehaven	7 - 0
A	Jan. 31 Sat.	Barrow	21 - 9
H	Feb. 5 Thurs.	Warrington	8 - 14
H	Feb. 19 Thurs.	Blackpool	11 - 0
A	Mar. 6 Fri.	Warrington	
H	Mar. 14 Sat.	Workington	
A	Mar. 19 Thurs.	Rochdale	
H	Mar. 26 Thurs.	Leigh	

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LOCAL TEAMS IN MIDWEEK ACTION

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Local amateur clubs this Tuesday begin their quest for the Oldham League Championship trophy when the First Round matches are staged in the knockout competition (6.30 p.m.). Fourteen teams have entered the event, therefore producing six matches in the opening round, while Ferranti and Salem Hornets have received byes into the quarter-finals. Mayfield, who have won the title for the last two years, begin their defence of the trophy with a tough away game against Waterhead, who last month defeated the Rochdale side in the semi-finals of the Oldham Standard Cup. Last season's defeated finalists, Saddleworth Rangers, also face Rochdale-based opposition with their visit to play Spotland. Both teams are in Division One of the Pennine League and also met in this season's Standard Cup, with Saddleworth gaining a narrow home win in Round One.

Shaw, who have already clinched the Pennine League's Division 3 Championship and have gained promotion for the third consecutive season, are at home to Manchester side Langworthy Juniors in the Oldham League play-off at High Crompton Park. The local team have lost only one match so far this season, that against Waterhead in the Standard Cup, and last weekend qualified for the semi-finals of the Pennine Growler Cup, after victories over Premier and First Division sides. An all Sixth Division tie is scheduled for Victoria Avenue East, Moston, where Tudor Lodge will be entertaining Hollinwood. Both teams were formed last season and this term have showed encouraging signs of improvement. Saint Anne's, from the Premier Division, will be playing hosts to Higginshaw, from Division 2, at Chamber Colliery, while at Alexandra School there will be a clash between Fitton Hill and Oldham Passenger Transport. The visitors are unable to compete in the Premier League due to work commitments on Saturdays, and are therefore the only Lancastrian side to be playing in the West Yorkshire Sunday League.

BARLA are this weekend meeting to decide the venues for their Inter-League Finals at both open-age and under-19 age-groups. Oldham have reached both deciders but have been drawn away to Leeds in the senior competition and Warrington in the youth tournament. Both Oldham's opponents are having difficulty in obtaining the use of their local professional clubs' ground and facilities, with BARLA therefore deciding whether or not to switch the venues and give Oldham a 'double-headed' event. The Oldham under-17s town-team were unable to give the local league a hat-trick of Inter-League successes by going down 16-8 away to Widnes in their Second Round match last Sunday.

All local amateur league followers are now looking forward to this season's Oldham Standard Cup Final, which as usual takes place at Watersheddings on Good Friday morning, April 17 (11 a.m.). This year's finalists, Saddleworth Rangers and Waterhead, are two of the most well supported teams in the area, and with the Oldham professional club being at home to Saint Helens on Good Friday afternoon, the local league are confident of attracting an attendance well in excess of 5,000, with many local Rugby League supporters expected to make it a full day out at Watersheddings.

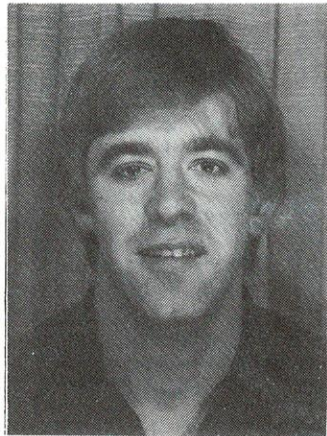
Mayfield have been drawn at home to National Dock Labour Board (Hull) in the quarter-finals of the BARLA Stimorol National Cup, the Final of which takes place at Blackpool on Saturday, May 23. The remaining quarter-finals ties are Beecrofts (Hull) v Pilkingtons (St. Helens); Lock Lane (Castleford) v St. Patrick's (Wigan); Leigh Miners v Junction (Leeds) or West Bowling (Bradford).

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