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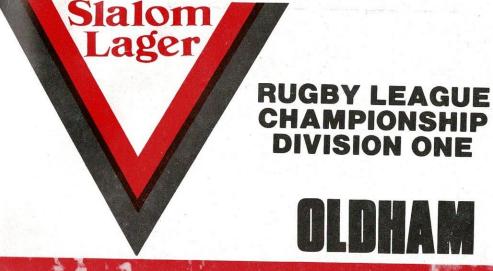
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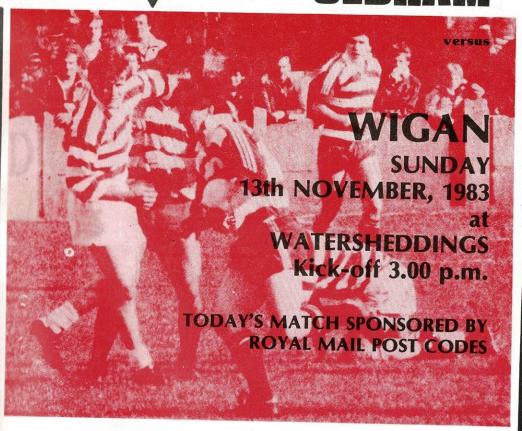
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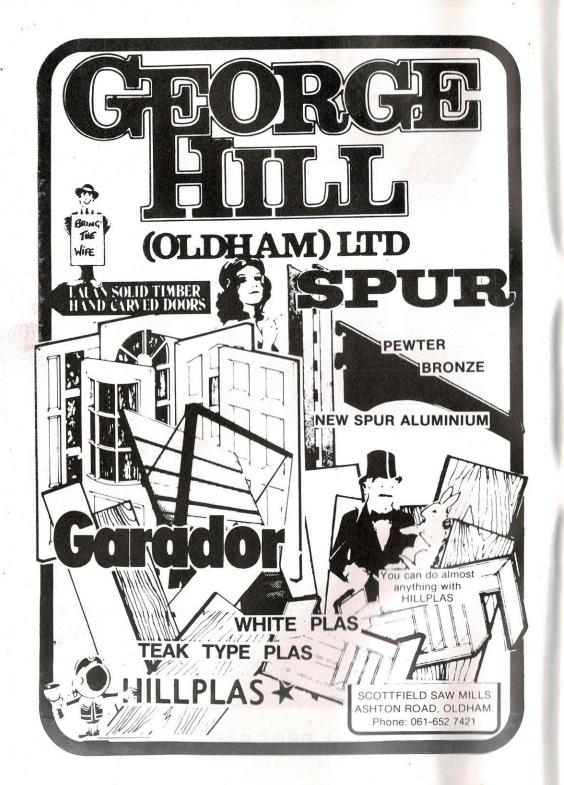
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WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

CONGRATULATIONS are in order today to several Oldham players, who were due to do duty on their country's behalf in Villeneuve, France on Friday afternoon.

We had four players last season in the Great Britain under-24 side, namely Ray Ashton, Andy Goodway, Terry Flanagan and Mick Worrall.

Unfortunately, Andy was not eligible for Friday's match in France because of suspension, but the call-up of Des Foy for his first cap means that we still have four players in the under-24 side and that is a record of which we can be justifiably proud.

If our Oldham four did well in Villeneuve they will have a great chance of keeping their places for the return match in England early next month.

And that could give us a fantastic FIVE men in the team, if Goodway has done enough in the meantime to convince British boss Frank Myler that he is fully match-fit again after his long lay-off.

For some time now we have been keeping our fingers crossed that we might get the return under-24 International here, and the venue is due to be chosen any time now, although we had to go to press before the venue was known.

Last year, of course, you will remember that Terry Flanagan was due to lead out his country here at Watersheddings, but a freak snow storm only half an hour before kick-off put paid to that.

Over the last few weeks the British squad has been training regularly at Watersheddings on Wednesday nights under the watchful eye of our former coach, Frank Myler, and last week it must have felt like home-from-home for Des Foy when he reported for British training for the first time to join Ashton, Flanagan and Worrall on his "home" ground.

Des has certainly merited his call-up to the international scene with some terrific displays in recent weeks as we have started to make people throughout the League sit up and take note.

Last week-end we had a change from First Division competition with the staging here of the first round of the John Player Special Trophy against Leigh, in which we slipped to a disappointing defeat.

Prior to that, we kept the momentum going with a thrilling 22-22 draw at Warrington, where we staged a remarkable rally to snatch a point after slipping behind with only ten minutes left.

The week before that we staged a terrific game here when we beat Hull in front of a crowd of approaching 6,000. The game had everything - fine football, hard tackling, thrilling moves, and a

. The draw at Warrington meant that in recent First Division games we have drawn at Hull K.R., hammered St. Helens, won at Castleford, beaten Hull at Watersheddings and snatched a draw at Warrington.

Few teams will report such a good record against that calibre of team, and the beauty of it all is that we have now played once every team in the upper half of the table.

We could have called off today's game because of the international on Friday, but it was decided to pursue original plans and hope that the four came through without mishap and got back home safely last evening.

Although the British team was due to fly back into Heathrow yesterday lunch time and arrive back in Leeds by tea time, the League ruled that the international would be regarded as a week end match.

As we had four players involved, therefore, we could have asked for a postponement, but coach Peter Smethurst is not keen to postpone games while the weather is holding for fear of causing a backlog later in the season.

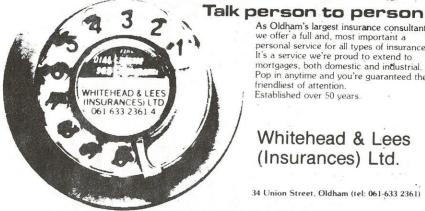
We retained our top-four spot by picking up a point at Wilderspool and despite that Player's Trophy tie against Leigh the fact is that we are still very much on course to do well in the Slalom Lager championship race this season, only our second since winning promotion.

You will have read in the Press that we are investigating the possibilities of introducing a Family Ticket scheme to try and help the man or wife who wishes to bring two or three children to the games

We also plan to call a special meeting of all members, supporters, friends and anyone who has the club sufficiently at heart to want to attend.

We will have one or two things to say about the club's financial state, and one or two ideas to put forward about how we can all help to ease the strain on the club from the financial point of view.

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HISTORICAL NOTES ON WIGAN

by Tom Webb

WIGAN for years was the premier Lancashire Rugby League club but on the occasion of the 1933-34 Championship final in which Wigan defeated Salford at Swinton by 15-5 their thirteen did not include one Lancashire player. Only two hailed from the North and they were Yorkshiremen! The line-up that day was Jim Sullivan (Wales); A.V. Twose (Devonshire), Gwyn Davies (Wales), Len Mason (New Zealand), John C. Morley (Wales); George Bennett (Wales), Hector Gee (Australia); Albert Davies (Wales), Ossie T. Griffiths (Wales), Reg Hathway (Wales), H. Edwards (Wales), Joe Golby (Yorkshire) and J. William Targett (Yorkshire). Hathway had joined Wigan from Oldham for whom he played 132 games in which he scored 26 tries following his signing from Newport Rugby Union club. With Wigan he scored four tries in 72 games.

Among many Welshmen who played for Wigan were Owens, Jerram, Bradley, Windsor Jones, Treharne, Gunn, Hopkins, Dicky David, Howell Francis, Freddy Jones, Newey, Llewellyn, Gwyn Davies, Albert Davies, Tommy Thomas, Banfield, Coles, Shea (Jerry Shea the boxer), Parker, Bennett, Dowdall, Roffey, "Sailor" Woods, Hodder, Ike Jones, Albert Davies, W. Morgan, Stephens, Gwyn Williams, Moxey, Ossie Griffiths, Jack Bowen

and Eddie Watkins and that was only up to April 1951.

At that time there had only been two Australians on the Wigan books, Hector Gee and Joe Wilson. Three Scotsmen on the registers were Andrew Little, Roy Kinnear and Johnston a forward. Others joined the club from New Zealand, South Africa and Ireland so there was a "League of Nations" suggestion about the Central Park club. Since 1951 there has been an Italian and I believe a Greek although the latter never made the first team

From South Africa had come A.J. Van Heerden, a champion hurdler, Dave Booysen,

Van Der Spuy, George Van Rooyen and Burger.

To be fair to Wigan it must be remembered that the club has always encouraged junior and schoolboy football and if we could get the pre war gates which were well into five figures for schoolboy matches we would be very happy today when five figure gates are most welcome.

Among the early home products were Jim Sharrock the great fullback and a predecessor of Jim Sullivan, Joe Miller a winger and Dick Ramsdale a forward who all gained international honours in the early years of our game. Since then, of course, many others

have also been honoured by international and county recognition.

Wigan sent Harry Lowe, then chairman and Alderman J. Walkden, a former player to South Africa in search of talent, the first club to send representatives overseas for this purpose. They came back with the signature of wing threequarter, Adrian Jacobus Van Heerden. The club was also the first to entertain royalty when the Prince of Wales, afterwards Edward VIII visited Central Park on November 23 1932 to watch his first Rugby League match.

Incidentally when Alderman James Walkden retired as chairman of the Wigan board he was presented with a silver tea service, on behalf of the club, to mark his service as a director and as chairman of the club. The presentation was made by John Counsell who

succeeded him as chairman.

On December 9 1936 the Wigan Football Club directors' meeting decided to offer Mr. Harry Sunderland the post of secretary-manager of the club at £400 per year and bonus of £3 per match won and 10% bonus of profits at the end of the season.

Harry eventually took the position, later resigning to continue his career as a journalist

and broadcaster.

WELCOME TO WIGAN!

WHATEVER ups or downs they experience, Wigan always attract good support to Central Park and invariably emerge as one of the most talked-about clubs in Rugby League.

In recent weeks all the talk has been of Wigan's younger players, especially the 17-year-old outside-half Shaun Edwards, who turned pro recently for a contract reputed to be worth a world-record £45.000.

Somebody certainly did a good PR job because the signing not only merited an enormous number of column inches in the national newspapers, but even won coverage on breakfast-time TV.

Shaun certainly has had a lot on his young shoulders, attracting more media attention over his signing than many big-name stars when they have moved from one club to another.

The son of Jackie Edwards, that great half-back with Warrington in the 1950s, Shaun had the distinction of captaining England schoolboys at League and Union, and his signing ended one of the biggest chases ever made by League clubs for a boy so young.

He was due to make his senior debut against York in the first round of the John Player Special Trophy at Central Park last Sunday, partnered by another 17-year-old in scrum-half Keith Holden.

Keith is also the son of a former professional, and there will be many Oldham fans in the ground today who remember our former centre Keith Holden, whose strong displays in the middle, were a feature of the Watersheddings scene in the very early 1960s.

If Edwards and Holden, who played together in the Wigan schoolboy side, keep their places in the team today the game's big talking point will certainly be the battle of the half-backs against our own Ray Ashton and lan Birkby.

As well as throwing in young starlets from off their own doorstep, Wigan have also scoured the world for top-quality players, and they could include four overseas men in their pack today.

New Zealanders Danny Campbell and Graeme West are seasoned members of the Wigan pack now, but this season they have been joined by Kerry Hemsley, an Australian, and Howie Tamati, New Zealand's Test hooker, who has displaced Oldhamer Nicky Kiss in the middle of the front row.

In the backs Wigan can call upon the services of experienced players like Martin Foy, Colin Whitfield and Denis Ramsdale, not to mention Henderson Gill, David Stephenson, Brian Juliffe and Jeff Clara

At the helm, of course, is the one and only Alex Murphy, who guided them to a John Player Trophy triumph last season when the Cherry and Whites beat Leeds in a thrilling final at Elland Road.

Murphy and the Wigan board have left no stone unturned in their attempts to put a strong, pacy and clever side on the field of play, and their latest capture is 19-year-old full back Steve Hampson from the Vulcan RU Club in Newton-le-Willows.

Vulcan may not be widely known in this area, but Oldham supporters will recall that it was from the same club that we signed scrum-half Tommy Canning some 15 or 16 years ago.

In recent years Wigan have made several excursions into this area to sign players, sparked by the signing of Kiss, Foy and Mick Nanyn, all from Saddleworth Rangers, some 3½ years ago.

In more recent times, Wigan have signed teenage out-half Mike Ford, a member of last summer's BARLA youth tour to New Zealand, from local club St. Anne's.

It appears that we have competition from Wigan in more ways than one, and today's game should be in the traditional mould of Oldham-Wigan contests — hard, fair, and full of good football.



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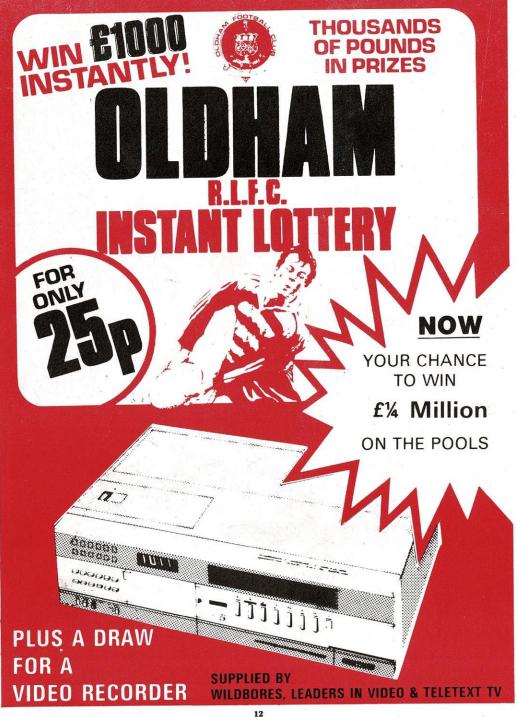
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Mick Warrall makes a break during our 20-12 defeat by Leigh in the first round of the John Player Special Trophy last Sunday.



Leigh's tackling was tremendous and this is a typical example as Henderson, Ainsworth and Fox halt Mick Parrish.

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York: Smith; Foster, Banks (goal), Belford, Nicholson; Harkin, Inns; Ramshaw, Wileman, Harris, Rhodes, Dunkerley, Cooper (drop goal). Coupe and Hagen for Ramshaw and Inns. Referee, T. J. Court, Leeds. Attendance 1,111. Half-time score 5-3.

TEN YEARS AGO

Sunday, November 11, 1973

First Division

Oldham 2 4 16 Widnes 3 2 12

Oldham: Murphy; Munro (try), Wainwright (try), Larder, Elliott; Blair, McCone (2 tries); Clawson (2 goals), Taylor, Hughes, McCracken, Hall, Peters.

O'Brien did not play, Daley for Hughes.

Widnes: Dutton (3 goals); Brown, Warburton (try), D. O'Neill (try), Aspey; Bowden, Bishop; Mills, Elwell, Sheridan, Foran, Adams, Laughton. Substitutes J. O'Neill and Dearden. (Not known if they played or not).

Referee, R. Moore, Wakefield. Attendance 1,896. Half-time score not known.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Monday, November 11, 1968

Wigan 7 12 50 Oldham 0 1 3

Wigan: Tyrer (goal and 2 tries); Francis (2 tries), Ashton (6 goals and try), C. Hill (try), Rowe (try); D. Hill, Jackson; Stephens, Clarke (2 tries), Webb, Mills, Lyon, O'Loughlin (try). Price (2 tries) replaced Tyrer.

Oldham: Beverley; Leyland, Mead, Buckley, Mullarkey; Davies, Sayer; Payne, Walker, Ogden, Hicks, Russell (try), Maders. Lenningan for Walker.

Referee, J. Manley, Warrington. Attendance 6,951. Receipts £1,323. Half-time score 16-3

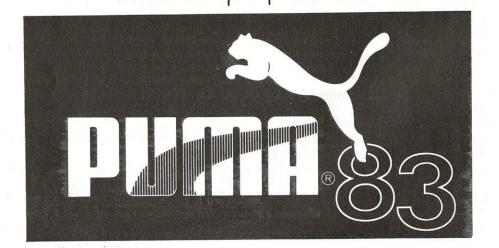
On the previous Saturday the game had been abandoned after 18 minutes with neither side having scored.



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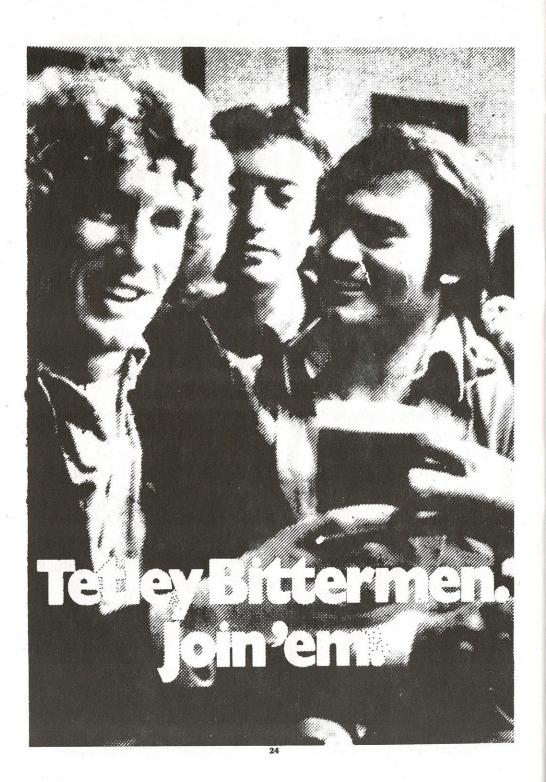
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	28	Bradford N. (3.00)		17	Oldham Amateur R.L. (7.30) H 40-2
C				26	Lancashire Amateur R.L.(7.30) . H P
Sept.		Lancs. Cup (1) Workington H 26-20	Sept		
	11	Featherstone R. (3.30) A 24-16		10	Barrow (3.00) H 20-16
	14	Lancs. Cup (2) Swinton A 6-8		15	Swinton (LRCS 1st leg) (7.30) . A 26-16
	18	Futham (3.00)		23	Salford (7.30)
_	25	Hull K.R. (3.00)		29	St. Helens (7.30) A 8-28
Oct.	2	St. Helens (3.00) H 32-6	Oct.		G. Holong (1.00)
	9	Widnes (3.00)	000	7	Widnes (7.30) A 12-28
	19	Castleford (7.30) A 18-16		13	Warrington (7.30)
	23	Hull (3.00)		20	Swinton (LRCS 2nd Leg) (7.30) . H 8-0
	30	Warrington (3.00) A 22-22		27	Lancs. Amateur R.L. (7.30) H 22-9
Nov.	6	JOHN PLAYER(1)(Leigh) H 12-20	Nov.	4	Lanes. Amateur N.L. (7.50) 11 22-5
	13	Wigan (3.00) H		9	Oldham Amateur R.L. v
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	11	Featherstone R. (3.00) H	Dec.	1	Leigh (7.30) A
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	26	Salford (3.00) H		15	Swinton (7.30) H
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	8	Leigh (3.00) H	1984		
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	29	Castleford (3.00) H	Juin	13	Leigh (7.00)
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	12	STATE EXPRESS CHAL. CUP (1)		27	vvigari (7.50)
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	25	Whitehaven (3.00) H		9	
Apr.	1	St. Helens (3.00) A		16	Salford (7.30) A
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Sept		Wigan (3.00) H		17	York (2.30)
	10	Cardiff C. (3.00) A		24	TOTA (2.50)
	17	Barrow (3.00) H		31	
	24	Hull K.R. (3.00) A	1984		
Oct.	1		Jan.	2	
300	8	Bramley (3.00) H		7	Leigh (2.30) A
	15	Castleford (3.00) A		14	Colts Chal. Cup, Prelim. Round .
	22	Hunslet (3.00) H		21	Colts Chal. Cup, 1st Round
	29	Halifax (3.00) A	Jan	28	
Nov.		Huddersfield (3.00) H	to		
	12	Rochdale H. (2.30) A	Mar.	31	Pool 'A' & Pool 'B' fixtures
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