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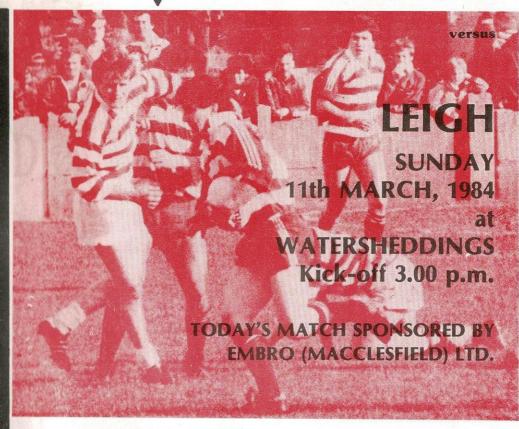
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WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

MARCH will be a vital month for the Oldham club because we have a spell of five games in the month. four of which are here at Watersheddings.

It is crucial that we pick up First Division points during the month with four consecutive Sunday home matches, starting with last Sunday's match against Bradford Northern.

Leigh are here today, followed by Warrington next Sunday and Whitehaven on the following Sunday, so it is obvious that the next few weeks will be vital.

We have also arranged to play our outstanding match at Leigh on Wednesday night, March 21. which is sandwiched between the Warrington and Whitehaven fixtures.

The First Division is so competitive, both at the top and the bottom, that while it is true to say that we need points to ensure ourselves of First Division survival it is equally true to say that we could still finish up in the top eight, as we did last year, if we can string one or two victories together.

There is clearly everything to play for over the remaining weeks of the season and don't forget that as we still have ten games to play we have still got one-third of the season left.

With a total of 20 league points to play for we could still make amends for all the disappointments of the past few weeks.

Our Challenge Cup campaign duly came to an end at Wigan in the second round, but after all the comings and goings of the past few weeks we can now settle down to trying to get things right for the remainder of the season.

Warrington will provide very attractive opposition next week, not only because they have some of the best-known players in the game but because they have an outside chance of League honours and they will be coming here determined to improve upon the result of the corresponding match at Wilderspool which ended in a draw after a real thriller.

Full back Steve Hesford's trusty boot has enabled him to overtake the never-to-be-forgotton Brian Bevan as the Wires' leading points scorer of all time.

Ken Kelly is a vital cog at half-back and the Wires back line can boast players of the calibre of Phil Ford, a lethal finisher, John Bevan and Ronnie Duane, a youngster who is a hot favourite to earn selection on the summer tour of Australia.

Up front, Warrington boast one of the most prolific forward try scorers in Bob Eccles, together with former Oldham hooker Roger O'Mahoney, a talented youngster in Mike Gregory and a willing worker in Tony Worrall, brother of our own Mick Worrall,

We hope that as many of you as possible will rally round next week, and the week after, because if the club is to be successful we must have people through the turnstiles to provide the revenue that counts for so much.

It is in periods of disappointment that the club needs your support and loyalty more than ever and we trust we can rely on you to give us your support next week for the visit of the Wires and the following week when Whitehaven are here.

After all, we do have an old score to settle against the Cumbrians and by then we are hoping we will have picked up some points not only to take us away from the bottom region but hopefully towards a real challenge for a top-eight place once more.

You will recall that we had a similarly disappointing period last year when we went several matches without a good performance, a period which included a home defeat by Workington in the cup and a defeat at Carlisle in the league.

We ultimately got the act together again and a run of five consecutive wins finally proved enough to land us in the top eight and earn a lucrative Premiership first-round tie at Hull.

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HISTORICAL NOTES ON LEIGH

by Tom Webb

FOR a change we start the historical notes with a list of results. These go back almost a hundred years and were copied from a Leigh newspaper when I was doing research on the club.

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1886-87	30	17	9	4	29	38	252	15	28	154
1887-88	32	24	4	4	29	60	320	4	12	56
1888-89	35	23	9	3	22	50	260	17	16	126
1889-90	38	17	11	10	17	26	128	9	23	109
1890-91	38	16	17	5	34	27	129	21	33	99
1891-92	39	18	15	6	25	44	212	23	37	183
1892-93	43	17	17	9	36	34	235	27	31	187
1893-94	40	25	6	9	36	61	352	16	10	116
1894-95	27	10	10	7	9	25	119	14	16	119
1895-96	42	21	17	4	27	38	232	35	36	266
1896-97	32	14	13	5	17	19	125	18	30	172
1897-98	36	16	17	3	56	64	304	31	57	237
1898-99	31	21	10	0	46	42	218	17	40	154
1899-1900	31	11	15	5	33	39	183	30	62	246
Total	517	271	170	76	437	597	3259	278	443	2242

Be warned, don't try to make sense of the goals and tries equalling the value of the total points for the seasons until 1897-98 when the value of all goals counted two points and tries three points. Previously a converted try counted as a goal, five points and the tries were then ignored. Putting the ball down over the opponents' line gave a team the right to "try" at goal. When we use the term "conversion" we mean that goal points have been added to a try. The word "conversion" is today an anachronism and we could very well bring our rules up to date. We score a try by placing the ball down between the opposition's goal line and the dead ball line. We could very well alter the name to "try line".

In the Rugby Union days and in the first two seasons of our game as the Northern Union, a dropped goal was worth four points, a penalty goal three points, a try three points and a conversion kick two points, which as already stated counted as part of the five points goal, three points for the try and two points for a successful kick at goal or a conversion.

Can the readers of this programme remember the players whose names appeared on the retained list for the Leigh club at the end of season 1950-51? This list was published in the "Rugby Leaguer" on August 18th, 1951.

Allen, Trevor centre; Breare, Richard full back; Baxter, Kenneth stand-off; Burke, Jeffrey J., loose-forward; Benson, Basil wing; Bennett, John full back; Beatty, George stand-off; Brown, Ronald stand-off; Coffey, Benjamin front row forward; Cleworth, Albert wing; Christy, Albert loose-forward; Curran, Leslie loose-forward; Chadwick, Brian scrum half; Driver, Thomas full back; Delooze, Brian second row forward; Edden, Harry front row forward; Egan, Joseph hooker; Foster, Peter loose-forward; Freeman, Thomas front row forward; Green, Harry scrum half; Holdbrook, Kenneth loose-forward; Harris, Norman centre; Hughes, George second row forward; Hill, Joseph scrum half; Kerwick, Edward, centre; Kindon, William C. wing; Kitchen, Frank wing; Ledgard, James A. full back; Lannon, Patrick hooker; Lowe, John centre; Marston, Peter front row forward; Morgan, Frank wing; McFarlane, William loose-forward; Pawsey, Charles H. second row forward; Pugsley, Yendil H. front row forward; Riley, Peter scrum half; Ruffley, V. front row forward; Stephens, Terry hooker; Skeech, T.E. second row forward; Stone, Arthur second row forward; Tobin, John full back; Tabern, Walter second row forward; Thomas, Albert second row forward; Vallet, Austin stand-off; Wood, John wing; and Wright, George second row forward.

One or two of the players never appeared in the ranks of the Leigh first team while others spent part of their careers with other clubs. Brian Chadwick was only 16 years old. Joe Egan, the Great Britain and England hooker was the club coach. Harry Edden was the son of the late Jack Eddon, referee and later Swinton director for many years.

LEIGH'S RETURN TRIP

LEIGH are back here at Watersheddings today following a decision of the Rugby League management committee to order a replay of the game that ended prematurely on January 8th when Leyland referee John Mean called a halt because of fighting.

Tommy Bishop's team was leading at the time and as they also knocked us out of the John Player Special Trophy they will doubtless come to Watersheddings today with plenty of confidence.

They will have a similar line-up in action as the side they fielded on January 8th, with the exception of one or two significant changes.

The biggest difference to one of the fastest back lines in the game could see the switch of John Woods and Steve Donlan back to their original positions.

Early in the season, Donlan was moved from centre to stand-off with Woods pulled out wider to partner Test flier Des Drummond on the right flank.

More recently, however, Woods has again tugged on the No. 6 jersey with Donlan

moving back into the centre position.

Most significant change in the pack is the introduction of teenager Gary Hughes at hooker, and Hughes must have made a big impression as he has been getting the vote ahead of such men as Ray Tabern and local lad Gary Ainsworth.

We may also see our own Adrian Alexander in action today in the Leigh jersey. Alexander is at Hilton Park on our rent-a-player scheme, and he played in a recent win at Featherstone which brought to an end a Leigh losing sequence that has borne some similarity to our own poor run.

Leigh have three experienced props from whom to choose, and Alexander will be

challenging for a place alongside Alf Wilkinson and Derek Pyke.

The emergence of Tony Cottrell as a second-row man and the return after a long injury lay-off of Tommy Martyn gives Leigh plenty of options in the back-row and this led to the sale recently of Ian Potter, who went to Wigan for an undisclosed fee.

Martyn, one of the best play-makers in the game today, returned to action at Featherstone and it was perhaps no coincidence that Leigh marked his return with an impressive win at Post Office Road.

Gary Stradins has filled the Leigh full back spot following the retirement of Mick Hogan, and the back line of Drummond, Henderson, Donlan and Fox needs no introduction!

There could be a new contender for a place in this speedy line-up in the shape of young St. Helens lad Chris Johnson, who has had some impressive "A" team games in recent weeks. He will be remembered here as being sent off with Chris Willis in a recent reserve match.

Woods will probably form an all-international half-back pairing with New Zealander Shane Varley, who has had a tremendous season for the Leigh club.

The back-row trio will probably come from Cottrell, Kiwi Jeff Clarke, Martyn and

teenager John Westhead.

All told. Leigh have a nice blend of youth and experience, pace and power and they will provide attractive opposition today during our run of four consecutive Sunday home matches during March.



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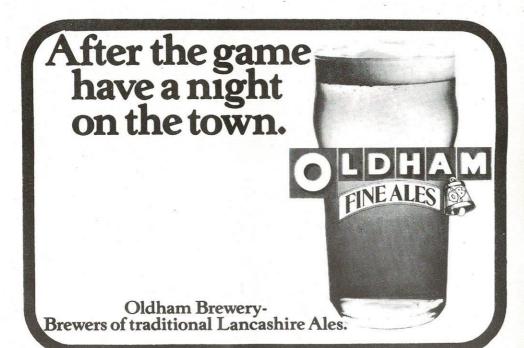
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Our souvenir shop is situated at the pavilion end of the ground for the sale of Sweaters, £10.00 each; Sweatshirts, £8.50 adults, juniors £6.50; Scarves (Oldham), £2.75; Bar Scarves, £2.50; Ties, £3.50; Label Badges, 65p; Blazer Badges, £8.50; Bob Hats £1.25. Oldham red and white shirts with club badge on at different prices according to sizes. We have now opened a Programme Shop in the hut at The Waterhead End of the ground.

The Supporters Club are once again running a Wembley Draw with prizes of - Winner £50 Losing Finalist £20, Losing Semi-Finalist £5, All other teams £1. Anyone wishing to sell any of the above tickets for us please see Miss A. Collinge at the small canteen behind the stand. Price of the tickets are 50p a book.

FUN RUN this year is being run on Sunday, May 20th 1984. There are two runs, one is A Family Run of approximately 3 miles to commence at 11 a.m. Entry fee of £1.50 and A SENIOR RUN of a distance of 7.6 miles (age limit of 17 years and over) to commence at 12 noon over the course as last year. Entry fee of £2.00. For details of these inquire at canteens.

The Player of the Year Dance is being held on Friday, 11th May at 8 p.m. in the Social Club.

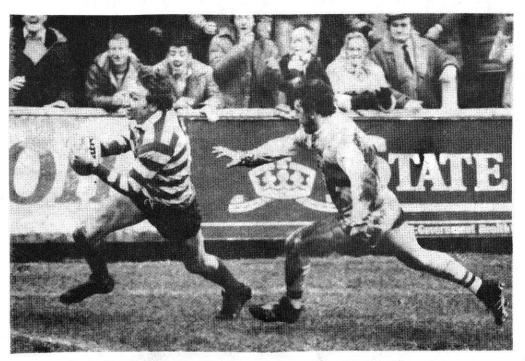
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Colin Hawkyard flies for the corner against Bradford but the try was disallowed.



Craig Coyle falls to a copy-book tackle in the cup-tie against Huyton.



Colin Hawkyard makes a strong break against Bradford.



Mick Parrish landed five goals to give Oldham a 10-4 win over Bradford.

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FIVE YEARS AGO

Sunday, 11th March, 1979

Oldham 5 4 22 Huyton 1 1 5 (Second Division)

Oldham: O'Brien; Elliott, Larder (2 tries), Newell, Jackson; Munro, Paterson (try); Fiddler (5 goals), O'Mahoney (try), Taylor, Hall, Hawkyard, Jewett. Substitutes. Ratcliffe did not play, Byram for Hall after 58 minutes.

Huyton: Andrews; Burke (try), Tabern, Sheehy, Nuttall; O'Neill (goal), Bishop; Goulding, Walker, Middlehurst, Coope, Wilcox, Heesom.

Substitutes, Prescott and Hartley for Sheehy and Wilcox.

Referee, B. Shooman (Leeds), Half-time score 10-2. Attendance 879.

TEN YEARS AGO

Oldham had no match. The "A" team on Saturday March 9, 1974 defeated Huyton "A"

Oldham's junior clubs were either in the Huddersfield and Halifax Joint League or the North Western Counties League. The Joint League later became the present Pennine League, Waterhead were virtually unassailable at the top of the first division. Mayfield, Fitton Hill and Saddleworth Rangers were in the first division. Salem Hornets, Mayfield "A" and Spotland Rangers were in the second division. Ferranti and Higginshaw were in the third division. St. Annes were members of the Warrington based North Western Counties League.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Tuesday, March 11th, 1969

Oldham 3 1 9 Swinton 2 3 13 (All clubs were in one division)

Oldham: Whitehead (2 goals); Elliott, Murphy, Buckley, Davies; Briggs (goal and try), Sayer; Wilson, Taylor, Ogden, Irving, McCourt, Clark. Substitutes, Dunn did not play, McCormack for Whitehead at half-time.

Swinton: Gowers (goal); Williams, Fleet, Buckley (try), Pratt; W. Davies, Kenny (try); Bate, Clarke, Mackay, Holliday, Whittle, Smith. Substitute Lowe played.

Referee, E. Lawrinson, Warrington. Half-time score 9-6. Attendance 3,577

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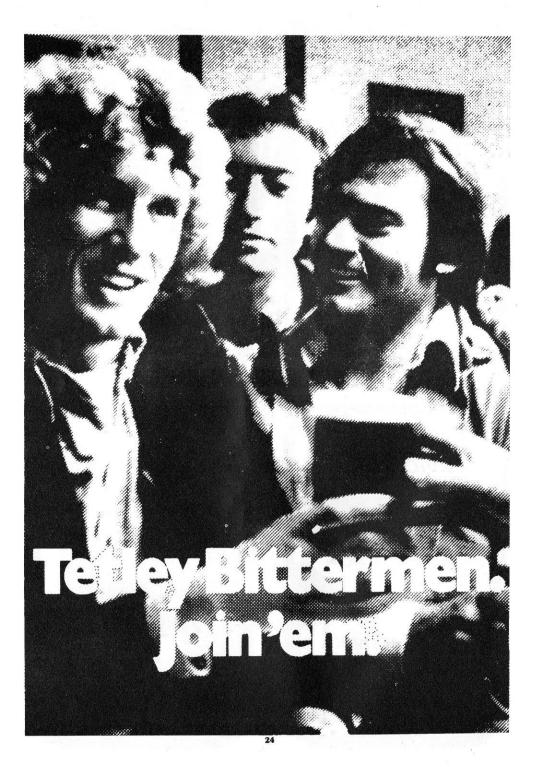
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Hull's exciting 18-year-old centre Gary Schofield is facing up, with refreshing enthusiasm, to the twin threat posed by Widnes winger John Basnett and his teammate Joe Lydon.

The fact that all three players are included in the Great Britain squad to prepare for Australia has given the struggle added flavour.

Schofield has made an unbelievable start to his professional career considering he only turned professional last August.

His strong running and eye for a half chance have made him a player to watch and one set for the hig time

When you consider the enforced lay off that Basnett suffered through a broken hand the ex-Rugby Union star has wasted little time making up for lost ground.

When Basnett powers in from the wing it is an enthralling sight and Naughton Park fans clearly delight in his ability to scatter defenders like confetti once he gets into top gear.

It can be fatal to allow Basnett to build up pace just as it is asking for trouble to allow the faster and more elusive runner Lydon any real room.

What Lydon lacks in power he makes up for in classy running yet all three players have so much to offer with completely contrasting styles.

Batley's highly rated flier Carl Gibson is leading a pack of challengers in which Oldham's scrum half Ray Ashton has lost out through a recurring back injury when he was going well.

Leigh have two challengers in high scoring skipper John Woods and winger Phil Fox while also making a bid are Hunslet's Graham King and Barrow's Ralph Connell.

IT now seems impossible to imagine that France — whether they are playing League or Union — will ever rid themselves of fouling, spiteful and cowardly tactics.

Over the years the Test clashes with France that have ugly incidents have completely overshadowed the football and we've had every worst type of foul in the book.

And again the questions are being asked as to whether or not it is worth continuing to play them for what value these games provide.

Britain's skipper Brian Noble, nursing a gashed head after being stamped on at Headingley, has no doubt that it is a waste of time.

And it is more than just coincidence that 24 hours after the Headingley clash we had the French Rugby Union side handing out some of the same tactics as the League men in the clash against Wales.

Australian referee John Gocher, the man the French wanted to ban after Avignon for stamping on their tactics, left Headingley covered in spit from French prop Max Chantal.

At Cardiff, French skipper Jean Pierre Rives had made a sour farewell with a snarling, spitting clash with the Welsh forwards.

Had France got on with trying to play rugby at Headingley they might well have won instead of presenting Britain with another penalty points to stroll home.

France tackled well at times but Britain made it easy for them with too much one-man rugby, little supporting play and scarcely any inspiration.

New Zealand coach Graham Lowe was most diplomatic afterwards and with a Test series to come refused to write off Britain.

Quite rightly he pointed to a fine defensive show by Britain but felt that they had failed to get the basics right for so much of a miserable encounter.

Lowe also realised that the Test team was to a large extent an experimental one and a long way from the finished articles.

Britain's manager Dick Gemmell did more than hint afterwards that only a few players in the side had any real chance of making the Test side that will face Australia and New Zealand.

OLDHAM R.L.F.C. FIXTURES 1983-84

	FIRST TEAM FIXTURES		'A' TEAM FIXTURES
1983 Aug. 14 . 21	Leeds (3.00) H 25-16	1983 Aug. 11	St. Helens (Friendly) (7.30) A P Oldham Amateur R.L. (7.30) H 40-2
28 Sept. 4		26 Sept. 2	Lancashire Amateur R.L.(7.30) . H P
14 18 25	Lancs. Cup (2) Swinton A 6-8 Fulham (3.00) H 30-12	10 15 - 23	Barrow (3.00)
Oct. 2 9	St. Helens (3.00)	29 Oct. 7	St. Helens (7.30)
23 30 Nov. 6	Hull (3.00) H 18-12 Warrington (3.00)	13 20 27	Warrington (7.30)
13 20 27	Wigan (3.00) H 8-4 Fulham (3.00)	Nov. 4 9 17	Wigan
Dec. 4	Leigh (3.30) A P Featherstone R. (3.00) H P	25	
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29 Feb. 5	Hull (3.00)	Jan. 5	Leigh (7.30)
19 26	Whitehaven (3.30) A 8-42 STATE EXPRESS CHAL. CUP (2) H 6-30	19 26 Feb. 3	Wigan (7.30)
Mar. 4	Leigh (3.00) H	9 16	St. Helens (7.30)
18 25 Apr. 1	Warrington (3.00) H Whitehaven (3.00) H St. Helens (3.00) A	25 Mar. 1	Barrow (2.30)
8 15 20	Widnes (3.00) A Wakefield T. (3.00) H	16 22 3 0	Salford (7.30) A Widnes (7.30)

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Jan.	28	Rochdale (2.30) .						A
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	24	Huddersfield (3.00))				*	A
	31	Bramley (3.00) .						A
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	14	Bramley (3.00) .						H

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