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Club colours - Blue & white hooped jerseys, white shorts

Today's Opponents - Oldham

Tonight we welcome to Thrum Hall the players, officials and supporters of Oldham, a club strongly challenging for a place in the League's top four and a consequent home tie in the Premiership.

Despite murmurs of discontent from scrum-half Ray Ashton and ball-playing loose forward Terry Flanagan, both members of last summer's Great Britain Tour party, Oldham still have a powerful team under the management of Frank Myler. Leading the way is second-rower Andy Goodway, the current Great Britain skipper who is so clearly one of the best forwards in the world. With ball-players like Flanagan, hooker Alan McCurrie and evergreen prop Mick Morgan - wanted by Halifax a few weeks ago - to feed off, Goodway's strength and speed becomes really effective. Fellow back-row forwards Mick Worrall (another 1984 Tourist) and Colin Hawkyard, plus Aussie star Chris Phelan from Parramatta who was a member of the 1983 Queensland Tour of this country, have benefited in a similar way.

In the backs, Ashton or the industrious Paddy Kirwan have Oldham's second top Aussie, Paul Taylor, as half-back partner. Taylor is a much-used name in the Oldham back section, for Alan Taylor appears at full-back and Mike Taylor is a most effective speedy winger. At centre, meanwhile, there is a mixture of strength and speed with big goal-kicker Mick Parrish rattling up the points alongside another Great Britain Tourist, Des Foy.

Oldham have now further strengthened their squad with the signing of top Featherstone Rovers forward David Hobbs the Great Britain International and 1984 Tourist. They also have second-rower Paul Dixon on loan from Huddersfield and winger Mitchell from Leeds.

Oldham were comfortable 24-12 winners against a tired Halifax at Watersheddings on New Year's Day, so will be looking to complete the double tonight. Their last visit to Thrum Hall brought them a 20 points to 5 victory in September 1982, tries being scored by Foy, Ashton, Goodway and Hawkyard, with Parrish kicking four goals. Halifax's try was scored by Franny Jarvis, and the goal by Mal Agar. The attendance was 2,840.

The Halifax Aussies No 10 — Peter Marles

Full name: Peter Robert Marles
Birthplace: Charleville, Queensland, Australia

Birthdate: 2.5.62

Height: 6' 2"

Weight: 15 st 5 lb

Previous clubs: Wanderers, Cessnock, Redcliffe

Married: No

Occupation: Unemployed

Favourite other team: Manly-Warringah

Favourite players: Vic Tighe, Rod Reddy

Rugby hero of childhood: Terry Randall

Favourite position: Front Row

Favourite other sport: Golf

Car: Mazda RX7

Most memorable match: 1983 Newcastle Grand Final

Most respected rival: Any halfback

Hardest player to tackle: Any halfback

Biggest disappointment: Breaking arm twice in 1984

Favourite ground: Lang Park

Favourite food: Mud crab

Favourite drink: Milo

Favourite music: Aussie Crawl

Favourite TV show: Hogan's Heroes

Favourite film: Police Academy

Miscellaneous likes: Sleeping, listening to stereo music

Miscellaneous dislikes: Being woken up, snobbish women

Biggest influence on career: Father

Superstitions: Always wear mouthguard

Ambition: To have money and live a successful life and to play five-eight

Club Honours

Championship Play-off winners: 1906-07, 1964-65
Runners up: 1952-53, 1953-54, 1955-56, 1965-66

Challenge Cup winners: 1902-03, 1903-04,
1930-31, 1938-39

Runners up: 1920-21, 1940-41, 1941-42, 1948-49,
1953-54, 1955-56

Yorkshire Cup Winners: 1908-09, 1944-45, 1954-55,
1955-56, 1963-64

Runners up: 1905-06, 1907-08, 1941-42, 1979-80

John Player Trophy winners: 1971-72

Club Records

Attendance: 29,153 v Wigan, March 1959
Record Victory: 78-8 v Hunslet (away) 1972-73
Record Defeat: 64-0 v Wigan (away) 1921-22
Most goals in a season: 147 Tuss Griffiths 1955-56
Most tries in a season: 48 John Freeman 1956-57
Most points in a season: 297 Tuss Griffiths 1955-56
Most goals in a match: 14 Bruce Burton v Hunslet 1972-73
Most tries in a match: 8 Keith Williams v Dewsbury 1957-58
Most points in a match: 31 Bruce Burton v Hunslet 1972-73
Most goals in a career: 1,028 Ronnie James
Most tries in a career: 290 John Freeman
Most points in a career: 2,191 Ronnie James
Most career appearances: 482 Stan Keilty

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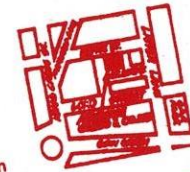
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Chairman's Chat

Hello Again. The column this week was to have been presented by our President David Brook but unfortunately he has been a little out of sorts this week. However I am hopeful he will be here with us tonight. Anyway I'm always grateful of the opportunity to write this column, so as someone once said "into the breach dear friends". Firstly let me bring you all up to date on the Ashton saga. David had been having fruitful negotiations with the Oldham Board and it only remained for the President and I to see Raymond on either Sunday night or Monday to discuss his personal terms, expenses, wages, etc. as it turned out, what with David being ill, and the Tuesday deadline we thought that rather than rushing such an important deal we would be better leaving it till later when things could be finalised without the pressure of time. I think that Ray will be coming to Thrum Hall and I am sure he will blend in with our team and be a major force in achieving our long term aim of putting the Blue and Whites back on top, where they belong.

The least said about the defeats at Leigh and Widnes the better, although I could trot out a string of excuses flu, injuries, etc. Better to forget them and concentrate on the games in hand. I am not saying that there will be any easy rides but at this stage of the season form does sometimes go topsy turvy. You can be sure that the excellent win over Hull did wonders for the lads confidence. People were saying to me after the match that Hull fielded a very weak team. But remember we didn't pick the Hull side and even so they had at least four Internationals in and some very promising juniors. Hull are never easy to beat and those two points were heaven sent, who knows the top eight may not be so far out of reach.

Stick with us, we are on our way to the top.
Up the Blue and Whites.

Yours in sport
STAN ACKROYD
Chairman

OLDHAM RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB



The team on the above photograph are as follows:
Back Row from left to right
B. Gartland (Coach), A. Taylor, T. Flanagan, M. Taylor, M. Parrish,
M. Worrall, W. Jones, C. Hawkyard, F. Myler (Manager).
Front Row from left to right
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B. Caffery, R. Ashton.

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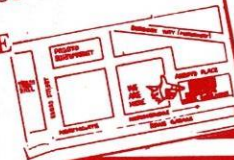
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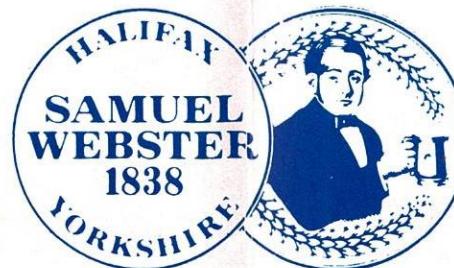
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SEPT. Sun 2nd Barrow Sun 9th CASTLEFORD Sun 16th County Cup Comp. Hull Sun 23rd WORKINGTON T. Sun 30th HUNSLET	20-30 Away 11-10 Home 10-13 Away 40-12 Home 32-18 Home	SEPT. Sat 1st Carlisle/Penrith Fri 7th BRADFORD N. Fri 14th FEATHERSTONE R. Fri 21st Salford Fri 28th SALFORD	7-18 Away 10-22 Home 0-20 Home 14-30 Away 16-34 Home
OCT. Sun 7th Warrington Sun 14th LEIGH Wed 17th St. Helens Sun 21st Featherstone R. Sun 28th WARRINGTON	14-21 Away 23-16 Home 14-42 Away 10-14 Away 36-12 Home	OCT. W/E 6th County Cup (1) Batley Thu 11th Leigh W/E 20th County Cup (2) Workington ST. HELENS	18-24 Away 18-22 Away 14-22 Away 9-6 Home
NOV. Sun 4th Wigan Sun 11th WIDNES Sun 18th J.P. Special Trophy (1) Warrington Sun 25th Hunslet	24-26 Away 6-16 Home 17-5 Away 6-13 Away	NOV. Fri 26th WIGAN Thu 1st Widnes Fri 9th WARRINGTON Fri 16th LEIGH Fri 23rd	14-34 Home 14-18 Away 15-8 Home 12-12 Home
DEC. Sun 2nd J.P.S. Trophy CASTLEFORD Sun 9th Hull Sun 16th ST. HELENS Sat. 22nd J.P.S. Trophy St. Helens Boxing Day Wed. BRADFORD N. Sat 29th HULL K.R. (SF)	20-18 H 4-32 Away 3.00 Home 14-8 Away 26-8 Home 8-14	DEC. Sat 8th WORKINGTON T. Thu 13th St. Helens Fri 21st Bradford N. Fri 28th OLDHAM	10-12 Home 4-30 Away 13-10 Away 0-0 Home (abandoned 31 mins) 7.30 Away 7.30 Home 22-26 Away 16-14 Away
JAN. New Years Day Tues Oldham Sun 6th WIGAN Sun 13th Widnes Sun 20th Leeds Sun 27th FEATHERSTONE R.	12-24 Away 3.00 Home 3.00 Away 14-28 Away 18-9 Home	JAN. Thu 3rd Wigan Fri 11th WIDNES Sat 19th Swinton Thu 24th Featherstone R.	12-0 Home 0-22 Away 7.30 Home
FEB. Sun 3rd Hull K.R. Sun 10th Challenge Cup Sat 16th BARROW Sun 24th Challenge Cup	10-18 Away 17-4 Away Leeds Hull 6-22 Home	FEB. Fri 1st CARLISLE/PENRITH Sat 9th Barrow W/E 16th Alliance Challenge Cup Fri 22nd SWINTON	Bye (1) 7.30 Home
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OPEN RUGBY. The April edition is again on sale in the Souvenir Shop today. Included are the new World Ratings, which for the first time every include a Halifax player.

PLAYER OF THE SEASON AWARDS. A reminder that the ever-popular Player of the Season Awards will take place at a Disco in the Halifax Cricket Club, here at Thrum Hall on Wednesday 24th April. A few tickets are still available from the Souvenir Shop, price £1.50 (including a free supper).

HALIFAX COLTS leave tonight for their Easter Tour to France. They will play four matches against sides in the Perpignan area of the South of France. After a visit to Paris they will arrive home next Friday.

END OF SEASON SALE. Various goods are now available from the Souvenir Shop at reduced prices. Small T-shirts (size 34-36) are available at £3.99, which is less than cost price. Club sweaters (£15) and playing shirts (£13.50 and £12) are not reduced, but it is worth noting that their price will have to be increased considerably next season, the sweaters possibly to approaching £19.95, the price charged in the town centre already.

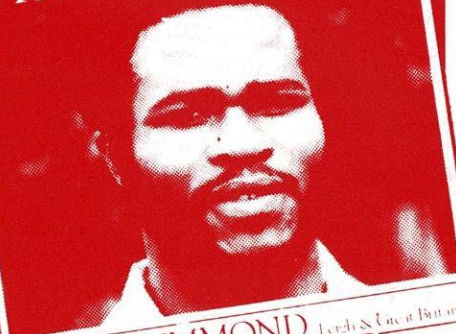
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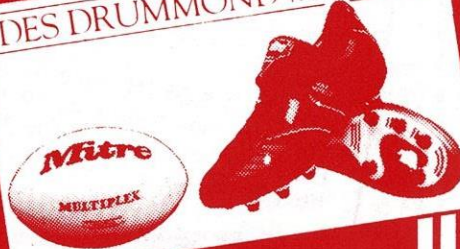
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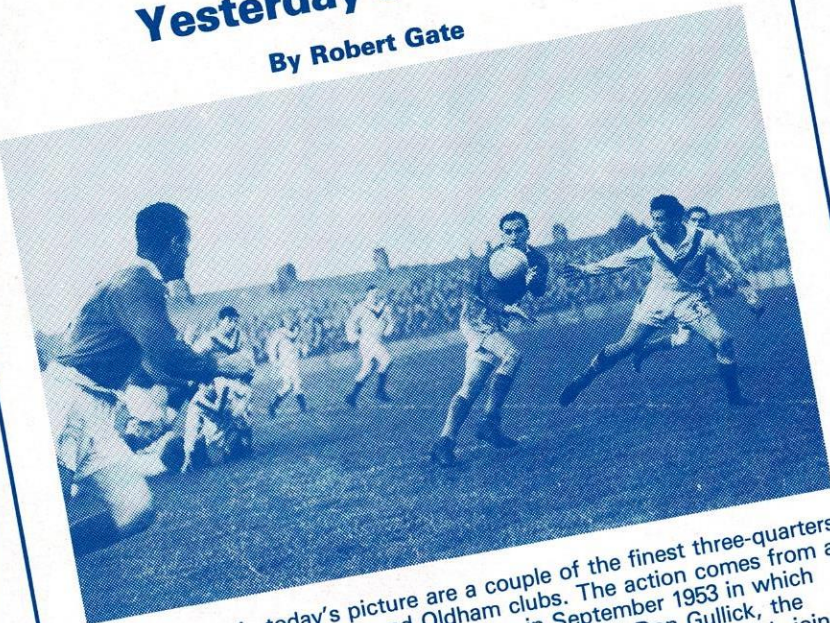
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Yesterday's Heroes

By Robert Gate



Featured in today's picture are a couple of the finest three-quarters to have served the Halifax and Oldham clubs. The action comes from an international match played at St. Helens in September 1953 in which England defeated Wales 24-5. The central figure is Don Gullick, the Welsh centre, who is passing out to ARTHUR DANIELS. Daniels joined Halifax in 1945 and played 377 games for the club before moving to Bradford Northern in 1957. His 215 tries for the Thrum Hallers has been bettered only by Johnny Freeman. Arthur won 13 caps for Wales and appeared in three test matches for Great Britain. He was an Australasian tourist in 1950 but was beset by injuries and made only five appearances. He was also unfortunate in the matter of three times appearing in losing sides in Halifax's Challenge Cup Final teams of 1949, 1954 and 1956. He is perhaps best remembered for his telepathic understanding with his centre, Tommy Lynch.

The player challenging Gullick is ALAN DAVIES, a centre of rare quality who graced the Oldham team from 1950 to 1961, scoring 173 tries in 392 matches. Like Daniels he never won a Challenge Cup winners' medal. During his time at Watersheddings Oldham won everything on offer but never reached Wembley. After joining Wigan, however, he eventually appeared at the Empire Stadium in 1963 only to be part of the Wigan side which fell 25-10 to Wakefield Trinity. Davies made 20 test match appearances for Great Britain and won 19 Lancashire caps. He later played for brief periods with Wakefield Trinity and Salford.

APOLOGY — In the "Yesterday's Heroes" feature for the programme of 16th February (v Barrow) an error was made in the identification of Bryn Knowelden, the old Barrow International centre who was wrongly identified as Joe Jones.

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