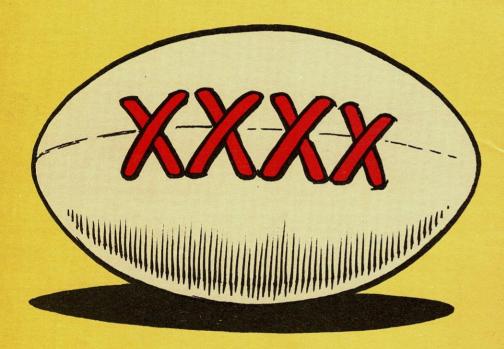
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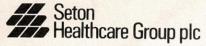


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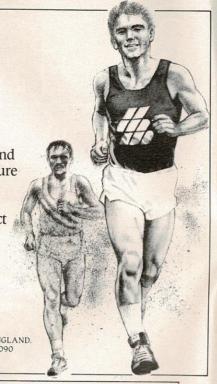
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FROM the BOARDROOM

by CHAIRMAN JAMES QUINN

At the start of a brand new Watersheddings season I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming everyone to the club for the opening game against our friends from London Crusaders.

The very fact that you are here shows that you are back-

ing us in the best possible way, so I do hope you don't regard my following remarks as

preaching to the converted.

It is no secret that the club is deep in debt, but I do not want to dwell on that aspect of Watersheddings life when we are all about to settle down for the start of what will, hopefully, be an exciting season of Rugby League football.

Suffice to say that the club needs all the help it can get from as many sources as possible - from the major sponsor at one end of the equation to the loyal fan who perhaps has to make sacrifices so that he can bring his wife and family to the game.

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Most of all, we rely on you, the **SUPPORTERS**, for it needs only a little help from a lot of people to make a significant impression on what we are trying to achieve.

In return, you can rest assured that the Board of Directors, coach Peter Tunks and the entire backroom team will leave no stone unturned in their efforts to bring you an exciting team and one which can make you proud to be an Oldham supporter.

I know that the Second Division format is not everyone's cup of tea, but there will be a lot of interesting derby games this season - Rochdale, Swinton, Huddersfield etc - and we feel we have genuine reason for believing that we can be up there fighting for promotion or even for the £23,000 Stones Bitter title prize.

There are the cup-ties to look forward to, also, and I am sure that as the season unfolds you will warm to the team Peter Tunks has assembled and to the new boys he has brought in like Tony Solomona, Ben Olsen, Mark Sheals, Stuart Cocker, Mark Meadows, Des Maea and Hugh Gumbs.

We appreciate that we are in the entertainment business and that the onus is on the club to provide a team the fans want to watch. I hope you will agree that we have done our best to provide such a team for 1992-3.

If so, do us a big favour that won't cost you a penny . . . tell your friends, workmates and relatives that we are worth a visit. Thanks in anticipation.

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Australia have finished top of the five-nation table, each country having played the other home and away during Test series since1989. Great Britain qualify for the eagerly-awaited final by leading New Zealand on points difference, both having collected 10 points from their eight fixtures. For the second successive World Cup competition, Australia have conceded home advantage as they did in 1988, when defeating New Zealand in Auckland.

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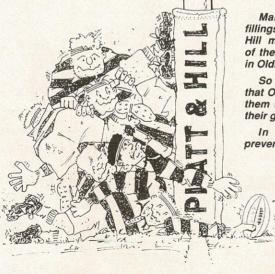
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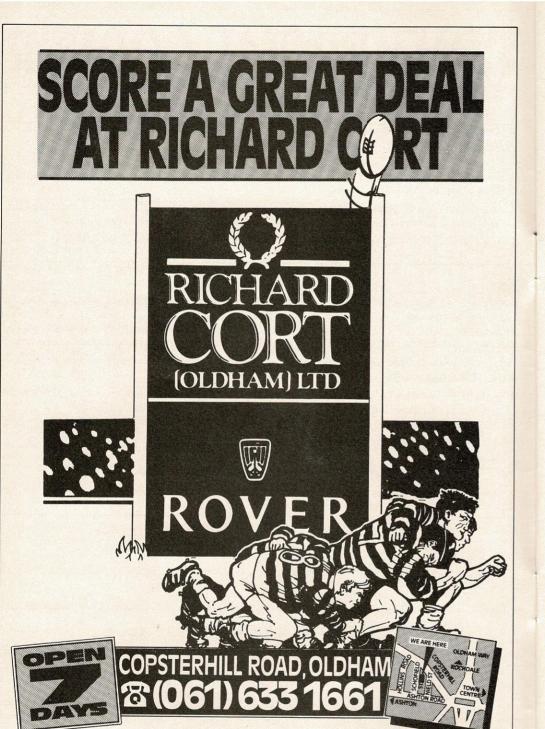
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A WATERSHEDDDINGS WELCOME

TO LONDON

Welcome back to the 'Watersheddings' this afternoon, for the start of our campaign to fight back into the First Division. Where we truly belong.

I am proud to have been given this opportunity to captain the Oldham first team, as it has been a life-long ambition since my early days in rugby. Also I would like to take the opportunity to welcome our new members of the playing staff and wish the whole team good luck for the new season.

Peter Tunks has been busy in the off season, striving to strengthen our rapidly-improving squad and has signed many good strong players.

After welcoming our new players to the club. I feel I must wish every success to Duncan Platt, Keith Newton and especially to my long-time friend, Tim Street, who had a fabulous season last year. Good luck lads in the First

Two things have stayed in my mind from last season and will play a major part in our promotional drive this season, were the tremendous spirit shown by the players and the equally tremendous support which I and the team thank you for and hope you will keep it up this season.

Today's opponents are no strangers to us as we played them a number of times last season. On each occasion only one or two tries have separated us. Thus providing one of the toughest fixtures last season and I do not expect today's to be any easier. So your support will be vital today and for the rest of the season.

Enjoy the game - Richard Russell

LONDON CRUSADERS PLAYER PEN PICS - 1992/1993 SEASON

COLIN ATKINSON - 5 ft. 10 in. 78 kg. Winger/centre. Representative honours at Yorkshire Schoolboys, British Polytechnics, England Students and GB Students. Bought from Halifax last season, Colin is a fast, strong-running and hard-tackling winger, strengthening a back line to watch this season.

SHANE BUCKLEY. 184 cm. 87 kg. Winger/centre. Representative honours with Queensland U21 - 1988 and 1989, Queensland Rep. Side 1989-91 and Queensland Residents side 1989-91. Top try scorer last season for the London Crusaders, Shane is a problem to defences and an asset to an attacking side.

STEVE ROSOLEN - 6 ft. 1 in. 93 kg. Loose Forward. Representative honours for Wide Bay, Queensland Country and Brisbane. Steve came over from North Sydney and was voted Player of the Season for 1991-92 for London Crusaders. Steve is the controlling force in the forward pack this season with his vast experience and talent. One to watch for 1992-

MATTHEW DRAY - 5 ft. 8 in. 80 kg. Full Back or Five Eighth. Representative honours for North Sydney, 1989. Matthew is reliable under a high ball and always willing to counter-attack. He's quick and the general of the back line.

DARRYL PITT - 185 cm. 93 kg. Centre. Darryl's career to date spans Norths Banyo, Fortitude Valley, Carlisle and Fulham R.L.F.C. A player who holds his first team spot for London Crusaders by being a hard-attacking back. Darryl was voted Lancashire Supporters Club Player of the Year for 1991-92 season.

CHRIS WINSTANLEY - 5 ft. 8 in. 12 stone. Half Back or Full Back. Representative honours for South Island, New Zealand, in 1986 and 1987, previously played for the Marist Club in New Zealand. Became a regular first team fixture last season at half back. Chris likes to run with the ball and is secure in defence.

CHRIS SMITH - 6 ft. 2 in. Second Rower. Chris played for St. Mary's A.R.L.C. as well as Richmond R.U.F.C. before joining London Crusaders last season. Chris made a fantastic transition to rugby league and is a regular first teamer with the ability to slot over goals from all over the pitch.

DANNY MULKERIN. 186 cm. 95 kg. Front/Second Rower. Danny is a strong-running forward, his work rate is 100% for 80 minutes and a real grafter. A forward to watch for the 1992-93 season.

NICHOLAS HALAFIHI - 6 ft. 98 kg. Second Row/Loose Forward. Nick played for GB Students as well as Hull Colts and Sheffield Eagles, where Nick was bought in October 1991. Nick is a hard-working forward with the speed to break away from the opposition and score tries.

CHRIS WHITELEY - 6 ft. 16 stone. Prop. Chris played B.A.R.L.A. U19's and comes from Salford. Chris adds experience to a forward pack and is a damaging tackler with endless energy.

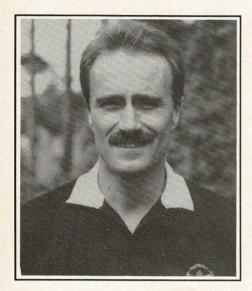
BERNIE GILBERT - 6 ft. 102 kg. Second Row. Bernie has had representative honours with South Island, West Coast and Sunshine Coast Falcons. Bernie is a fast-running, strong and mobile forward.

TONY SHAW - 5 ft. 111/2 stone. Scrum Half/Stand Off. Representative honours for Cheshire and North of England

U16s rugby union. First played rugby league at Oxford University. Young player, with ability beyond his years. **SCOTT ROSKALL** - 6 ft. 3 in. 93 kg. Centre. New signing from Gold Coast Giants, previously played for Runaway Bay. Scott is a big centre with the ability to score tries. He's one to look out for this season

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Paul was born on 30th June, 1952.

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TUNKS' TALKBACK

Welcome to our first home
game of the season as we
take on London Crusaders.
Ross Strudwick's men have
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him up to 10 overseas players this year, which will
enable him to field one of the
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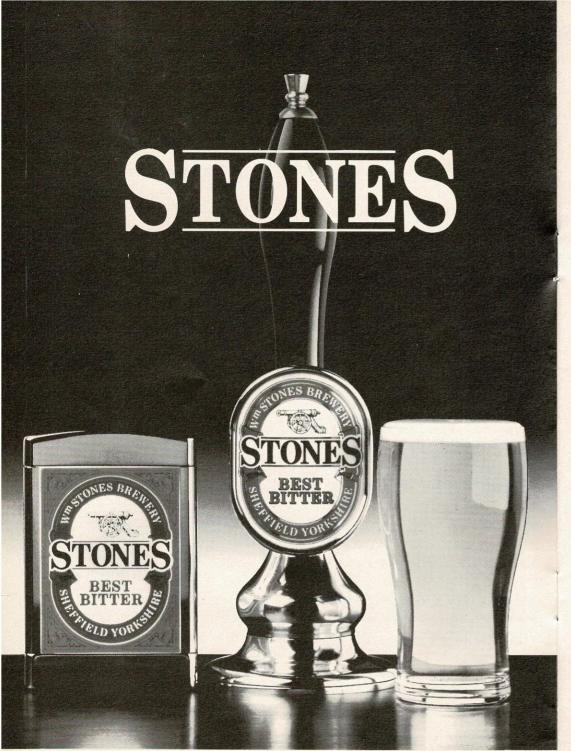
On our own side, we have several new faces and I feel that the team is considerably

of the names may be unfamiliar to you but, as we have five of the first six games here at Watersheddings, you should soon get to know them well.

As always, we ask you to get behind the team as we intend this year for our home record to be as good as last years away record.

Enjoy the game.

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PLAYER PROFILE

'TINY' SOLOMONA

Full Name: Maseesee Donald Solomona.

Date of Birth: 9.3.65

Birthplace: Auckland, New Zealand.

Height: 6 ft. 1 inch. Weight: 17 1/2 stone. Favourite Drink: Coke.

Favourite Food: Taro and Corned Beef.

Favourite TV Show: 60 minutes. **Favourite Music:** Reggae and Rap. **Hobbies:** Basketball and Para Gliding.

Previous Clubs: Richmond, Auckland; Glenora, Auckland; Widnes. **Biggest Influence on Career so far:** My brothers, who all play.

Favourite Player: Wally Lewis.

Favourite Ground: Grey Lynn Park, Auckland.

Most Difficult Opponent: All of them.

Most Memorable Match Seen: The English Ashes Test Series and New

Zealand.

Biggest Thrill: Lifting the Pacific Cup for Western Samoa in 1990.

Biggest Disappointment: Being injured.

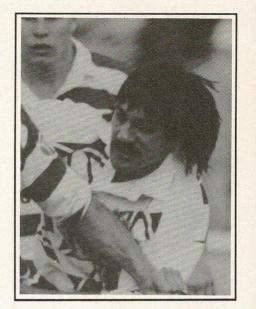
Personal Ambition: To play consistently and well.

Person you would most like to meet: My Grandparents.

Have you ever been mistaken for anyone famous: I was recently mistaken

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TEAM CHECK

SUNDAY, 30th AUGUST, 1992

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TEAM CHANGES

- 1. SEAN TYRER
- 2. SCOTT RANSON
- 3. IVA ROPATI
- 4. STUART COCKER
- 5. GARY CHRISTIE
- 6. TOMMY MARTYN
- 7. SEAN DEVINE
- 8. MARK SHEALS
- 9. IAN BATES
- 10. BARRIE McDERMOTT
- 11. SHANE TUPAEA
- 12. MARK MEADOWS
- 13. RICHARD RUSSELL
- 14. TINY SOLOMONA
- 15. BEN OLSEN

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LONDON C. TEAM CHANGES

- 1. MATTHEW DRAY
- 2. COLIN ATKINSON
- 3. SCOTT ROSKALL
- 4. DARRYL PITT
- 5. SHANE BUCKLEY
- 6. ANTHONY SHAW
- 7. CHRIS WINSTANLEY
- 8. COLIN CORCORAN
- 9. GLEN WORKMAN
- 10. DAVE ROTHERAM
- 11. NICK HALAFIHI
- 12. CHRIS SMITH
- 13. STEVE ROSOLEN
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SCRIIMS

sporting some changes this season, but Castlemaine XXXX has also unveiled a new look - and like our favourite club, it's stronger, more streamlined and ready to take on **any** challenge from competitors.

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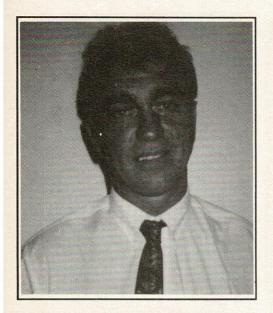
BIG XXXX PRIZES ON THE WAY

Remember, you heard it here first. An exciting new XXXX promotion will soon be launched in Tetley pubs and clubs, including the Pavilion. We can't give away any details just yet, but the prospects look great and there are some spectacular prizes to be won. It's XXXX's biggest national promotion yet - and you can find out more about it on this page in its new regular position by Team Check.

Watch this space though for more XXXX news, views, gossip and prizes throughout the season from Castlemaine XXXX, the Australian Classic.

CASTLEMAINE





'A' TEAM ROUND UP

with COACH JOHN PRINCE

To the Oldham Rugby League Club, its supporters, sponsors and backroom staff. I would like to say how honoured I am to be given the position of Alliance Coach with the club and also given the opportunity to further my love of the game in working with young players and helping to build a solid base for the club's future.

As far as my history is concerned, I have been in Rugby League for over 30 years as an amateur and professional player and, on retirement, joined the National Coaching Scheme. I have worked over the last 11 years in many coaching and administrative roles in Youth Rugby, including County Coaching and Schoolboy Rugby.

I founded, 11 years ago, Parkside

Golborne, an under 11's side that now boasts two open age teams and youth and junior sides down to under eight. The youth sides that I have coached have produced 30 players in the last four years that have made it to the professional game.

I have worked for Oldham R.L. in a voluntary capacity for the last eight months as a scout and in a coaching role for the last three A Team games, including that final game of the season when we played a strong Leeds A Team, containing two International players off the park.

After turning down many professional coaching opportunities over the last four years, I have joined Oldham because, in Peter Tunks, his fellow coaches, the directors and players, I see a set of people dedicated to taking Oldham to a stable and secure future.

I can only add that I will give 100% in working to help Oldham the best in Rugby League.

Yours in Sport, JOHN PRINCE

ALLIANCE FIXTURES 1992\93

Saturday, 29.8.92	Sheffield Eagles	Н	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 5.9.92	Carlisle	A	12.00 p.m.
Saturday, 12.9.92	Keighley	Α	2.30 p.m.
Saturday, 19.9.92	Salford	Н	1.00 p.m.
Friday, 2.9.92	Ryedale York	Α	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 10.10.92	Leigh	Н	1.00 p.m.
Friday, 30.10.92	Salford	A	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 14.11.92	Carlisle	Н	1.00 p.m.
Friday, 20.11.92	Huddersfield	A	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 5.12.92	Hemel Hempstead	Н	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 12.12.92	Swinton	Н	1.00 p.m.
Friday, 18.12.92	Bramley	Α	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 2.1.92	Swinton	Н	1.30 p.m.
Saturday, 16.1.93	Hunslet	Н	1.00 p.m.
Thursday, 23.1.93	Leigh	A	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 6.2.93	Dewsbury	Α	2.00 p.m.
Saturday, 13.2.93	Workington	Н	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 20.2.93	Hemel Hempstead	Α	2.30 p.m.
Saturday, 27.2.93	Doncaster	Н	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 6.3.93	London Crusaders	Н	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 20.3.93	Workington	Α	2.30 p.m.
Saturday, 27.3.93	Huddersfield	Н	1.00 p.m

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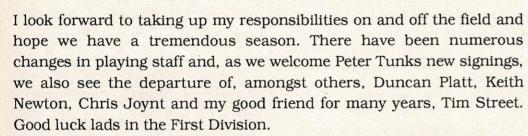
SKIPPERS'

with OLDHAM CAPTAIN RICHARD RUSSELL

Welcome everyone to this, the first game of the season and to what are my first programme notes as skipper.

I am proud to be nominated as captain of my home town team, as this has

been an ambition of mine since my early days in Rugby League.



Today we welcome the Crusaders from the capital for what promises to be a hard, tight game.

Last season we met six times and although we won five of the encounters they were all closely contested.

London are always well organised, especially on defence and we must be patient and work hard at our game to come out on top.

I ask that today and for the rest of the season you really get behind us and let's hear you cheering us to victory.

Enjoy the game,

RICHARD RUSSELL

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1992

13th September County Cups (Round 1)

23rd September County Cups (Round 2)

7th October County Cups (Semi-Finals)

17/18th October County Cup Finals

24th October World Cup Final (at Wembley)

Great Britain v. Australia

7/8th November Regal Trophy(Round 1)

5/6th December Regal Trophy (Round 2)

13th December France v. Wales

19/20th December Regal Trophy (Round 3)

1993

2nd January Regal Trophy (Semi-Final 1) 9th January Regal Trophy (Semi-Final 2)

16th January Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Preliminary Round)

23rd January Regal Trophy Final

30/31st January
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Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Round 1)
Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Round 2)
Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Round 3)

7th March France v. Great Britain

13th March Silk Cup Challenge Cup (Semi-Final 1)
27th March Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Semi-Final 2)

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FIXTURES

SECOND DIVISION

1992/93

1992				1993			
AUGUST	30	LONDON CH	3.00	JANUARY	1	SWINTONA	3.00
SEPTEMBER	6	CARLISLEH	3.00	New Year's Day			
	13	WARRINGTONH	3.00		10	BRAMLEYH	3.00
	20	HUDDERSFIELDA	3.30		17	CARLISLE A	2.00
	27	SWINTONH	3.00		24	ROCHDALE HORNETS	3.00
OCTOBER	4	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	3.00		30	SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP (Round 1)	
	11	ROCHDALE HORNETS	3.00	FEBRUARY	7	FEATHERSTONE ROVERSA	3.30
	18	BRAMLEYA	3.30		13	SILK CUT CHALLANGE CUP (Round 2)	
	24	WORLD CUP FINAL			21	CARLISLE	3.00
NOVEMBER	1	SWINTONH	3.00		27	SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP (Round 3)	
	8	REGAL TROPHY (Round 1)			28	LONDON CA	3.00
	15	CARLISLEA	2.00	MARCH	7	HUDDERSFIELD	3.30
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	29	SWINTON A	3.00		21	LONDON CH	3.00
DECEMBER	5	REGAL TROPHY (Round 2)		APRIL	4	BRAMLEYA	3,30
	13	FEATHERSTONE ROVERSA	3.30	Good Friday	9	ROCHDALE HORNETS	3.00
	20	BRAMLEYH	3.00	Easter Monday	12	HUDDERSFIELD H	3.00
Boxing Day	26	ROCHDALE HORNETS	3.00		18	LONDON C	3.00

NEXT HOME GAME CARLISLE

SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER, 1992 - KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

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BACK PAGES

by MICHAEL TURNER

In welcoming everyone back to Watersheddings for the 1992-93 season, the club is introducing a new regular feature in the programme called 'BACK PAGES'.

Elsewhere in the programme, the on-going activities of the club, on the field and otherwise, will be dealt with by the 3 C's (Chairman, Coach and Captain) and while Messrs: Quinn, Tunks and Russell will be keeping you up to date, I will be taking the opportunity to look back.

The format for this feature will be flexible. Sometimes a particular match from days gone by will be reviewed, or as in today's programme, a collection of facts from the club's history will be displayed.

If any readers would like a review of a past game that is now fading in the memory, or perhaps they have only be told about by fathers or uncles etc., please contact me at the address listed below and I will do my best to include this information in a future edition of the programme.

Also in future programmes I am hoping to show some photographs of the much-talked-about incidents in the club's history; Remember Paul Lord's disallowed try or the Bob Beardmore try that was allowed. WATCH THIS SPACE.

Meanwhile, did you know?

Oldham used to play in amber and black. They switched to red and white upon moving to Watersheddings in September, 1889.

In the League game against Hunslet on 26th August, 1970, the Hunslet players were on strike and amateurs Bison's of Leeds turned out for the Parksiders, Oldham won 54-5.

Oldham defeated Higginshaw 38-2 in the Challenge Cup 1st Round on 8th February, 1936.

Three Oldham players figured in the legendary 'Rorke's Drift' test victory over the Australians in Sydney, in 1914; Alf Wood, Billy Hall and Dave Holland.

I am currently researching for a book covering the complete playing records and history of OLDHAM RLFC. If anyone has any old material connected with the club (photos, programmes etc) I would be very interested in viewing such items. Please contact: Michael Turner, 158 Balfour Street, Oldham OL4 1NS. Tel: 061-620 6005

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- 9. Attercliffe Road.
- 10. Jockey Lane.

9. Sheffield Eagles.

8. Halifax.

7. Leeds.

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4. Hull Kingston

3. Rochdale Hornets.

2. Widnes.

1. London Crusaders.

Answers



QUOTE -UNQUOTE



with CLUBCALLS GED MASON

Hello from me, Ged Mason and welcome to the first game of the new season.

I'll be with you every home game to give you details of what Peter Tunks and the players have been saying about the Oldham performances throughout the season on Oldham Rugby League Clubcall.

Firstly, let me tell you what Clubcall is.

The service comes direct from the club and keeps you, the fan, informed of events at Watersheddings.

On a matchday, be it home or away, we'll have a reporter at the game bringing you regular match reports. Every time the score changes, we'll update the service with an updated match report. So, if you don't travel to say, London or Carlisle, you can follow the team's progress by just picking up a telephone.

At the end of each game there will be a full match report and then, about one hour after the game, there is a post-match reaction from either Peter Tunks or one of his players.

During the week the service is updated with interviews and the very latest new from the club.

Transfers, injury news, forthcoming events, it's all at the end of your telephone.

Don't forget, every time you call you are giving money to the club.

During the pre-season, we covered the pre-season fixtures against Leigh and Widnes and have been building up to today's start by speaking to Peter Tunks, Jim Quinn, Scott Ranson, Richard Russell, Tommy Martyn and many others.

In what has been a very busy close season at Watersheddings on the transfer front, Peter Tunks said last week on Clubcall: 'I'm very much looking forward to the new season. It is a new-look Oldham team and I hope the fans will give them every encouragement over the next nine months'.

We spoke to New Chairman Jim Quinn, after his appointment. 'I feel really proud and privileged to become the New Chairman, it shows that my fellow Board Members appreciate the work I put into the club, I just hope the fans stick with us'.

I'll be back for the next home game. Please give Clubcall a try. You won't be disappointed.

Yours in sport, Ged Mason

ROGER HALSTEAD looks at

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

One man who is sure to be relishing the prospect of today's game is Ben Olsen, the former Crusaders' forward, who joined Oldham a fortnight ago in the player-swop deal that took Richard Blackman to Crystal Palace.

The Danish-born Olsen played for London in five of the six matches between the clubs last season - four in the

Second Division, one in the Regal Trophy and a sixth in the semi-final of the Second Division premiership play-off.

Now he finds himself in the Oldham camp, so Oldham will no doubt have plenty of inside information on what makes the Londoners tick.

It doesn't need Ben, of course, to tell us that London play to their strengths, which is stern defence under the umbrella of a sophisticated system, devised and developed by the shrewd Queenslander, Ross Strudwick.

London did well to finish in fourth place last season, ahead of Rochdale Hornets, Carlisle and the relegated clubs, Ryedale-York and Workington.

They beat Huddersfield in a controversial play-off tie in London and then put up a tough fight at Watersheddings before losing 22-14 in the semi-final.

It was the sixth meeting of the clubs and Oldham's fifth victory, but that basic fact tends to minimise the massive contribution London made to the series of tough matches between the two teams.

Oldham's only defeat was a 10-0 reverse at Watersheddings last December, but each of their five wins took a lot of achieving: 23-20 in London, 16-10 at home in the Regal Trophy, 12-8 in London, 16-4 at Watersheddings and 22-14 in the playoff.

In the first win at the Crystal Palace Recreation Centre it took a late try by Tommy Martin, following a kick ahead by Gary Christie, to give Oldham victory and it was a similar close thing in the 12-8 win in London when Chris Joynt forced his way over in the dying minutes.

None of the matches was easy and many fans will recall that brilliant individual try by Logan Edwards which swung the game in Oldham's favour during the 16-4 win at Watersheddings in March.

Overseas players form an integral part of the London squad and the Rugby League Council has given its approval to Crusaders to play up to five foreigners at a time and register an unlimited number.

This is the League's contribution to the battle to establish League in the capital city and one can expect another tough series of matches against Struddy's' men this year, starting with today's encounter and Olsen's appearance against his former mates.



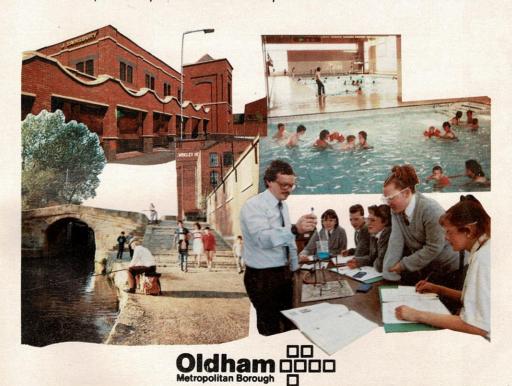


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SUPPORTERS CLUB

Welcome to all our friends and supporters on this, the first match of a new season, one which we hope will see the team promoted to the First Division.

We extend a warm welcome to all our friends and fellow supporters from London Crusaders who, I am sure, will be given a warm reception from all the Oldham fans.

This season will be tinged with sadness, following the sudden and tragic death of our colleague, Joe Gallagher, following the Player of the Year presentations in May. Joe was a great supporter and worker for the club and his efforts will be sadly missed. The Supporters Club are holding a collection at today's match in aid of Joe's dependants and so hope you will all give generously.

This year's club mascot is Miss Jennie Turner of Balfour Street, Oldham and we hope you will give her all your support during the coming season.

We will again be organising coaches to all away matches during the coming season, departing from the Social Club. Seats can be booked at the Club Shop, by phoning 6651832 (evening) or 624 4865 (during shop hours). Full details of away match coaches will appear in this column during the season.

We are organising a coach to the World Cup Final at Wembley on the 24th October, with seats priced at £12.00. The coach will depart at 8.00 a.m., returning directly after the match.

There are a limited number of match tickets priced £19.00 available for those booking a coach seat. Further details can be obtained from either the Club Shop or by phoning 665 1832.

Supporters Club Membership for the coming season is now available at £2.00, which allows discounted travel in all coaches to away matches plus a 5% discount on all purchases from the Club Shop. Don't delay, join now, obtain your form from the Club Shop or any Supporters Club Official. The Club Shop is now being manned on a voluntary basis by the Supporters Club Officials and is open on weekdays from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. and Saturdays 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon in addition to match days. Prices of items available in the Club Shop are given below.

Membership for the Junior Reds can be taken out at the Club Shop or the Small Wooden Hut on the Ground on matchdays. The Junior Reds are now being run by S. Collinge, E. Crowther and J. Shaw.

More details about the Junior Reds in further programmes or contact any Supporters Club Committee Member.

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