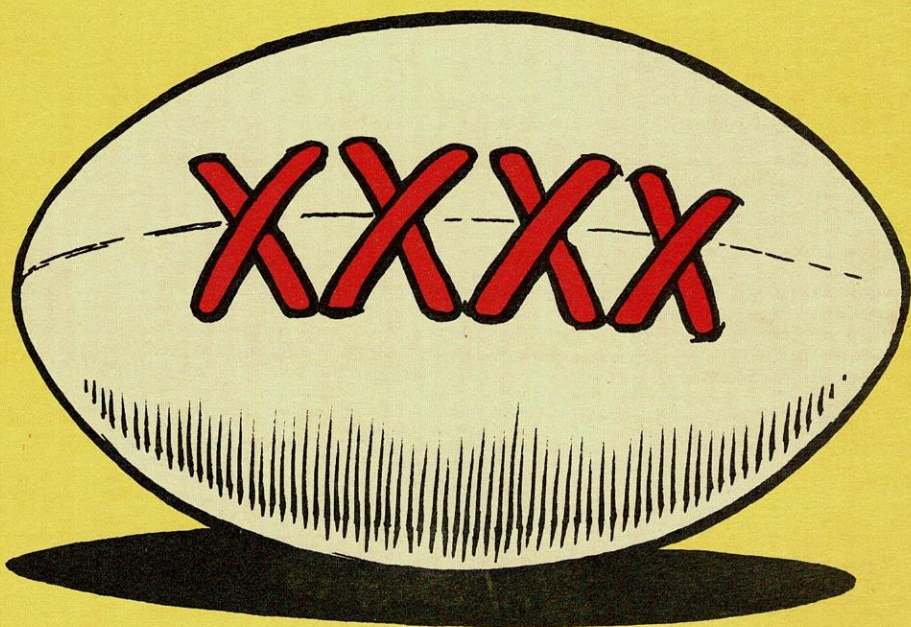


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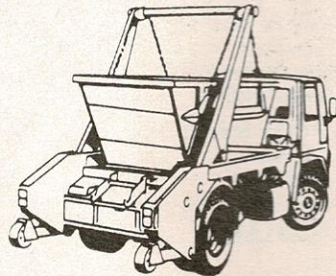
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No. 3 - FRANK FOSTER

Today we spotlight the Oldham career of Frank Foster, the granite hard Cumbrian prop forward who joined the club at the end of his playing days after previously giving fine service to Workington, Hull K.R., Bradford and Barrow.

Frank signed for Oldham in January 1972 and finished his playing career in April 1973 in the last match of the 1972-73 season at Dewsbury.



In-between these dates he notched up just about 50 appearances in Oldham's colours, so obviously it was not the longevity of Frank's career with the club that makes him stand out as one of Oldham's great players. It is doubtful, however, if any individual player made such a dramatic and immediate impact on the playing fortunes of the club and certainly none spring to mind in the last 30 years.

When he joined Oldham in 1972 the team had just 6 wins and 1 draw out of 21 league matches played, yet in the remaining 13 matches, 12 were won and the one defeat was by a single point at Warrington.

It is true that the signing of Cliff Hill, the talented Wigan half-back, was also a factor in the revival, but Foster was the man who provided the main spark. In spite of being a fearsome prop-forward, always in the thick of the action, he also possessed the flair and skills that would be a credit to any half-back.

Long passes that missed out several players, kicking for position, gaining valuable yards, popping over vital drop goals, all these came within the Foster web of talent, but he will probably be best remembered for the way he could drag in 2 or 3 defenders and still deliver the short pass to put the likes of Bob Irving, Jim Reynolds or the aforementioned Hill into the clear.

Capped against the Aussies by Gt. Britain in 1967, he also represented Cumberland County on many occasions.

In short Frank Foster came to a floundering Oldham team and gave them back their respectability.

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Record Try Scorer: Reg Farrar, 49 tries,

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Record Goal Scorer: Bernard Ganley,

224 goals, 1957-58 season

Record Point Scorer: Bernard Ganley, 28 points

v Liverpool City, April 1959

First Game: 21st October, 1876 v Stalybridge

Highest Number of Points Scored: Bernard

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You will have read in the Press, no doubt, that we have ended speculation about speedway taking place here at Watersheddings. It could have been a lucrative proposition for the club, but there were many things against it, not least the feelings of our friends and neighbours in the Watersheddings locality.

We felt, as a Board, that it was only right and proper to take their feelings into account. We need all the goodwill we can get in our battle to rid the club of its big debt and we felt it was not the right way to try and make progress, by upsetting people who live on our doorstep.

There was another major factor, too. Less than 12 months ago, this club sold the training pitch to Wiggett Construction for a fairly substantial amount of money and it was brought to our notice that the sale of houses on our former training pitch was faltering somewhat, due to fears by potential buyers that speedway may be set up "next door" in the greyhound stadium sooner rather than later.

Well, I can assure you all that we are not in the business of being unreasonable and uncaring at Oldham Rugby League Club and, having been happy to take the Wiggett money for the sale of our land, we felt we had a moral obligation not to do anything that might jeopardise his major investment on our former site.

I always believe that if you do right by people in this life, then people will do right by you.

To some extent the same applies to our decision to admit unemployed Oldham supporters into our home matches, starting today, for £3. This represents a saving of £2 on normal admission prices.

We are hoping that this will encourage and enable more people to attend which, in turn, will benefit the club, obviously. But we are also trying to help all our fans who are victims of the recession and might be finding it difficult to shell out £5 just at present, especially with Christmas coming up.

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We hope this will enable some of you to get to the match, which might otherwise be beyond you just at present. We know these are difficult times for a lot of people and we see this as our little contribution.

We all have to stick together and try to help each other these days and that was one of the reasons we readily tried to help Rochdale Hornets, when they asked us if they could borrow our Watersheddings ground, to stage one or two reserve team games.

They pay expenses plus £150, but it is only a nominal fee. The main thing is we are helping our neighbours; we never know when we might want them to help us.

Finally, may I welcome back to the club Ged Byrne, who started his comeback at Carlisle last Sunday after being absent so far this season. Ged is a true professional, a great influence in the dressing room and a vastly-experienced player, whose addition to the squad will be of great value.

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IN TOUCH



TOP TEN TRY SCORERS

1. Shaun Edwards (Wigan).....	23
2. Greg Austin (Halifax).....	17
3. Alan Hunte (St. Helens).....	15
Phil Ford (Salford).....	15
5. Andy Mason (Wakefield T.).....	12
6. Steve McGowan (Bradford N.).....	11
Paul Newlove (Featherstone R.).....	11
8. Simon Middleton (Castleford).....	10
David Plange (Sheffield E.).....	10
Owen Simpson (Featherstone R.).....	10
Tea Ropati (St. Helens).....	10
Andy Wilson (Wakefield T.).....	10

TOP TEN GOAL SCORERS (Including drop goals)

1. Dean Marwood (Workington T.).....	60
2. John Wasylw (Keighley C).....	59
3. Frano Botica (Wigan).....	54
4. Gary Pearce (Ryedale-York).....	44
5. Steve Gartland.....	41
6. Jonathan Davies (Widnes).....	37
Martin Pearson (Featherstone R).....	37
8. Chris Smith (London C.).....	36
9. Mark Sims (Doncaster).....	35
Deryck Fox.....	35

TOP FIVE POINT SCORERS

	Drop		
	Tries	Goals	Goals Points
1. Dean Marwood (Workington T.)	7	60	0 148
2. John Wasylw (Keighley C.)	7	59	0 146
3. Frano Botica (Wigan)	4	53	1 123
4. Steve Gartland (Rochdale H.)	9	40	1 117
5. Gary Pearce (Ryedale-York)	2	43	1 95

POINT SCORING RUN

John Wasylw of Keighley has the current longest scoring run covering 23 matches including all ten this season. The winger's sequence began with three goals in the 18-16 Stones

Bitter Third Division home defeat of Scarborough Pirates on 17th February, 1992.

TRY SCORING RUN

Phil Ford has touched down in five successive matches for Salford. The Welsh international winger's run has brought him six tries as follows:

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IAN THOMAS

Ian Thomas of Huddersfield scored the 100th try of his career when he grabbed the winning touchdown in the last minute of their 18-12 Stones Bitter Second Division home defeat of Bramley.

MARK ASTON

Mark Aston became the first player to score 1000 points for Sheffield Eagles with the last of six goals in the 28-12 Stones Bitter Championship home defeat of Hull K.R.

WINNING RUN

Rochdale Hornets and Workington Town share the current longest winning run of five matches.

Bradford Northern's winning run ended at six matches when they lost 28-6 at home to Castleford.

LOSING RUN

Highfield are the only team without a win this season after losing all nine matches - seven in the Stones Bitter Third Division, one Greenalls Lancashire Cup and one Regal Trophy tie.

MILESTONES

Daryl Powell needs four tries for a career century of touchdowns for Sheffield Eagles and only two for 100 club and representative tries.

Dean Bell, the Wigan and former Leeds and Carlisle centre, needs two tries for a career century in English club Rugby.

Andy Currier needs three tries for a career century with Widnes.

Alan Hunte of St. Helens needs one try for a career century of club and representative touchdowns.

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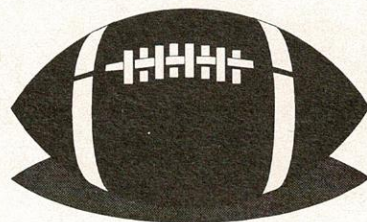
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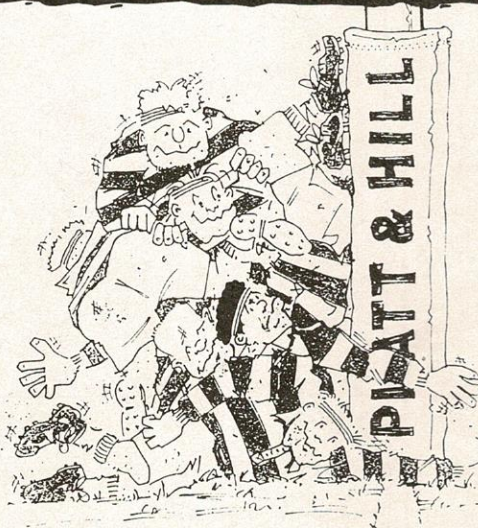
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Dear Sirs,

I should like to express my sincere thanks to all concerned at the Club, including members of the Supporters Club, for inviting myself and my daughters, Lisa and Anne to the Club this morning for training breakfast and meet the players. Both myself and the girls had a wonderful time and were treated marvellously.

I should particularly like to thank John Watkins for showing us around and looking after us and Tommy Martyn and David Bradbury for cheerfully agreeing to have their photos taken with the girls.

Best wishes for the rest of the season. We shall be cheering from the Herbert Side.

Many thanks.

Kevin McDonough.

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Mr. J. Quinn,
The Chairman,
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Dear Mr. Quinn,

Just a short note to thank yourself, fellow Directors and staff at the Club for the hospitality shown to us at the game vs. Castleford on Sunday.

Whilst the result was not what we wanted, I speak for everybody when I say that we thoroughly enjoyed the day and were well looked after.

Please pass these comments to the staff concerned and I look forward to speaking to you soon.

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HUDDERSFIELD PEN PICTURES

JASON LAURENCE - A new exciting young player with a fair turn of speed. Plays with Bathurst near Sydney, Australia. Had a season with St. George and played a couple of games for Nottingham before coming to Huddersfield.

BRAD DAVIS - A very nippy stand off also from Bathurst Club. Seems to have a great understanding on the field with Lawrence, played together for about four years.

IAN THOMAS - One of the two longest players at Fartown. Very quick when he wants to. In his ninth season and needing one more try for his 100. Ex-International Colt.

BRIAN BLACKER - Started his playing career at Huddersfield when signing with Paul Dixon from Under Bank. Moved to Barrow then on to Hull before coming back to Fartown. Very experienced three quarter.

CHRIS CHAPMAN - Ex-Castleford winger who excels anywhere in the three quarter. A very hard competitor, works well.

JOE NAIDOLE - A very fine exciting prospect when in full flight. Shirks nothing. Plays either wing or second row. Ex-Bradford and Huddersfield Colt before signing from Deighton Woolpack.

DES FOY - Ex-Great Britain and Lancashire player, very experienced. Has come to Fartown in a player exchange with Neil Flanagan in exchange for Stuart Cocker to Oldham.

NEIL FLANAGAN - Nephew of Coach Terry, has made an exciting impact at Huddersfield with his display of Rugby ability and his attitude to go forward. Scrum half.

JASON FOGERTY - One of the famous Rugby family who has given up his first love. International basketball, to play for Huddersfield. Always learning and keen to be better.

LEE ST. HILAIRE - Spent most of his professional career on the wing but after a short spell at Keighley is vying for the number nine shirt with Phil Huck.

KEN KERR - Australia centre/stand off - began his English career with Widnes before joining Workington. Has joined Huddersfield after being with Halifax and Keighley.

PHIL HUCK - Ex-Halifax Colt who was signed at

Halifax but then came to Huddersfield four years ago. A tireless worker. One of the best hookers in any Division and a very firm favourite of the Huddersfield fans. A very loyal clubman.

ANDY PUCILL - Came to Huddersfield in an exchange for Chris Parr with Swinton. Has his eyes set on higher honours.

SIMON KENWORTHY - Another hardworking loyal player who is in his ninth season. Signed from Under Bank. A prolific goal kicker, keen fast bowler in District League.

GARRY COULTER - Signed from Doncaster last season. A very fiery player, has a fair turn of speed and strength when through the gap. His best is yet to come.

GARY SENIOR - Captain this season. Started off at Huddersfield signed from St. Josephs. Played with Blacker and Dixon before moving to Hunslet. One of the hardest tacklers in the League. One of the few forwards who can side step. Up with the leading try scorers this season.

ANDREW SEWELL - Ex-Huddersfield Colt who learnt his Rugby at Fartown. Very good 'A' team player. Always pushing for a First team spot, should be there soon.

PAUL MEILLAM - A good utility back signed from the York area two seasons ago. Has played full back, wing and centre. Always on the fringe of the First team. Very loyal to his adopted team.

RICHARD PEARSON - 18 years old, loose forward with a fair turn of speed. Still learning his trade in 'A' team but in the first team squad. One for the future.

PHIL HELLEWELL - Has joined Huddersfield from Bradford Northern in a swap deal with Stephen Barnett for Boothroyd and Darkes. Started at full back but looks more at home in the centre. Very strong runner and first class goal kicker.

MARTIN MADERS - Another youngster for the future already with first team experience. Under 19 International and County Honours. Signed from Saddleworth Rangers during last season. Can play anywhere in the forwards.

DICK FAIRBANK - Signed from Nottingham City. Prop forward Dick is a member of the famous Elland Fairbank Family. Played at Halifax from 1986 and played in the 1988 Cup Final against Wigan. Left Halifax last year to join Scarborough Pirates.

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TUNKS' TALKBACK



This afternoons fixture seems to have caught the imagination somewhat as it brings together two in-form teams for a Lancashire - Yorkshire 'Battle of the Roses'. Huddersfield will be eager to continue a winning run which has seen them steadily climb the Second Division table.

When we met at Leeds Road in September we certainly didn't have things all our own way and we were happy enough to come back over the Pennines with the two points. I believe that the Huddersfield team we meet today will be stronger and more organised than the one we met last time and so this afternoon would not be a good time for us to suffer complacency or a lack of concentration.

Like us here at Oldham, other teams in the second division are constantly trying to strengthen and improve their squads. This can mean that for the second or third meeting between two sides, there may well have been many changes in players. This was the case last Sunday when we faced a Carlisle team bolstered by the influx of three Winfield Cup players in key positions. Together they inspired Carlisle to produce a never say die performance and in a thrilling game we were more than satisfied to come out on top. Make no mistake about it, Carlisle will surprise a few teams in the near future.

At Gillford Park we were lucky enough to witness two exciting long range tries from Iva Ropati and Wally Gibson and its that kind of Rugby our fans want to see today as we strive to hold on to top spot.

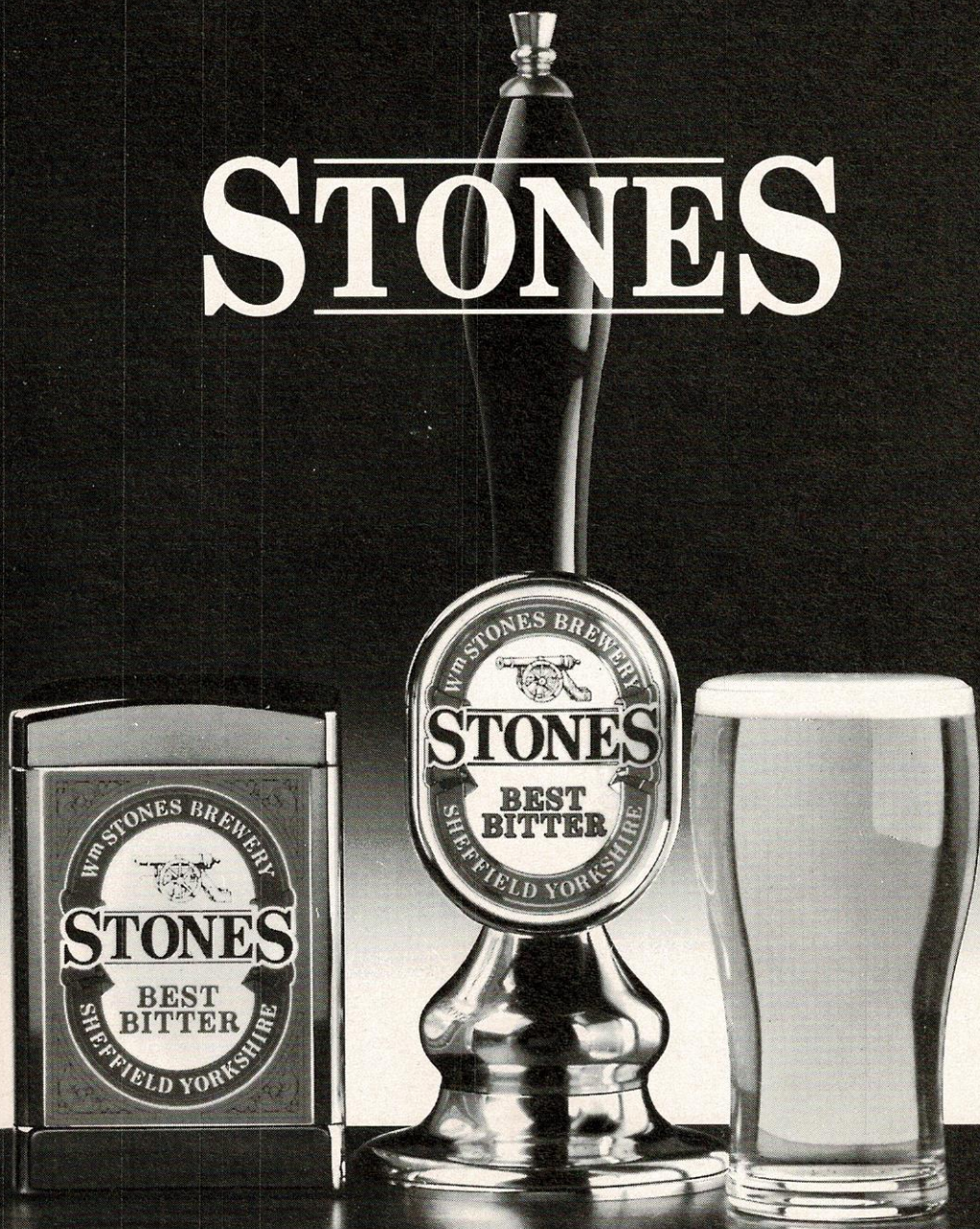
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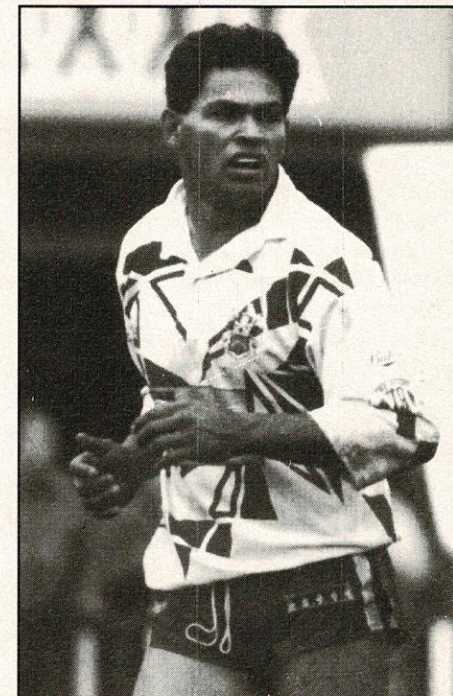
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PLAYER PROFILE

WALLY GIBSON



Full Name: Walter Frederick Gibson

Date of Birth: 5.4.1971

Birthplace: Sydney, Australia.

Height: 5 ft. 10ins.

Weight: 13 stone.

Favourite Drink: Diet Coke and occasional half lager

Favourite Food: Italian.

Favourite TV Show: Coronation St. and Brookside.

Favourite Music: Reggae and Soul.

Hobbies: Sleeping in, watching T.V.

Previous Clubs: Newcastle Knights and Huddersfield.

Biggest Influence on Career so far: My Uncle, who used to coach me as a kid.

Favourite Player: Eric Growth.

Favourite Ground: Fartown.

Most Difficult Opponent: Gary Connolly.

Most memorable Match Seen: Wigan v. Hull - Wembley 1985.

Biggest Thrill: Signing for Oldham R.L.F.C.

Biggest Disappointment: Meeting Nathan Clark.

Personal Ambition: To save enough money to buy a house.

Person you would most like to meet: Bruce Lee.

Have you ever been mistaken for anyone famous: Elvis and one of the Pasadenas.

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Well done Oldham - retaining your position as top of the League - an XXXX-ellent start to the season!

Good luck against your local rivals, Huddersfield. With Alex Murphy as their coach, they promise to give you a challenging match! With a close-run victory at your last meeting with the team from over the hill it will be a great game to watch.

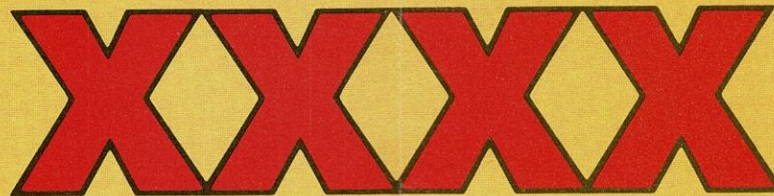
With only one game down so far this season, Oldham's success looks set to continue. Congrats on your win over Carlisle - although the boys from the Borders gave a good challenge to Oldham.

DOUBLE TROUBLE FROM THE XXXX-KANGAROOS

We all know that the Australians had something to celebrate with the World Cup, but did you know that Kevin and Kerrod Walters were also celebrating their 25th birthday? The XXXX was flowing for the identical twins - and even a Castlemaine XXXX cake was presented to the boys. Big brother, who also plays for the Kangaroos, was at hand to make sure that the Aussies didn't enjoy their golden liquor too freely before the big day. Plenty of time to sip their favourite tippie after the match - and they certainly had reason to celebrate in style!



CASTLEMAINE



TEAM CHECK

SUNDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER 1992

OLDHAM TEAM CHANGES

1. SEAN TYRER
2. DAVID BRADBURY
3. HUGH GUMBS
4. IVA ROPATI
5. SCOTT RANSON
6. WALLY GIBSON
7. STEVE KERRY
8. TINY SOLOMONA
9. RICHARD RUSSELL
10. MARK SHEALS
11. MARK MEADOWS
12. SHANE TUPAEA
13. BEN OLSEN
14. GED BYRNE
15. IAN SHERRATT

PENALTIES

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

SCRUMS

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

HUDDERSFIELD TEAM CHANGES

1. JASON LAURENCE
2. IAN THOMAS
3. KEN KERR
4. PHIL HELLEWELL
5. CHRIS CHAPMAN
6. BRAD DAVIS
7. NEIL FLANAGAN
8. JASON FOGARTY
9. PHIL HUCK
10. ANDY PUCILL
11. JOE NAIDOLE
12. GARY COULTER
13. BRIAN BLACKER
14. STEVE BARNETT
15. DICK FAIRBANK

PENALTIES

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
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16	17	18	19	20

SCRUMS

1	2	3	4	5
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16	17	18	19	20

Referee: COLIN STEELE

Touch Judges: Mr. J. LINDSEY (Red Flag)
Mr. J. PRICE (Yellow Flag)

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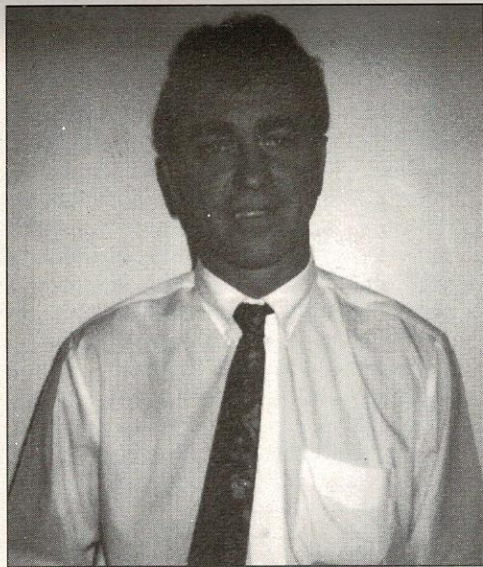
If the Castlemaine XXXX strip brings good luck to the Oldham lads, think what it could do for you? Well, your chance to find out is here - answer the following questions correctly and you could win a XXXX 'T' Shirt! But it's first come, first served, so get scribbling!

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Just look for the mining symbol on the reverse side of the ring pull on each of the promotion cans and you could win prizes such as 'Prospecting' tin mugs, XXXX T-Shirts, XXXX sunglasses, gold nuggets and, of course, the ultimate prize, a two week holiday for two at Oz's golden coast (return flights and half board inclusive)! You can prospect for gold until 31st July, 1993 - but only on the cans. So get them in lads and really enjoy the Aussie's favourite lager!





'A' TEAM ROUND UP

with COACH JOHN PRINCE

Well, what a difference a couple of weeks makes - 2 more played and 2 good victories gained. 194 points scored and just 18 conceded. At long last the loyal "A" Team supporters have had something to cheer at and some exciting rugby to watch as we continue to build a secure future for the club. An Alliance side full of promising players who want to be professionals of the future and more importantly want to do it for Oldham. O.K. the opposition was not very strong but these games have to be won and both were won well.

OLDHAM "A" 64 v. DONCASTER "A" 6 Friday, 6th November, 1992

First Round 2nd Division Alliance Cup.

This victory was against a Doncaster side who were not as bad as the score suggested, was gained by good team work and a positive professional attitude of players like Mark Meadows, Sean Devine and Paul Jones who led by example and leading our young players well.

Building a half-time lead of 26 - 8 with tries from John Higgins, Gary Burns, David Stephenson, Paul Jones and 5 goals from Mark Hudspith. Playing with confidence in the 2nd half, the tries were scored by Sean Devine (3), Gary Burns, Steven Heaton and Mark Hudspith with Mark adding another 5 goals for a personal points tally of 24. Man of the match was Mark Meadows.

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OLDHAM "A" 40 v. CARLISLE "A" 12 Saturday, 14th November, 1992

Playing a bigger Carlisle side, the team started where they left off against Doncaster with Gary Burns scoring a 2nd minute try, further tries from on loan Tony Wooton and David Stephenson plus a Sean Devine goal gave us a 14 - 0 half time lead.

Second half tries from Tommy Martyn (2), Gary Burns (2), Paul Jones and 2 goals from Tommy Martyn completed our scoring.

Once again the experience of Tommy Martyn, Sean Devine and Paul Jones gave our side the added boost.

By the time you read these notes we will have played Huddersfield away on Friday, 20th November and hopefully will have recorded another win as we start to climb the League table.

On Saturday, 20th November, we face a tough task in the 2nd Round of The Alliance Cup, away to one of the favourites, Workington. However, we shall be working hard in training to spring a surprise result and hopefully gain a semi-final place.

Finally the next home Alliance fixture is on Saturday, 5th December when we entertain Hemel Hempstead, kick-off 1.00 p.m.

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE FIXTURES SECOND DIVISION 1992/93



Saturday, 29.8.92	Sheffield Eagles	H 20-33 (L)	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 5.9.92	Carlisle	A 28-18 (W)	12.00 p.m.
Saturday, 12.9.92	Keighley	A 28-24 (W)	2.30 p.m.
Saturday, 19.9.92	Salford	H 10-31 (L)	1.00 p.m.
Friday, 25.9.92	Ryedale York	A 14-22 (L)	7.30 p.m.
Saturday 3.10.92	Carlisle (Lancs C.C. Shield)	H 26-20 (W)	1.00 p.m.
Friday 9.10.92	Leigh	H 16-19 (L)	7.30 p.m.
Friday 16.10.92	Wigan (LS 2)	H 4-34 (L)	7.30 p.m.
Friday, 29.10.92	Salford	A 6-42 (L)	7.30 p.m.
Friday, 6.11.92	Doncaster (Cup)	H 64-8 (W)	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 14.11.92	Carlisle	H 40-12 (W)	1.00 p.m.
Friday, 20.11.92	Huddersfield	A	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 5.12.92	Hemel Hempstead	H	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 12.12.92	Swinton	H	1.00 p.m.
Friday, 18.12.92	Bramley	A	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 2.1.92	Swinton	H	1.30 p.m.
Saturday, 16.1.92	Hunslet	H	1.00 p.m.
Thursday, 23.1.92	Leigh	A	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 6.2.92	Dewsbury	A	2.00 p.m.
Saturday, 13.2.92	Workington	H	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 20.2.92	Hemel Hempstead	A	2.30 p.m.
Saturday, 27.2.92	Doncaster	H	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 6.3.92	London Crusaders	H	1.00 p.m.
Saturday, 20.3.92	Workington	A	2.30 p.m.
Saturday, 27.3.92	Huddersfield	H	1.00 p.m.

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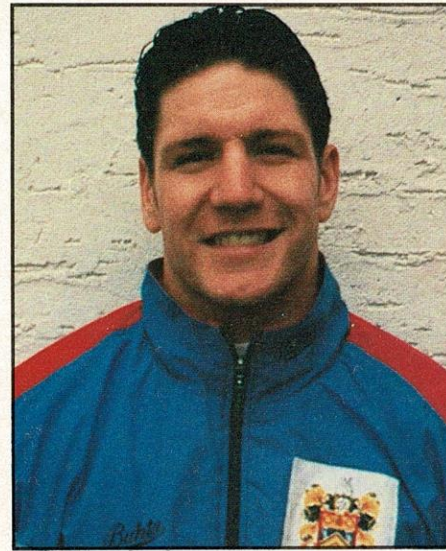
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SKIPPERS' SPOT

with OLDHAM CAPTAIN
RICHARD RUSSELL



Our last Sunday home game against Castleford resulted in our early exit from the Regal Trophy. Although Castleford outclassed us for most of the game. In the last twenty minutes we showed the type of football we are capable of producing. Which ended up with fine tries from Iva Ropati and Hugh Gumbs. I'm sure if Castleford play the kind of football they produced against us, there is nothing to stop them going all the way and lifting the Regal Trophy.

Last Sunday's away journey to Carlisle ended with another useful two points, and so we continue our reign as the Second Division leaders. After a reasonable first half, in the second we tended to lack concentration and let a, shall we say, more determined Carlisle side get back into the game.

May I take this opportunity to thank those of you who travelled the many miles to give your loyal support.

Today's opponents Huddersfield, our Yorkshire neighbours, will be another tough encounter. Our last meeting was a very hard and closely fought game. Huddersfield have also acquired a few new faces to strengthen their side. It also sees the return of Oldham's ex-skipper and scrum-half Flanagan whom I'm sure will be looking to settle a few old scores! Also it will be Wally Gibson's first game against his old club, and I'm sure he will be wanting a big game. So please let's here your support and we'll try and get another two points for you

Enjoy the Game

RICHARD RUSSELL

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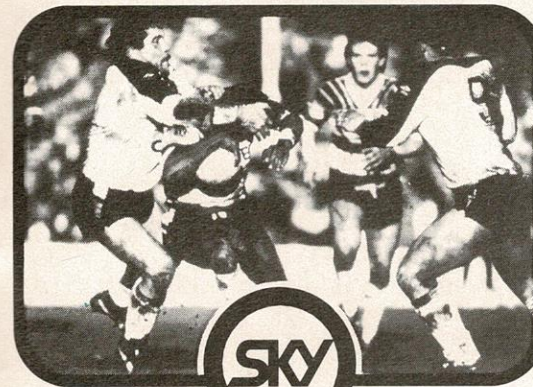
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P L A Y E R S

Opponents	Date	Ven.	Res.	F-A	Alt.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
LONDON C.	30.9.92	H	W	27-12	2,428	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Mawell	Marlyn JG	Devine JG	Sheals	Bates	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Olsen	Solomons*	
CARLISLE	6.9.92	H	W	38-14	2,292	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Marlyn SG	Devine ZT	Sheals	Pechanuk	McDermott	Meadows	Tupaea	Russell	Olsen	Solomons*	
WARRINGTON	13.9.92	H	W	33-20	4,041	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Marlyn	Devine ZT	Sheals	Bradbury	Solomons	Meadows	Olsen	Russell	Bradbury*	Jones*	
HUDDESFIELD	20.9.92	A	W	28-24	2,896	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Marlyn T.G	Devine SG	Sheals	Bradbury	Solomons	Meadows	Olsen	Russell	Bradbury	McDermott*	Jones*
LEIGH	23.9.92	A	W	26-14	3,140	Marlyn JG & JDC	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Tyler	Marlyn	Devine ZT	Sheals	Pechanuk	McDermott	Meadows	Olsen	Russell	Bradbury	McDermott*	Jones*
SWINTON	27.9.92	H	W	16-8	3,246	Gibson	Ranson	Cocker	Warburton	Gibson	Marlyn	Devine ZT	Sheals	Bradbury	McDermott	Meadows	Olsen	Russell	Bradbury	McDermott*	Jones*
FEATHERSTONE R.	2.10.92	H	L	4-24	3,382	Tyler	Gumbs	Cocker	Gibson	Bradbury	Warburton	Kerry 2G	Sheals	Stephenson	Solomons	Meadows	Olsen	Russell	Olsen	Meadows*	Sherratt*
WIGAN	6.10.92	A	L	8-48	9,020	Tyler	Bradbury	Gibson	Cocker	Gumbs	Marlyn	Kerry	Sheals	Stephenson	Solomons	McDermott	Meadows	Russell	Russell	McDermott*	Jones*
ROCHDALE HORNETS	11.10.92	A	W	21-20	2,740	Tyler	Cocker	Gibson	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry JG	Solomons	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury*	Meadows*	Sherratt*
BRAMLEY	18.10.92	A	W	23-16	1,560	Tyler	Cocker	Gibson	Ropati	Gumbs	Russell	Kerry SG-JG	Solomons	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Meadows	Bradbury
SWINTON	1.11.92	H	W	56-6	2,721	Tyler	Ranson	Cocker	Ropati	Gumbs	Gibson	Kerry SG & T	Solomons	Stephenson	Sheals	McDermott	Olsen	Bradbury	Bradbury	Olsen	Bradbury
REGAL TROPHY RD. 1	8.11.92	H	L	22-40	4,383	Gibson	Higgins	Tyler	Ropati	Gumbs	Warburton	Kerry SG	Solomons	Russell	Sheals	McDermott	Olsen	Bradbury	Bradbury	Olsen	Bradbury
CARLISLE	15.11.92	A	W	25-20	1,300	Tyler SG	Bradbury	Gumbs	Ropati	Ranson	Gibson	Kerry SG-JG	Solomons	Russell	Sheals	McDermott	Tupaea	Olsen	Bradbury	Olsen	Bradbury
HUDDESFIELD	22.11.92	H																			
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HUDDESFIELD	12.4.93	H																			
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NEXT HOME GAME
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP
SECOND DIVISION
OLDHAM
v.
BRAMLEY
SUNDAY, 20th DECEMBER, 1992
KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

1992 APPEARANCES & SCORERS

AS AT 16th NOVEMBER, 1992

	APP	SUB	TRIES	GOALS	DROP GOALS	POINTS
SEAN TYRER	13	-	4	3	-	22
SCOTT RANSON	8	-	5	-	-	20
STUART COCKER	11	-	8	-	-	32
IVA ROPATI	10	-	6	-	-	24
JOHN MAXWELL	1	1	-	-	-	-
TOMMY MARTYN	7	-	1	23	3	53
SEAN DEVINE	6	-	4	3	1	23
MARK SHEALS	11	-	1	-	-	4
IAN BATES	1	-	-	-	-	-
BARRIE McDERMOTT	6	2	2	-	-	8
MARK MEADOWS	7	3	2	-	-	8
SHANE TUPAEA	8	2	-	-	-	-
RICHARD RUSSELL	11	-	2	-	-	8
BEN OLSEN	8	4	2	-	-	8
"TINY" SOLOMONA	9	3	1	-	-	4
HUGH GUMBS	10	-	5	-	-	20
RICHARD PACHNIUK	3	1	1	-	-	4
DAVID BRADBURY	8	3	1	-	-	4
PAUL JONES	2	4	-	-	-	-
WALLY GIBSON	8	-	6	-	-	24
STEVE WARBURTON	3	-	-	-	-	-
IAN SHERRATT	5	2	1	-	-	4
STEVE KERRY	7	-	1	27	3	61
DAVID STEPHENSON	5	-	-	-	-	-
GED BYRNE	-	1	-	-	-	-
JOHN HIGGINS	1	-	-	-	-	-

LEAGUE TABLE

STONES BITTER 2ND DIVISION 1992/93

	P	W	L	D	F	A	PTS	PTS DIFF
OLDHAM	9	8	1	0	238	144	16	+94
FEATHERSTONE R.	9	7	2	0	248	112	14	+136
ROCHDALE H.	10	7	3	0	202	183	14	+19
LONDON C.	10	3	6	1	204	214	7	-10
CARLISLE	8	3	4	1	142	183	7	-41
BRAMLEY	9	3	6	0	151	154	6	-3
HUDDESFIELD	9	3	6	0	157	228	6	-71
SWINTON	8	1	7	0	74	198	2	-124

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BACK PAGES

by MICHAEL TURNER

Today's item, incorporating the PHOTO FEATURE (Courtesy of the "Rugby Leaguer"), is a look back to one of the most controversial and disappointing Oldham games in recent years.

The match was the Challenge Cup semi-final versus Castleford at Central Park on March 22nd, 1986.

Oldham had progressed thus far by defeating Carlisle, Warrington and Bradford all at home, in the previous three rounds and such good luck in the draw left many to believe that perhaps it was, at last, Oldham's year to reach Wembley.

However, it was not to be, as dame fortune definitely deserted the "Roughyeds" in what was to prove to be a "Nightmare" semi-final.

In the first few minutes of the game, Oldham prop Wally Jones suffered a broken finger and before half time, young stand-off Glen Liddiard was concussed in a two-man tackle, with hooker Ian Sanderson suffering a similar fate in the second half.

Overall there was little to choose between the sides, as Oldham held a 7-6 lead midway through the second half, courtesy of Glen Liddiard's try in the last minute of the first period, converted by David Hobbs and an earlier Ray Ashton drop goal. Then, with the twin towers looming ever closer, an incident occurred that dramatically changed the course of the game.

On the last tackle, "Cas" scrum-half Bob Beardmore put up a speculative up-and-under that Oldham full-back David Liddiard seemed to have well covered, but instead of going for the ball on the full, he let it bounce over the line where a cruel deviation took it across in the goal area, into the path of Beardmore, who had followed up the kick. However, the Castleford man was also deceived by the bounce and over-ran the ball and as our photo clearly shows, part of his body is over the dead ball line, as he reaches back to touch down. Nevertheless Referee Campbell awarded the try and the Wembley dream vanished once more as Oldham lost heart and were eventually beaten 18-7.

I remember thinking on the way home that at least things couldn't get any worse as regards the Oldham Wembley jinx, little knowing what was in store four years down the line . . . same place, same round, more controversy, worse disappointment. Remember Paul Lord!!



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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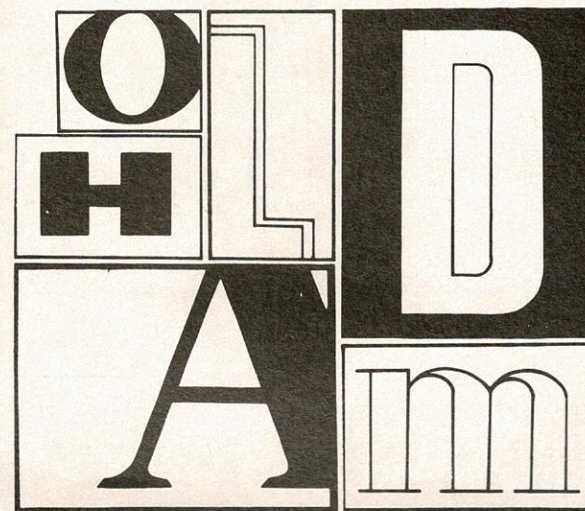
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QUIZ

HALF-TIME TEASERS

1. Which player in the recent Wigan v. Carcassonne match played 1 game for Oldham last season?
2. Which team are nicknamed 'The Gallant Youths'?
3. Name the last Yorkshire team to win the Challenge Cup?
4. Who was the first player to win the Lance Todd trophy twice?
5. In what year was the first R.L. World Cup tournament staged and where?
6. What team plays at New Craven Park?
7. Who captained Great Britain in the 1986 test series against Australia?
8. Who is the only R.L. player to score a hat-trick at Wembley?
9. What team became the first 3rd Division Champions last season?
10. Who holds the Oldham record for most post-war first team appearances?

- ANSWERS:**
1. Carcassonne prop forward Brett Jones.
 2. Batley.
 3. Halifax.
 4. Gerry Helme of Warrington in 1950 and 1954.
 5. 1954 in France.
 6. Hull Kingston Rovers.
 7. David Watkinson of Hull K.R.
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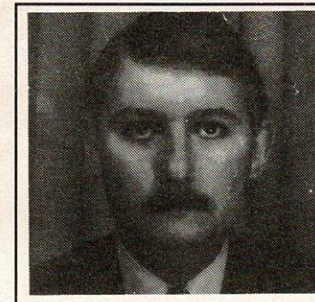
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Last weekend saw a hard fought win at Gillford Park with a crowd swelled by Oldham's travelling army of support.

Many supporters also followed the progress of the team by calling clubcall during the game.

With a two o'clock kick-off last weekend and local radio coverage not starting until nearly half-time Clubcalls coverage proved very popular.

Tunksy was a relieved man after last weeks win. "With three Sydney first graders now in the Carlisle team they are a very hard team to beat at Gillford Park. I'm glad we only have to come here once more, Featherstone come here in two weeks time and that will be interesting."

Hugh Gumbs played at centre last weekend. I spoke to him after the game "I enjoyed the change of position. It is a position which gives you more involvement than on the wing. I was only too happy to help out due to the injury situation but I did tire in the second half because I had been suffering from flu."

In between the Castleford game and last weekends game we spoke to one of last years oversea's players Vince Nicklin. Vince now playing his Rugby in France for Carcassonne was at Central Park for the Regal Trophy game. Although Vince didn't play in the game because of injury one of the Clubcall reporters and Oldham fan Nigel Sinclair spotted him after the game and interviewed him for Oldham Clubcall.

"The French game is way behind the British game, I'm hoping when next season comes around I can get fixed up with an English club, I had a very good time at Oldham and want to get back into the English League."

Final word this week goes to prop Mark Sheals who has impressed everybody since his transfer from Liegh.

"I've been pleased with the way I have fitted in at the club. We will win promotion this season and then the real test will come against top class teams as we saw against Castleford the game is played at a lot quicker pace."

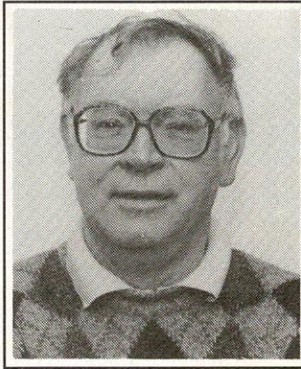
The team make the short visit to Gigg Lane next Sunday to face Swinton for the third time this season looking for the first hat-trick of the season.

Coverage as always will be provided on clubcall and we start the build up to that game on Tuesdays update.

Yours in Sport
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ROGER HALSTEAD looks at PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS



Oldham won 28-24 at the Leeds Road soccer ground on Sunday, September 20th, but it was an unconvincing victory on a day when Huddersfield came close to providing a massive upset.

The home side was in determined mood and possessed the outstanding player on the field in former Oldham skipper Neil Flanagan.

This was always going to be a big day for Flanagan and he responded by frequently putting colleagues into space with beautifully-timed passes and, in the first half, stopping a certain Oldham try with a copybook cover tackle on Iva Ropati, after cutting off the Oldham centre with an angled run.

Flanagan was Huddersfield's inspiration. He played his heart out against the team he skippered for most of last season and, when the home side scored three tries in 12 minutes, early in the second half to command an 18-12 lead, it looked as though the little man was going to turn the form book upside down.

The teams lined up as follows:

HUDDERSFIELD; Darkes, Thomas, Yates, Chapman, Nadiola, Blacker, Flanagan, Fogerty, St. Hilaire, Pucill, Kenworthy, Oates, Senior. Subs: Meillam, Mitchell.

OLDHAM: Tyrer, Ranson, Cocker, Ropati, Gumbs, Martyn, Devine, Sheals, Bradbury, Solomona, Olsen, Tupaea, Russell. Subs: McDermott, Jones.

The referee was Mr. Gerry Kershaw of York and the attendance was 2,896, a large contingent of them from Oldham to see their team play on the Huddersfield F.C. soccer ground for the first time.

In a scrappy first half, Iva Ropati and his opposite number, Warren Yates, were sent off.

Jason Fogarty gave Oldham problems in the first 20 minutes, Lee St. Hilaire was lively in the loose and Richard Darkes was dangerous when running from the back.

Martyn, McDermott, Gumbs (2) and Ranson scored tries for Oldham, with Devine (3) and Martyn landing the goals.

The Huddersfield scorers were Thomas, St. Hilaire, Meillam and Senior (tries) and Oates (3) and Kenworthy (goals).

On the plus side for Oldham, Ropati was a devastating runner before he was dismissed, Tyrer was cool and controlled in all he did, Russell tried hard to provide space for colleagues and there were eye-catching performances up front from Sheals and stand-in hooker David Bradbury.

Bradbury's midfield running was extraordinary at times, but the general organisation of the side may have suffered a little because there was a new man at the hub of things around play-the ball.



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SUPPORTERS CLUB

Today, we extend a warm welcome to all our friends and supporters from Huddersfield.

Membership

Supporters Club Membership can still be taken out at just £2.00 for the season. All members enjoy a 5% discount on all items purchased from the Club Shop plus discounted travel on all Supporters Club Coaches to away games. Further information from the Club Shop.

Away Matches

Seats for the Coaches to Swinton on 29th November can be booked at the Club Shop during the day or by telephone on 665 1832 any evening.

Club Shop

Various items from the Club Shop have been linked together at attractive prices as ideal Christmas presents. Full details can be obtained from the staff in the Shop.

Christmas Eve

The popular Christmas Eve Family Disco is again being organised by the Supporters Club, to be held in the Sheddings Club on 24th December. Tickets are priced £3.00 for adults and £2.00 for children. All children should be accompanied by an adult.

Visit of Father Christmas with gifts for all children up to the age of 11.

Anyone requiring tickets should contact 665 1832 or speak to the staff in the Club Shop.

Junior Reds

Membership of the Junior Reds is still open at just £2.00 for the season and the same discounts as adult membership for items in the Club Shop.

The second Newsletter has now been distributed to all members and we have received many favourable comments from the first issue. If you have any items of interest or require further information contact Sue on 681 3397.

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