

Athletic now in Round 3

RESULTS

OLDHAM	10	8-44
WIDNES	1	2-8
ATHLETIC	2	
SOUTH SHIELDS	0	
BATLEY	6	5-27
HORNETS	0	1-3

FA CUP (Second Round)

Accrington 6, Buxton 1.
Barrow 2, Hartlepool 0
Bradford 0, Bradford City 2
Carlisle 0, Chesterfield 0
Chester 1, Bury 1.
Colchester 1, Yeovil 1.
Halifax 1, Darlington 1.
Peterborough 4, Headington 2.
Swindon 1, Norwich 1.
Tooting and M. 2, Northampton 1.
Torquay 2, Watford 0.
Worcester 5, Millwall 2.

DIVISION ONE

Notts Forest 1, West Brom. A. 1.
Tottenham H 1, Preston NE 2

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley 0, Sheffield Wednesday 1.
Cardiff 2, Leyton Orient 1.
Charlton 4, Bristol Rovers 3.
Grimsby 2, Stoke 2.
Huddersfield 0, Scunthorpe 1.
Rotherham 4, Fulham 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE I

Celtic 2, Motherwell 0.
(abandoned after 81 mins.).
Dundee 2, Hibernian 1.
Dunfermline 3, Stirling Albion 2.
Third Lanark 3, Kilmarnock 3.
(Abandoned after 71 minutes)

SCOTTISH LEAGUE II

Alloa 5, Albion 2.
Arbroath 2, Queens Park 1.
Ayr 4, East Stirling 1.
Berwick 2, Morton 1.
Hamilton 0, Stenhousemuir 3.
Montrose 2, Cowdenbeath 0.
Stranraer 4, Dundee United 1.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Barrow 28, Salford 8.
Bramley 10, Blackpool B. 18.
Castleford 18, York 7.
Halifax 13, Bradford Northern 28.
Hull 23, Featherstone R. 12.
Hunslet 44, Doncaster 7.
Keighley 22, Whitehaven 5.
Leigh 13, Huddersfield 12.
Liverpool C. 24, Dewsbury 15.
St. Helens 38, Leeds 12.
Swinton 7, Wigan 22.
Warrington 19, Hull KR 9.
Workington T. 7, Wakefield T. 19.

OTHER MATCHES

Ellesmere Port 1, Southport 2.
Exeter 2, Notts County 0.
Oxford 1, Cambridge 1.
Southend 3, Gillingham 0.

Saints in command

After JONES opened the scoring with a penalty for Leeds, St. Helens took command. First GREENALL scored under the posts and FEARIS converted; then VOLLENHOVEN rounded Simms and Stevenson to touch down in the corner.

KARALIUS was tackled over the line by Hodgkinson for an unconverted try, and another try came from PRINSLOO five minutes later. Just on half-time JONES landed a penalty goal for Leeds. Half-time: St. Helens 14, Leeds 4.

DAZZLING OLDHAM

ATHLETIC are through to the third round of the FA Cup. At Boundary Park today, they were clearly the better side in a 2-0 victory over South Shields, the non-league club. Shields were never in the running in a game which started brightly but became dull in the second half. At Watersheddings, Oldham hit peak form once more and crushed Widnes 44-8. The visitors were completely dazzled by Oldham's brilliance.

South Shields never in fight

ATHLETIC: Teece; Naylor, West; Hobson, Murphy, Thompson; Bazley, Robinson, Bourne, Hall, Phoenix.
STH. SHIELDS: Burn; Hill, Shields; Owen, Passmoor, Cain; Powell, Monkhouse, Crickett, Robson, Ivey.
Referee: Mr. H. Webb (Leeds).

Athletic were slow in settling down, and after Naylor had cleared a free kick on the left, Powell cut through but shot weakly outside. Shields were going all out for that early goal, but Crickett was the next attacker to be well off the target as he picked up a loose ball and hooked his shot well wide. Then came Athletic's first breakaway as Bourne smartly anticipated a throw-in and darted through on his own.

From five yards, he let loose a cannonball shot, but it struck Burn as he came out of his goal and the ball flew clear. Then Bourne and Robinson forged through the middle but the inside man shot well over from his leader's final pass.

Teece was in action again as Crickett chanced another shot from long range, but as the Athletic goalkeeper hurtled across the face of his goal the ball flew inches over.

Copybook goal

Then, in a copybook move from Athletic, Robinson and Thompson combined to send Phoenix clear, but the winger was pulled back for offside.

In the 16th minute, however, another copybook move did bring Athletic the first goal. This time Murphy began it with a long clearance which found the skipper of the day, Jimmy Thompson, up in the inside-right position.

First time, Thompson hooked the ball across the middle, and, racing in at full speed, PHOENIX blasted the ball into the roof of the net from five yards.

Almost immediately Robinson had a chance to increase the lead, but his shot was blocked by Shields and Burn collected. At the other end a bad misunderstanding between Naylor and Hobson let Robson through, but his shot flashed across the face of an empty goal.

Again Bourne and Robinson whipped through the middle, but the centre-forwards' final pass was just too far in front of the inside man. Then, when Bourne again laid on a pass for Robinson, Athletic's new inside man was overhauled by Passmoor just ten yards out.

The Athletic defence, despite the one-goal lead, was looking very shaky under pressure, and Shields won two quick corners which almost brought them the equaliser. Twice in the hectic scramble in Athletic's goalmouth Teece was beaten, but the shots were blocked and the ball eventually scrambled away.

Athletic found their feet again



ALBERT BOURNE, back in Athletic's team, scored his side's second goal.

as Bourne led the forwards in fine style, but when Thompson found Phoenix in the middle the winger's shot was half-stopped and easily collected by Burn.

But in the 33rd minute Athletic increased their lead with a brilliant solo effort by BOURNE.

Beating Passmoor in the air, he darted round the centre-half, ran on to draw Burn and flashed a left-foot drive into the corner.

Still South Shields refused to give up the fight and they won two more corners in a determined onslaught. But as Athletic came away they could have had a third as Bazley found Robinson, but the inside man was too slow in shooting and Shields cleared.

Teece was injured as he dived out to snatch the ball from Crickett's toes, but he quickly resumed and right away he was in action as he went up to collect a long free-kick from Hill.

Half-time:—

ATHLETIC	2
SOUTH SHIELDS	0

Albert Bourne's return at centre-forward had brought new life into the Athletic attack, and for a change it was the defence which had a shaky day. The forwards certainly deserved their two goals, but a gallant South Shields might also have been on the score sheet with a bit of luck. On a number of occasions the Athletic rearguard had been at sizes and sevens, but South Shields lacked that extra punch to push the advantage home.

Straight away on the restart Athletic swept down the slope, and

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FA CUP

Worcester score two in first 4 minutes

Worcester City, in the second round for the first time in their history, shook Millwall with two goals in the first four minutes. The first goal, after 30 seconds, was the result of a move direct from the kick-off, the ball going out to BROWN, who made no mistake with a shot from close in.

Then Knowles beat three men before passing to left-winger SKUSE, who added a second.

After these initial shocks Millwall settled down, but were unable to penetrate a resolute defence soundly led by Paul, the former Welsh international.

Half-time: Worcester 2 Millwall 0.

Tooting equalised

Tooting and Mitcham, the only amateurs left in the FA Cup, fell behind in seven minutes to a speedy Northampton side in foggy weather. Following a free-kick by Collins, KIRKCUPE crashed the ball home.

Northampton continued the better side, but Tooting rallied and VINEY touched in a hard cross-drive by Grainger. Soon after Grainger fired a hard shot on to the bar. Bannister, Northampton's right-back, limped off after half an hour, but soon returned. Half-time: 1-1.

Blyth overcame early goal by Stockport

Stockport got off to a great start with a goal after only 45 seconds by right-winger WILSON, with a hard, rising drive from ten yards.

REAY put Blyth on terms with an 18-yard shot, and POTTS headed a perfect goal to put Blyth ahead. An unmarked CLARKE equalised for Stockport.

Half-time: 2-2.

Early lapse by Lofthouse

In an early Bolton raid, Lofthouse was not quick enough to snap up a chance before right-back Taylor pounced on him and cleared.

But after 13 minutes, Bolton went ahead when Leyland let in a low oblique shot by STEVENS.

Ten minutes later, however, Blackburn equalised when DOBING fastened on to a partial clearance by Higgins and netted with a low shot.

Half-time: Blackburn 1, Bolton 1.

CITY LOOKED THE SOUNDER

There was little constructive football by either side.

Villa had more of the exchanges, and Myerscough and Smith went near with shots. Barlow missed badly for City, before Sims saved at the foot of the post from Hayes.

There was a lot of inaccurate passing, and this made things easy for the defences, though City, with Ewing prominent, looked the sounder.

In sharp Villa raids, Trautmann twice saved fierce shots from Dixon and Hitchens.

Half-time: Villa 0, Manchester City 0.

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Blyth Spartans 3, Stockport 4.
Brentford 3, King's Lynn 1.
Coventry 1, Plymouth 3.
Crystal Palace 2, Shrewsbury 2.
Hereford 0, Newport 2.

Queen's PR 0, Southampton 1.
Tranmere 1, Doncaster 2.

DIVISION I

Aston Villa 1, Manchester City 1.
Blackburn 1, Bolton 1.
Blackpool 3, Luton 0.
Chelsea 1, Birmingham 0.
Manchester Utd. 4, Leicester 1.
Newcastle 5, Burnley 2.
Portsmouth 0, Arsenal 1.
West Ham 2, Leeds 3.
Wolves 1, Everton 0.

DIVISION II

Brighton 2, Sunderland 0.
Bristol City 1, Derby County 3.
Middlesbrough 2, Ipswich 3.
Sheffield Utd. 6, Lincoln 1.

DIVISION III

Bournemouth 1, Hull 0.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)

Airdrie 4, Raith 0.
Falkirk 1, Clyde 4.
Hearts 5, Aberdeen 1.

Partick Thistle 3, St. Mirren 1.
Queen of the South 3, Rangers 6.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)

Dumbarton 1, Forfar 1.
East Fife 2, Brechin 7.

OTHER MATCHES

Walsall 4, Mansfield 3

3 15 kick-off
Liverpool 4, Swansea 0
Port Vale 5, Wrexham 0.

Club expects the team to settle down again

DOWN they go! To be exact, just two places in the Northern League table—from first to third. But already there is a minor note of panic on the streets of Oldham, and people are worrying and wondering: "Is this the end of the palmy days at Watersheddings?"

Team selection and general administrative policy are under fire, so I decided to put seven questions to the club president, Mr. Bill Howard. Perhaps he gives you the right answers.

Do officials feel, as do many supporters, that the first team is on the slide?

"We feel the team is not playing as well as it was because of the enforced changes made this season. We are confident when the side settles down again it will be good. Believe me, we are not being complacent about our position."

"There is no need for supporters to panic and they must be confident that we are doing our utmost to stabilise the position."

Is it still the club's policy to persist with the development and encouragement of young players, and if so, how do you reconcile this with the policy of playing and signing players in the "veteran" class?

"We want to get our younger players going, and that is why we

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have such men as Daley and Stirrup in with them to help encourage the boys. We know our future lies with these youngsters.

"The signing of Kelly was an emergency one, because we did not feel we had a man ready to step into the loose-forward position. It was a temporary measure and we made it clear he would go in the 'A' team when Turner comes back."

"I realise that Kelly is in the first team despite the return of Turner, but such decisions rest with the manager—and that is a decision he has made."

There have been accusations

Sports Letter

FAIR PLAY

Once again an Oldham forward is to ask for a transfer. McKeown feels he would do better with another club. We have a saying in Oldham that "fair play is bonny play." McKeown's request is a polite way of saying that he has not had fair play, and any fair-minded supporter who considers team selection over the past few weeks can only agree with him.

To Oldham's selectors I would say, "Be consistent; pick the man in form irrespective of his club of origin—whether he is a local junior or an expensive attempt to convert an RU player into a forwards worthy of the traditions of Oldham."

G. REVENS.

WALT DISNEY IN OLYMPICS

THE newest role for that peerless showman, Walt Disney, is Olympic Games official. With the title of "Chairman of the Pageantry Committee" the film-making genius who has won the world record number of 24 Oscars, has accepted the task of handling a vital part of the next Winter Olympic Games at Squaw Valley, California, in 14 months.

Disney creator of such masterpieces as "Snow White" and "White Wilderness," the inventor of Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and Pluto, will handle the arrangements for the opening ceremony, the closing ceremony and all the victory ceremonies at which the gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded after each event.

Disney will also have charge of the display of the flags of 34 competing nations, the music of all the National Anthems, the general decor and the organisation of a torch relay.

WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

of favouritism in team selection. Is there any basis for these accusations?

"Where there have been any suggestions of this kind I have taken it up with the manager, and although he has the final say, he has, on occasions, been persuaded to make changes in accordance with other people's judgment."

"The manager works to certain rules, particularly in the selection of forwards. These rules are not entirely popular with everyone."

'A'-team coaching

Has the committee, as a whole, complete faith in the "A" team as a cover for depleted positions in the first team?

"Not altogether, because we are still looking around for new men. But we have several young players in mind that need coaching and bringing on steadily. I favour occasional games in the first team, but the manager has the final say."

Is the manager instructed by the committee to spend time coaching and encouraging the younger players?

"Yes, that is why we have now got the 'A' team training on Monday nights. It is too early to judge the results, but we are hopeful. He does not give a report on the progress of 'A'-teamers to the committee."

Are the general members of the committee free to question the manager's selection and his omission of players whom they consider should have been in the first team?

"The committee are free to ask any questions when the manager makes his reports. This position often arises, and the manager must account to them for everything he does."

Team selection

In view of the many controversies about team selection, does not the committee feel that the time has come for selection to be the problem of the whole committee rather than just the manager, plus an advisory sub-committee with limited powers?

"There are two sides to this argument. It has been said that when a full committee pick a team they pick a man each, while if one man picks a losing team he has to bear the full brunt."

"From my experience I think the best way is for the manager to pick the team and then submit it to an advisory committee with the power to make any changes they consider desirable."

Well, there you are supporters, and like me, you can see that so much responsibility rests with Manager Griff Jenkins. He alone can decide Oldham's fortunes.

I am in the school that thinks one man should not have to shoulder such a burden. Bad times may force him to go to his official "pals" for advice, when the proper course would be for the committee as an official body to have some say.

McKeown disillusioned

Differences at Watersheddings in recent years have ended in more than one man leaving the club. The latest to join the exit queue is Des McKeown.

Among all the reasons he has been given for not playing, his form has never been questioned. For him, weight was always the excuse for a bench place.

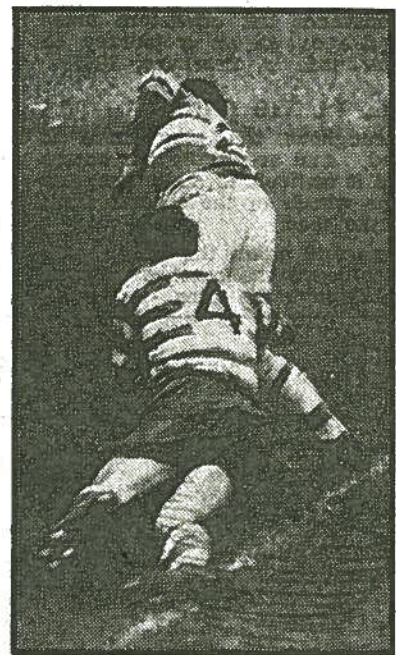
On Tuesday he took the final blow. Geoff Kelly (12st. 10lb.) was

moved into the second row and McKeown (13st. 12lb.) was kicked right off the sheet.

Oldham cannot afford to lose McKeown. In the words of the president, Mr. Howard: "We cannot afford to lose another single forward."

But to keep McKeown is going to be harder this time. I have spoken to him, and he is a pretty disillusioned 22-year-old. Never have I chatted with a player who was so sure he was not wanted by the men who matter at Oldham.

It is essentially the committee's job on Monday night to convince McKeown that he is wanted.



JOHNNY NOON, pictured here bringing off a classical tackle on Wigan's Billy Boston last Saturday, was relegated to the bench for today's match.

... THEN I SIGNED

SALFORD had been playing me at out-half, on the wing and at full-back, and where I was going to play from week to week was always a bit of a surprise.

But they gave me the biggest surprises of all when they said: "You may soon be playing for Oldham." It took a lot of thinking about, for Oldham were not then a classy, top-of-the-league club.

I clearly remember Mr. Bert Summerscales, the Oldham secretary, and the late Tommy Hurlley coming to my Leigh home. "We are building a team at Oldham, Frank," they said, "and we want you to be a part of it."

But the promise that really swung the transfer deal—it cost Oldham £1,600—was a promise by the enthusiastic officials that I would get a fair crack at scrum-half.

That was my favourite position, and at Salford I could never really hope to move top man Tommy Harrison, who was playing so well in 1950.

Team-building

So impressed was I with the promise that I agreed to go to Oldham. I must have been impressed because I discovered later I had moved to a smaller pay packet. Ah, well, it was one of those things.

I soon discovered that Bert and Tommy had been right. Oldham were team-building and there was terrific enthusiasm in both the first team and the reserves' dressing-room.

Upstairs in the boardroom it was action stations as well. Oldham



Cherrington (Wigan) draws Etty and prepares to pass to Boston, as Pitchford comes up behind him. A scene from the Wigan-Oldham game at Central Park last Saturday.

Rugby League Gossip

HE BLAMES FOG —NOT THE TV

BLAME the weather. Blame television. Find what excuse you can. But something went wrong with Rugby League football in Yorkshire last Saturday. Only 26,000 people watched six matches.

The lowest attendance of all was at Dewsbury. You could almost count the spectators there—453. Out of the gate of £37 Dewsbury had to meet match expenses of around £75 including advertising, police, gatemen and players wages.

But John Bell, the club's secretary didn't blame the live televising of the nearby Wakefield Trinity-Hunslet match. He said the drop in attendance, one of the lowest in the club's history, was due to the fog.

LEIGH had an extra 10s. to put in their gate kitty today—from a supporter of the club they licked last Saturday. The cash came in appreciation of a good show by the Leigh team against Hull Kingston Rovers.

He is a man who played for Rovers over 30 years ago and this week he wrote the Leigh secretary congratulating the team on a fine performance.

With the letter the supporter enclosed a cheque for 10s. "to put in the kitty because I am told Leigh's support has fallen off."

He told Leigh that their team gave a fine display of fast passing and brilliant backing-up. In his opinion it was the best performance

from a Lancashire team on the Hull ground for many years.

All of which poses a question: "What do the Leigh supporters want from their team?"

WAKEFIELD TRINITY nipped in smartly when Ivor Dorrington, their big South African forward told them about Alan Skene 23-year-old Springbok centre. Up to last weekend he was playing for the same Villagers Club as Tommy Gentles, Wigan's new scrum-half.

Once Dorrington told Wakefield directors that he himself considered Skene would be a success in Rugby League, it was enough. They didn't give Wigan time even to think about him.

Dorrington in his first game looks like being a favourite with the Wakefield crowd. The fans were delighted with his long, "Traill-like" passes, and once he gets the hang of positional play he should be worth every penny of the £2,000 Wakefield paid.

HARD, tough training. That was the routine Frank Dawson adopted to get Halifax to the top during the time he was with the Thrum Hall club. During his eight seasons there, Halifax had a remarkable run of success.

They figured in two Wembley Cup, three League Championship finals and two Yorkshire Cup finals.

Now, the same Dawson workout is being given Kelghley's players "There is no change," says Frank. "It is just the same principle—plenty of hard work."

And already he says it's beginning to show in the team's performances on the field. "You know me—if the players have it in them I will get it out and these Kelghley lads have got it," said Frank.

NO "A" team fixtures. Oldham were complaining about them a week ago and now Whitehaven join in. They are in the same boat wondering how to keep their reserve players in match training.

"Not a reserve team game this month," says Ralph Watson, the club secretary. So, in an effort to give their "A" team players a run-out during the enforced lay-off, he is trying to fix up friendly games.

But apart from full fixture lists in most clubs, sending an "A" team into the heart of Cumberland is an expensive business. There are Yorkshire teams nearer than Whitehaven—but they are in a different league.

THE Davies family made news again this week. Alan is Oldham's international centre and his brother Gwyn plays in the half-backs at Leigh. He is hoping he will not be there long.

This week Leigh considered a request from young Gwyn and decided to put him on the list at £1,000.

What does Gwyn think? "I am happy they granted my request. Now I am hoping some club that can put me into first-grade football will have me."

Six Spaniards, who with a seventh man plan to sail from Hongkong to Barcelona in a 60-ton Chinese junk, left Paris by air last night for Hongkong.

No. 4

By
FRANK STIRRUP



were bent on building up a successful unit. In 1950 it looked a long way off, but there was no doubting the plan.

I have never regretted the move to Oldham because I was a part of their enthusiastic plan and because they have not been slow to thank me for the part I have played—and, I hope, will play for some time to come.

These days I am told Stirrup is a "veteran," but it doesn't really upset me. I have been called many things in my time and in a way the title "veteran" is something of a compliment.

The day has not yet arrived when I can pinpoint what I think is causing the present-day slump in Rugby League gates. But I would like to take this chance to say that it is not television.

Lots of things are different in the game from what they were ten years ago. The same keen spirit isn't around and without that, any sport is moving the wrong way. I hope it doesn't spread to my club, Oldham.

A sharpshooter could lighten season's bleak outlook

THE past week has probably been the most depressing of the season for Spotland supporters. Seven days earlier, things looked bright. Accrington Stanley had been beaten at Spotland and a draw had been forced in the FA Cup at Hartlepool. Was the revival at last just around the corner?

Apparently not. Goal-snatching Hartlepool forwards at Old Trafford and a thundering seven-goal City attack at Valley Parade, made Rochdale's hopes look shattered for the season.

Yet, perhaps it is not quite as bad as that. The Rochdale defence, whatever its constitution has been

SPOTLIGHT ON SPOTLAND by CRITIC

this season, is not as poor as it was painted a week ago. It is, in fact, the most reliable section of the team.

Even though Manager Jack Marshall is experimenting in defence for the Lancashire Senior Cup match at Old Trafford on Monday evening, I still say the main trouble of this Rochdale side lies forward.

Pathetic

Get some goals and the team will look infinitely better. Even with the goalkeeping troubles the club has had, pathetic finishing has put the side where it is.

Compare the 21 league games played this season with the first 21 last season when Rochdale scored freely with poorer approach play than they have often shown this time but with deadly shooting.

This season's 19 goals in 21 games compares with 48 goals in the first 21 last season. Twelve of the games then were against clubs now in the Third Division (Scunthorpe excepted) and in those 12, Rochdale hit 25 goals.

Jim Dailey had nine in only six league games; Dave Pearson eight in 12; Jock Lockhart seven from outside-right. Eddie Wainwright had six in 18 games, exactly the same number of goals and games he has this time.

But the remainder of the scoring list at Spotland at the moment makes dismal reading. Les Spencer has eight goals (six in the League) in 24 games; Jim Dailey four in

17 games and Brian Green three in 11 games.

Whereas ten goals were scored from the wing in the first 21 games last season only one has accrued to date.

Crime

Now turn to the defence. Here we find that last season in the first 21 matches, 38 goals were conceded. This time 41 have gone into the Rochdale net.

In the 21st game last season, Rochdale conceded three goals to Oldham Athletic; in the 21st this season they conceded seven. So before last Saturday, the Rochdale defence had a better record than it had 12 months ago when nine of the teams played were among those now in the Fourth Division.

Figures of course do not prove everything. The ones I have just quoted, however, are simple and there is no possibility of misunderstanding them.

They tell one story—the present forward line is at the heart of the team's troubles and their one great Soccer crime has been missing "sitters."

Mr. Jack Marshall has my sympathy in the task he has so smilingly taken on. He knows the team could be lifted from the foot of the table by the signing of several good-class players.

But with gates at the level they have been and the possibility of even less support from now on, will the directors branch out and buy?

What about Lord

I doubt it, not to the extent required to create a team capable of rising five places from the foot of the table. The directors would have to find the money themselves so far as I can see for any new players in addition to Moore.

It is easy to say the directors ought to do so if they want support. It is not so easy to put one's hand in one's own pocket. The club is run for the town and its soccer followers not for the directors. They get nothing out of it except abuse and the dubious pleasure of being behind the scenes.

In other words, here is the same

old vicious circle that has bedevilled clubs in Rochdale's position since soccer became a professional game.

After seeing Frank Lord in action at Valley Parade last Saturday, I have changed my mind about the value of keeping him still longer in the Lancashire League from gaining match fitness and confidence.

I liked the way Frank started against Bradford City. He looked far less ungainly than in his first Third Division outing a couple of months ago and seemed to be linking up well until the whole side fell from grace.

There seemed to be no holding back or shirking of tackles and if he can continue in this strain and hold a place in the first team on merit, he could possibly be the man with the goal-touch Rochdale so badly need.

Sandwalking for health

Australian housewives have been advised to take a half-hour barefoot walk on the beach to relieve their feet after a day's hectic Christmas shopping.

The advice comes from Sydney chiropodist, Mr. Ivor Cash, who said that barefoot sand-walking causes inhibitions to go, and by helping the feet, it helps the whole body. Muscles without clothing carry the body better, said Mr. Cash.

Test substitute's bold hitting

A dashing innings of 104 by Billie Watson helped put New South Wales in a promising position at the end of the second day's play in their Sheffield Shield match against South Australia at Sydney.

At the close the Shield holders were 263 for five in reply to South Australia's first innings 303.

Watson and N. Marks, a 20-year-old player who celebrated his Shield debut by scoring 57 not out, helped plug the gaps left in the New South Wales team by the absence of five stars on Test duty. Their good knocks came after skipper Sid Carroll had been dismissed with only seven runs scored.

Charnley's victim is champ now

Don Jordan (Los Angeles) became new world welterweight boxing champion last night, when, at Los Angeles, he gained a unanimous points decision over holder Virgil Akins, of St. Louis.

It was 30-year-old Akins's first defence of the title, which he held only six months.

Jordan—who lost to Britain's Dave Charnley at Harringay in January—had the champion clinching and holding frequently during the 15 rounds.

These boys could spread RL code

BEFORE the Warrington game at the Athletic Grounds, Hornets supporters had an opportunity to note the progress which has been made in fostering Rugby League in the schools of the town. Rochdale Boys gained a clear-cut win over Halifax in a curtain-raiser, and in the process demonstrated what organisation can do.

The Rochdale team was the outcome of a system of elimination, starting with about forty boys, who were invited to a two-day coaching session at the Athletic Grounds, with Mr. Bryn Goldswain as coach. A trial match was played, and following this a provisional team was named and attended two further sessions on the senior ground.

Mr. Jack Kershaw, secretary of the Schools Rugby League, is the man who is giving the main drive to the current popularity of the code among Rochdale schoolboys. His attitude can be realised from what he told me during the week: "No one is going to tell me that there are better lads in Wigan or St. Helens than in Rochdale; they simply have better facilities for continuing to play the game when they leave school."

The first part of his claim may be proved within a few years; the second part of his statement is an undisputed fact. Despite the enthusiasm of a few officials, the standard of the Rochdale and District Amateur Rugby League has fallen to a low level, with insufficient clubs to form a proper competition. Appeals for volunteers to run clubs or coach teams have met with little response, so it has been evident for several seasons that a bold move was required.

Poor substitute

Fusion of leagues in south-east Lancashire to form a worthwhile competition, good in itself, is a poor substitute for the three-division town competition Rochdale knew in the distant past.

Mr. Kershaw has put his ideas before the Hornets' board, and also expressed his concern that he and other teachers have built up a schools' league of 26 teams, and when boys leave school there are not enough continuation clubs to enable them to remain in the game.

The outcome is that the directors, as much concerned about the position as Mr. Kershaw, have decided to sponsor a continuation team, and will provide tackle and training facilities. Mr. Kershaw will manage the team, and he hopes to eliminate some of the wastage of good young talent which has occurred over the past few years.

He has emphasised that if the

In the HORNETS' NEST by Touchjudge

boys can be kept active and interested from leaving school until they are 17 years of age, the intermediate section of the game will be the next to benefit, and ultimately the open-age section—and the Hornets.

A few years ago a Hornets official believed that a junior team sponsored by the senior club would be the means of robbing others, already none too strong, of players—quite a possibility. But that cannot happen in the present case because Mr. Kershaw says he will form his team from boys who leave school and others who did well at school but are now unable to find a club.

Possibilities

This is a start. What are the possibilities of a further extension of the continuation section? Are the Supporters' Club in a position to delegate a few members of their committee to see to the administration and coaching if they had money to spare to sponsor a club? Can more encouragement be given to existing clubs? Every possibility ought to be explored, now that someone has come forward to emphasise, in effect, that it is a waste of time and effort to cultivate the code in the schools unless there are facilities to keep the lads who have shown promise in the game.

Efforts are still being made to strengthen the Hornets' pack, and it was decided to give John Emmott a further run in the "A" team after two first-team games. The conversion from Rugby Union to Rugby League is not simple, and it may be well into the latter part of the season before spectators see the best of the two new men. At this time last year Ferdi Corsi was a "raw recruit," but he had improved enough to claim a place during the successful Cup run.

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BRIGHT'S IN CUP FINAL

AS a result of their 4-2 win over Milnrow Parish in last Saturday's Coronation Cup semi-final at Milnrow, Bright's will now meet Shawforth (the holders) in the final on the ground of Facit Parish on Boxing Day morning.

Bright's fully deserved their semi-final victory. Two goals up after 14 minutes and leading 3-1 at half-time, they made it 4-1 before Milnrow got their second goal, and were then content to hold on to their two-goal lead. Wolfenden (2), Hunter and Hicks scored for Bright's and Sutcliffe and Hill for Milnrow.

YMCA Old Boys were a player short for their away game with St. Aidan's, and were outplayed from start to finish. St. Aidan's did everything but score goals in the first half, which ended 0-0, but once they had opened their account in the second half they scored at regular intervals to win 7-2. Gardner (3), Muldowney (2), Kenyon and Barrett scored for St. Aidan's, and Marriott (2) for YMCA.

All Saints' were another team to be short-handed and they went down to Norden YCOB at Norden, losing 10-1.

Littleborough Parish, the leaders, were fortunate to return from Wardle Parish with both points, as the home team had more of the play but could only score two goals against Littleborough's three.

Shawforth had a comfortable 7-1 home win over Newhey St. Thomas's, the visitors being no match for them. Dawson (2), Grogan (2), Linger, Lumb and Povey scored for Shawforth, and D. Clarke for Newhey.

Whittle's were soon two goals up in their home game with Milton, but the visitors were level at half-time. They proceeded to establish a four-goal lead. Whittle's rallied but could only get two more goals, and so lost 4-6.

B Division

Good Shepherd were a player short for their away game with Spotland Meths., but they made light of the handicap and led 4-2 at the interval. They could not keep up the pace, however, and finally drew 6-6. Kershaw (3), Dixon, Ashworth and Davies scored their goals. Slack (2), West, R. Clegg, Chadwick and Hulse scoring for Spotland.

Although outplayed, Thornham got the goals in their home game with Outgate Bapts., and won by six goals scored by Butterworth (5) and Emmerson to two scored by Aughey and Ray.

With only 15 minutes left for play and leading 3-0, St. Gabriel's appeared set for a comfortable home win over St. Aidan's Res. The visitors, however, had other ideas and a fine rally brought them three goals and a point G. Walsh (2) and Rothwell scored for St. Aidan's and Collins (2) and Bellew for St. Gabriel's.

St. Patrick's just got the better of Thornham St. James's, winning by the odd goal of three.

St. Peter's had a comfortable 7-1 home win over Syke Meths.

Buckley Hall won their home game with West St. Bapts. 5-4.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Littleboro' Par.	11	9	2	0	61	24	18
Norden YCOB	10	7	2	1	44	26	18
Wardle Par.	10	5	2	3	41	24	13
Shawforth	9	5	2	2	42	21	12
St. Aidan's	7	5	1	1	27	16	11
Sacred Heart	9	4	3	2	27	20	10
Bright's	7	4	2	1	22	19	9
Whittle's	10	3	6	1	27	35	7
YMCA Old Boys ...	9	2	4	2	26	34	6
Milton	11	2	7	2	29	51	6
Facit Par.	7	2	4	1	18	25	5
All Saints	10	2	8	0	21	65	4
N'wh'y St. Thomas 11	1	8	2	1	19	44	4

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
St. Aidan's Res.	11	6	2	3	44	34	15
Milnrow Par.	7	6	0	1	45	18	13
Thornham	7	6	1	0	43	16	12
St. Gabriel's	10	5	3	2	40	13	12
Outgate Bapts.	11	5	4	2	31	30	12
St. Peter's	11	5	4	2	42	32	12
St. Patrick's	8	5	3	0	26	24	10
Spotland Meths.	10	4	5	1	23	35	9
West St. Bapts.	12	3	6	3	33	48	9
Thornham St. James 10	2	5	3	2	23	27	7
Good Shepherd	11	3	7	1	39	53	7
Buckley Hall	10	2	7	1	32	57	5
Syke Meths.	10	2	7	1	24	54	5

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Shawforth	11	10	1	0	71	29	20
Littleboro' Par.	10	9	1	0	51	18	18
Norden YCOB	12	8	4	0	63	35	16
Bright's	10	7	2	1	47	23	15
YMCA Old Boys	12	7	4	1	53	34	15
Milnrow Par.	10	6	4	0	37	32	12
Wardle Par.	10	5	3	2	38	27	12
Whittle's	11	5	4	2	29	29	12
Sacred Heart	11	4	6	1	42	40	9
Outgate Bapts.	12	4	7	1	36	61	9
Facit Par.	10	3	6	1	47	46	7
St. Patrick's	11	1	8	2	11	39	4
Buckley Hall	11	1	11	1	26	82	3
N'wh'y St. Thomas 11	1	10	0	1	18	53	2

Rochdale Amateur League Turner Bros. back to form with 7-3 win over Whitworth

HAGGATE LADS, who are creeping up the table, put up a fine performance when visiting Railway Street to win by five goals to three. Railway Street opened the scoring but Haggate soon equalised. After the interval the home defence collapsed, enabling Haggate to add four goals in the space of 30 minutes, then in the last five minutes Railway Street added two quick goals. Lomax (2) and Jarrett scored for Railway Street and Buckley (2) and Greaves (2) and Wilson scored for Haggate.

Turner Bros. returned to winning form when in visiting Whitworth FC they were successful 7-3. After showing signs of being a close affair, the game petered out in the second half. The first half saw two goals being shared. Each side scored again on the resumption but Turner's then scored four times in 20 minutes to lead 6-2 after 80 minutes. A goal by each side in the last ten minutes completed the scoring. Halstead, Whittles and Bentley scored for Whitworth, with Thompson (2), Whitehead (2), Burke, Dean and Lee for Turner's.

A fast, open game at Summit resulted in visitors A. and A. Crompton's being successful 3-1 over Gravelhole. Crompton's scored in the first minute and increased their score 20 minutes later to lead 2-0 at the interval. After 72 minutes Gravelhole reduced the arrears but a further goal by Crompton's sealed the issue. Shaw scored for Gravelhole, and Marsh, Sugden and Nield for Crompton's.

In the Heywood "derby," Tudor Rose beat Boots Social by 3-1. Tudor Rose led by the only goal scored at half-time but five

minutes from the end they increased their lead to 3-0 before Boots obtained a consolation goal. Simpson, Bond and Bateman scored for Tudor Rose, and Scully for Boots.

Walsden visited Heymain Recs., wooden spoonists, and were successful 3-0. Heymain missed a penalty but played their best game of the season. Doherty (2) and Rolfe scored.

Rochdale Athletic, at home to Industry, ran riot to win by 13 goals to 1 after only leading 2-0 at the interval. Diggle (4), Barlow (3), Sinkinson (3), Livesey, Walker and Baron scoring for Athletic, and Burns for Industry.

In the second division, leaders Bay Horse met runners-up Ash Mill and were successful by the odd goal of nine after Ash Mill had led 4-3 at the interval. Crane (2), Jones (2) and Clegg scored for Bay Horse, Smith (3) and English for Ash.

Rochdale Athletic visited Industry and, playing well within themselves, were successful 7-3, after an even first half had resulted in them leading 3-2. Duffy (2) and Spedding scored for Industry, and Charlston (3), Bell (2) and Leonard (2) for Athletic.

Pattreioeux visited E. Clegg and Son and after opening the scoring the visitors ran out winners of a very even game by the odd goal of seven. Hallsworth (2) and Bamford scored for Clegg's, Cullen (2), Harter and Irons netted for Pattreioeux.

Shiloh Spinners visited Dunlop and, after a game in which the visitors were always on top, they were successful 7-0. Goals were scored by Wright (3), Martin (2), Walls and Crossley (own goal).

American style Wrestling by teams proves big success

The promoters of the Majestic Ballroom wrestling introduced a hilarious crowd pleaser on Friday night which was immediately popular and will be assured of a tremendous welcome in future.

Four wrestlers take part in this American-style bout, two in a team. Only one member of each team is allowed in the ring at a time but by touching his team-mate whenever he gets in trouble he gains a release and his partner takes over in the ring.

All-in wrestling is essentially a show rather than a sport, an exhibition rather than a contest. This newly-introduced system makes full use of these points and, judging from the reception the crowd gave it last night the crowd will welcome its re-appearance at the Majestic any time.

The show was a benefit performance of Jimmy James who broke a leg several weeks ago in a bout at Oldham and the top-of-the-bill bout was between The Ghoul and a newcomer to Oldham "Stoker" Thomas. The Ghoul gained an unpopular win with a knock-out.

One from George

His opponent was helped back into his corner by the popular Manchester wrestler George Bullock, who should have been appearing that night. The Ghoul objected strongly to Bullock's appearance in the ring. George stripped his coat off, pasted The Ghoul for his insolence and left the ring to cheers.

The liveliest bout of the night was between Maurice du Bois and Johnny Willis, both wrestlers with strong support at the Majestic. This contest was declared a draw after eight hard-fought rounds in which neither man was prepared to give ground in an exciting match.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chloride	16	15	1	0	59	12	31
Heys Old Boys	12	9	1	2	38	14	19
English Steel	11	8	0	3	42	25	16
Marsden	14	6	4	4	36	33	16
Robinson's Recs.	13	7	1	5	50	43	15
Dukinfield St Mary	13	5	3	5	29	27	13
Bardsley	13	6	1	6	28	31	13
Northern Nomads	14	5	3	6	29	31	13
Urmston	11	5	2	4	32	23	12
A. & A. Crompton's	13	6	1	7	27	35	11
Prestwich Borough	14	4	3	7	40	44	11
Osram	15	5	1	9	45	66	11
Avro	15	3	3	9	26	33	9
OWS (Radcliffe)	13	4	0	9	21	37	8
Ashton National	12	3	1	8	27	47	7
Dukinfield Victoria	13	2	8	8	19	42	7

LANCASHIRE RL

	P	W	L	D	Pt
Widnes	11	8	3	0	16
OLDHAM	10	8	2	0	16
St. Helens	9	7	1	1	15
Wigan	9	7	2	0	14
Swinton	8	7	1	0	14
Warrington	11	6	5	0	12
Leeds	11	6	5	0	12
Barrow	11	5	4	0	10
Salford	11	5	6	0	10
Liverpool C	10	4	6	0	8
Blackpool B	14	4	10	0	8
Workington T	11	3	7	1	7
Whitehaven	10	3	7	0	6
HORNETS	14	3	11	0	6
Leigh	10	2	8	0	4

RUGBY UNION NOTES

Referee was fogbound—but Oldham won new fixture

LAST Saturday the Oldham first team had a new fixture when they entertained the Yorkshire side, Old Rishworthians.

The visitors appeared to have enjoyed themselves and are anxious for a return game at Halifax early in the new year. Oldham won 10-0, though the visitors, with fine tackling, prevented any score before half-time.

The official referee was fogbound and club secretary, Frank Kershaw, having a free afternoon from his society refereeing duties, took over. It was interesting to note the marked improvement since he last took a game at Keb Lane.

The Borough side went to Leigh and won 9-3. This side was without skipper F. Catling, but W. Oates, who took over, did an excellent job and was well supported by S. Hegginsbotham making one of his rare appearances for the side he did so much to develop.

The Extra "A" drew 9-9 with De La Salle Training College at Keb Lane. As the score suggests, this was a hard-fought game. P. Carter, on leave from the Forces,

Eclipse of Edge
Lane Meths

Bardsley need
goalkeeper

First defeat
for Uppermill

Easter tours
become popular

INTER-LEAGUERS: STOTT'S CAN WIN OWN CUP

THE Oldham Amateur League plays its annual fixture with the Bolton Amateur League next Saturday at the Walker Institute Ground, Green Lane, Bolton. Intending spectators should get in touch with Mr. W. Ambrose, 8 Dorset Street, Oldham, about travel arrangements. The Oldham team is:—

Winterbottom (Fernhurst); Robinson (Buckley & Taylor's); Mumford (Failsworth Amateurs); Booth (Buckley & Taylor's); Grindrod (Failsworth Amateurs, captain); Heap (Block Lane); Wood (J. Stott's); Gorog (Chadderton United); Costello (J. Chadwick's); Salt (Failsworth Lads); Walker (Monarch Mill). Reserves: West (Failsworth Amateurs), Holmes (J. Stott's).

Two of this team are from Failsworth Amateurs, who are in their first season in the Amateur League and at present are second in the

ROUND LOCAL SOCCER LEAGUES

league table. The two players are Fred Mumford (left-back) and Ivan Grindrod (centre-half), who has been made captain.

Brian West has been chosen as a reserve, and the Failsworth club, which was formed only at the beginning of last season, is also honoured by the appointment of Charlie Stewartson as trainer to the league team.

JAMES STOTT'S (ENGINEERS) LTD. presented a new cup to the Oldham Amateur League this season, for a knock-out competition. And their own names could be the very first to be inscribed on it as winners, for they were playing Strinesdale today in a semi-final.

Up to today J. Stott's have been undefeated in league and cup matches. Not so lucky at the other end of the table, where another works team, Dronfield's, won their first match only last Saturday.

Yet a third works team features in Oldham Amateur League news—Buckley and Taylor's, also unbeaten so far this season, and consequently top of the second division.

WHAT has happened to Edge Lane Methodists this season? They have won the Oldham Sunday Schools League six times in the last six years and have won the cup four times and been runners-up twice in those same six years.

This season they have won only three of their 12 games. They have scored 36 goals but have let in 58—10 of them in the last two encounters.

Emmanuel beat them 4-0 last Saturday to remain top of the league

(19pts.), but they are hotly pursued by St. Aidan's, the Royton team, who have played eight and won eight, letting in only seven goals in the process. They have three games in hand.

BARDSLEY have for a long time been one of the leading teams in the Oldham area, but at the moment they are desperately in need of a goalkeeper, following the transfer to Droylesden of Eric Prince.

Secretary Eric Richardson would give his right arm for a good goalkeeper, and if any such player happens to be without a club, he would be very welcome at Bardsley.

DESPITE high scores in recent weeks by Chloride Rec., the SE Lancs League leaders from Clifton, C. Ellison, of the Rochdale team, Robinson's Recs., is still way in front of the league's individual goalscorers.

Ellison has scored 27 so far this season.

Next come three Chloride players—Allington with 20, Daley 16, Cordfield, 15—and also on the 15 mark is Jones (English Steel).

CHADDERTON FC's teams have had a successful season so far. The 1st XI are fourth in the second division of the Manchester Amateur League, but if the games in hand are all won, they will move up to second place with a three-point lead over the third club.

Chadderton finished second last year, but were unable to gain promotion as their ground (which is not all grass) did not measure up to first division requirements.

The 2nd XI in the reserve division of the MAL are third, two points behind the leaders. The under-21 youth side have won every match and consequently lead the Oldham Youth League, and the under-18 youth side are top of the Middleton Youth League, having lost only one game.

The total number of matches played by the club so far is 50, and of these, 40 have been won, three drawn, and 7 lost. Goals for, 243; goals against 78.

The former Oldham Athletic player, Jimmy Dyson, has done a lot to make Chadderton one of the leading teams in the Oldham area. He trains and coaches the club, but he hasn't had much chance of seeing his team play in recent weeks for the Manchester County FA has been using him as trainer at their representative matches.

Last Saturday he was on duty with the youth team which drew 1-1 with the Derbyshire FA youth team at Buxton. The week before, he had a similar appointment with the County senior team.

THE East Lancashire ATC soccer team, which included three Royton boys, was beaten 4-2 by Warwick and Birmingham in last weekend's semi-final of the Western Regional ATC competition.

UPPERMILL were the leading team in the Ashton League last season, and up to last Saturday they had been undefeated in league matches this season. They are already in one cup semi-final and they head the league by five points. Saturday's temporary setback was administered by Roundthorn, who reversed the previous week's defeat at Uppermill.

Roundthorn are enjoying a good first season in a league of vastly-varying standards. For instance, the railways side from Denton, and the works teams, Cooke and Ferguson, are bombarded week after week but still come up smiling.

EASTER tours are popular with local clubs, and Austerlands Institute are the latest to announce one. They are to visit the West coast and are taking both 1st and 2nd XIs.

Townfield Youth Centre, members of the Oldham Youth League, are taking 21 members to Belgium for Easter. They are flying there and back and will play two matches during the period, March 27 to 31.

Oldham Junior Rugby League topics

Duggie Baker can help his old team again

SADDLEWORTH RANGERS are getting an "Old Boy" back on their team. Hard-working forward Duggie Baker left them to play as a professional for Huddersfield, but now he is coming back to help his old junior club again.

When Saddleworth heard Duggie had some spare time on Saturdays, they wrote to Huddersfield and said: "May he come and help us?"

This week the Huddersfield club told Saddleworth that they may make use of Baker, but they made a proviso. "You are responsible for any injuries, and when we want him you must release him," they said.

WATERHEAD thought they would soon lose the services of their forward, Dick Smith who, playing in the front-row, weighs over 16st. He was signed for trials by Oldham.

But both Dick and Waterhead have not heard a word since. And this week the Oldham club couldn't help very much. "We have signed him for trials," said an official, "but I cannot say when he will be playing."

HIGGINSHAW have had a week of hail and farewell. They have said cheerio and many thanks to veteran forward Tommy Robinson, but have welcome two players back after absences.

Tommy, well-known throughout this and many other leagues in the game, has been with Higginshaw for many years and played every position in the pack, spending most

time in the second row or at loose-forward.

Now he has decided to quit. Commented Tommy: "I have no plans," but it could be that lion-hearted Robinson will be holding the referee's whistle before long.

Back with the club is Harry Dyson, international half-back—but he isn't coming back to play. Harry is returning to help with the training of his old club and hopes to play a very active part.

Also back is full-back Alan Robinson who has been on trial with Rochdale Hornets. He arrives just in time to celebrate the engagement of one of Higginshaw's youngest players, Brian Corr.

AVRO joined the Junior League this season but already they are hitting trouble. They have a lush playing pitch with top facilities but many of their opponents are playing under poor conditions.

"The result is," secretary Wild Harrop said this week, "that many of our players are keeping away because of the bad grounds. Already we have lost six players who have returned to the Rugby Union game."

But Avro will battle on. "We are finding replacements slowly but surely," said Wilf. "But this setback has seriously affected our plans for strengthening our position in the league."

ST. ANNE'S lost a player yesterday. Alec Givvons, son of the former Oldham "A" coach, signed for Halifax after a series of successful trials. Givvons impressed the Yorkshire directors with his centre play.

Alec, who weighs over 13st. and is 6ft. tall, was spotted by Halifax scouts several weeks ago and signed for trials. Before joining amateur Rugby League he played with the local Rugby Union club.

Happy Halifax came to St. Anne's again this week and signed up for trials 16-year-old loose-forward Stuart McHugh. Giant-sized Stuart weighs over 13st. and is 6ft. 3in. tall. St. Anne's secretary Peter Brown is confident Halifax will hang on to the young find.



Tom Robinson

Harry Dyson

HALF-TIME SCORES

FA CUP (Second Round)

Athletic 2, South Shields 0.
Accrington 2, Buxton 0.
Barrow 2, Hartlepool 0.
Blyth Spartans 2, Stockport 2.
Bradford 0, Bradford City 1.
Brentford 2, Kings Lynn 0.
Carlisle 0, Chesterfield 0.
Chester 0, Bury 0.
Colchester 1, Yeovil 0.
Coventry 1, Plymouth 1.
Crystal Palace 2, Shrewsbury 1.
Halifax 1, Darlington 1.
Hereford 0, Newport 0.
Peterborough 2, Headington 0.
Queens Park R. 0, Southampton 1.
Swindon 1, Norwich 1.
Tooting & M. 1, Northampton 1.
Torquay 2, Watford 0.
Tranmere 1, Doncaster 0.
Worcester 2, Millwall 0.

DIVISION I

Aston Villa 0, Manchester City 0.
Blackburn 1, Bolton 1.
Blackpool 1, Luton 0.
Chelsea 0, Birmingham 0.
Manchester United 2, Leicester 0.
Newcastle 3, Burnley 1.
Notts Forest 0, West Brom 0.
Portsmouth 0, Arsenal 1.
Preston 0, Preston 1.
West Ham 0, Leeds 2.
Wolves 0, Everton 0.

DIVISION II

Barnsley 0, Sheffield Wed. 0.
Brighton 1, Sunderland 0.
Bristol City 0, Derby 1.
Cardiff 1, Orient 0.
Charlton 3, Bristol Rvrs. 2.
Grimsby 1, Stoke 1.
Huddersfield 0, Scunthorpe 1.
Liverpool 2, Swansea 0.
Middlesbrough 2, Ipswich 2.
Rotherham 2, Fulham 0.
Sheffield United 2, Lincoln 1.

DIVISION III

Bournemouth 1, Hull 0.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)
Airdrieonians 2, Raith 0.
Celtic 2, Motherwell 0 (abandoned after 81 minutes).
Dundee 0, Hibernian 0.
Dunfermline 1, Stirling Albion 2.
Falkirk 1, Clyde 3.
Hearts 3, Aberdeen 0.
Partick Thistle 0, St. Mirren 0.
Queen of South 2, Rangers 0.
Third Lanark 0, Kilmarnock 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)

Aloa 4, Albion 2.
Arbroath 1, Queens Park 1.
Ayr 1, East Stirling 0.
Berwick 0, Morton 1.
Dumbarton 1, Forfar 1.
East Fife 0, Brechin 3.
Hamilton 0, Stenhousemuir 0.
Montrose 1, Cowdenbeath 0.
Stranraer 2, Dundee Utd. 0.

OTHER MATCHES

Ellesmere Port 1, Southport 1.
Exeter 2, Notts County 0.
Port Vale 4, Wrexham 0.
Southend 2, Gillingham 0.
Walsall 3, Mansfield 2.

Stunt man killed

Fred Kennedy, a Hollywood stunt man and character actor for 25 years, was killed at Natchitoches, Louisiana, yesterday, when he purposely fell from a horse for a scene in the Civil War drama "The Horse Soldiers."

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BAILEY'S TRIUMPH IN GRIM GAME IN BRISBANE HEAT

Aussies scraped runs together for narrow Test lead

ENGLAND fought grimly at Brisbane today on the second day of the first Test, and by the close Australia had only 156 for six on the board in answer to 134 by England, a lead of 22.

Green Final Snooker CYCLE CLUB ARE OUT

A CHANGE has been made in the handicapping of two teams in the Green Final Snooker Handicap. Owing to a secretarial oversight, Fallsworth St. John's entered two mixed teams, they fully intended entering their full-strength team, and this has now been allowed. But the handicapping now reads:—

St. John's Institute, Fallsworth, No. 1—L. Williamson 25, J. A. Hegarty 25, G. Podmore 20, S. Whitaker 22, L. Bell 25.

St. John's Institute, Fallsworth, No. 2—H. Starling 20, K. Deaville 22, H. Gibson 18, H. Rushworth 15, E. Bradley 20.

Two preliminary-round matches have been completed this week, Nimble Nook "A" beating Chadderton Reform "B" in three straight frames. They now meet John Bright's "B" team at the Nook.

The Nook's "B" team also won against a weakened Chamber Colliery team, by the narrow margin of nine, thus winning the aggregate point. It was done by W. Cartwright winning the last frame 81-43. The "B" team also have a home fixture in the first round; they entertain Phoenix Bowling Club.

Hall's 40 break

Fallsworth Cycle, who must always be considered as favourites in any competition they enter, are out. They met a Marlboro' Cons. team that was bang on form, J. Loftus taking advantage of good running, trounced N. Moreton in the first frame 91-32, and when W. Lees (29 break) kept W. Dagnall out of the game (75-36), it seemed an impossible task for Cycle Club.

But Eric Hall, on his fourth visit to the table against J. Hulley, looked set for one of his match-winning breaks. Alas for Cycle, he unfortunately broke down at 40—it puts him once again in running for the break prize—but although he won 88-54, it still left Marlboro' 64 points in front, setting D. Hughes an impossible task against such an experienced player as Jim Wrigley.



Eric Hall

AEC beat Stone-Wallwork "B" to enter the second round. They were given a good start when A. Platt beat T. Walsh in the first frame 89-58. In the second frame F. Harthan (Stone-Wallwork), playing on what used to be his home table, attained a lead of 56-33 on the yellow, but J. Keating potted all the colours bar black, and Harthan only won 63-53.

Foster Richmond gave Stone-Wallwork a 2-1 frame lead by defeating W. Hadfield, who seemed below his usual form (score 71-58). In the last frame, however, the experienced W. Walker (AEC) made no mistake and with the aid of breaks of 22, 11, 11 and 16 he beat C. Stansfield 78-42.

Stone-Wallwork "A" team, however, made up for their "B" team's defeat by putting out Balderston Cons. W. Kirk, Balderstone's scratch man, made a 24 break early on, but four fouls cost him the first frame 73-64 against H. Hodgkiss (25). J. Gath consolidated the home team's position with a 46-point victory, but Frank Richardson fought back for Balderstone in the third frame, and cut the deficit to only 14 points.

Tommy Hulme, who is not having the best of seasons, took no chances in the last frame, and he slowly built-up an impregnable lead for Stone-Wallwork.

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Conditions today gave far less help to the bowlers than they did yesterday, for hot sun took most of the greenness and life out of the pitch. In addition, a shade temperature of 90deg. did not help the bowlers, although the crowd of 30,000 revelled in the summer weather.

Nevertheless, England's pace bowlers, Statham, Loader and Bailey, used in short spells by Peter May, kept the batsmen well pegged down, and Lock and Laker, although getting little turn out of the pitch, also made the Australians fight for runs.

A breakdown

McDonald and Burke made 55 for the first wicket before Burke fell to Loader just before lunch, and the Surrey man also accounted for Neil Harvey. But Trevor Bailey, the Essex allrounder, who yesterday made England's top score of 27, did most to bring about a breakdown in the Australian batting, despite the good conditions.

He dismissed McDonald and Burge, and then accounted for the danger man, O'Neill, who had been very subdued—for two and a half hours—in making 34. He began to produce his strokes, but Graveney held a brilliant catch in the slips. He was applauded by the whole team.

This wicket, the sixth, fell when Australia were only two runs ahead, but their captain, Benaud, and Davidson held out.

Benaud has batted 67 minutes for 15 and Davidson 40 minutes for seven and so far the innings has lasted nearly five and a quarter hours, a tribute to the accuracy of the English bowling. Statham, who was unfortunate not to take Davidson's wicket, did splendid work.

The only blemish in England's backs-to-the-wall effort has been the number of no-balls, eight having been called in the innings, and seven of them costing runs. Six by Loader has cost 19 runs and one by Bailey four runs.

Now Australia will be intent on adding to their meagre lead, for they have the disadvantage of batting in the fourth innings when Lock and Laker may be effective on wearing turf.

SCOREBOARD

MCCO
First innings 134 (Meckiff 3-33, Davidson 3-36, Benaud 3-46).

AUSTRALIA
First innings (overnight 8-0).
McDonald c Graveney b Bailey 42
Burke c Evans b Loader 20
Harvey lbw b Loader 14
O'Neill c Graveney b Bailey 34
Burge c Cowdrey b Bailey 2
Mackay c Evans b Laker 16
Benaud not out 15
Davidson not out 7
Extras 6

Total (for 6 wks) 156
Fall of wickets 1/55, 2/65, 3/88, 4/94, 5/122, 6/136.
To bat: Grout, Kline, Meckiff.
Bowling: Statham 14-1-41-0, Loader 12-2-42-2, Bailey 13-2-35-3, Laker 10-3-15-1, Lock 10-4-17-0.

DEATH OF JOSE COLLINS

JOSE COLLINS, former musical comedy star, died early today at St. Margaret's Hospital, Epping. She was 71 years of age.

She was taken to the hospital last night after a sudden attack at home, said her husband, Dr. G. B. Kirkland.

Jose Collins will be remembered by the older generation of playgoers as the glamorous tuneless Teresa in "The Maid of the Mountains," the musical comedy which ran for 1,352 performances and more than three years, at Doly's Theatre, London, from February, 1917.

When she was a darling of the musical comedy stage she earned £800 a week. In later life she accepted an engagement at £5 a week with a view to coming back to the theatre.

She was born in London, a daughter of Lottie Collins, who over half a century ago popularised one of music hall's greatest song hits, "Ta-Ra-Ra-Boom-De-Ay."

'I WANT TO SETTLE DOWN HERE' QUINLAN HOPING FOR A JOB

SEAN QUINLAN, Oldham's Irish Rugby Union international told the Chronicle today that he wanted to come and settle in Oldham as soon as possible: "But I cannot come until the employment position is settled." Quinlan flew in from Dublin last night to play with the "A" team against Widnes "A" today, but he will return home tomorrow.

"I know the club want me to come over to stay as soon as possible," said Quinlan. "But so far I have no job to come to. Obviously this travelling back and forth is not doing anybody any good, least of all me."

"My rugby is bound to be affected and I cannot settle down to any serious training. I am hoping I may know something definite this evening."

This morning Quinlan was interviewed by a Manchester car dealer and it is possible he will be offered a position on the sales staff.

Earlier this week the English associate of the Irish oil company

where Quinlan works said they could not find him employment. They said there were no vacancies.

"Naturally I am very disappointed," said Quinlan. "I had hoped to get a position over here. The whole situation is very confusing and I want to get it sorted out as quickly as I can."



TODAY'S RACING RESULTS

MANCHESTER

12 45—JUVENILE HURDLE for three-year-olds. 2 miles.
11 5 DAGMAR GITTILL J Power 1
10 12 GLENDOWN L Wigham 2
10 12 BARDONI S Hayhurst 3
Sixteen runners: Night Mist, Glendawn, Chronicle, Gay Du Roi, Ditching, Happy Rebel, Solway, Sea Pirate, Bardoni, Cloudy Red, Pappagone's Cottage, Lady Roanagh, College Boy, Faddy's Walk, Pendle Pearl.
11/8 DAGMAR GITTILL; 5/2 Bardoni; 6 Glendawn; 7 Night Mist; 100/7 Ditching; 25 others.
Total: Win 10/6; places 5/2, 8/4, 4/8.
Total: Win £2/16/6; places 11/8, 6/2, 7/2.

1 15—BROUGHTON SELLING HANDICAP CHASE. 2 miles.
10 7 CORONIA 8yrs L Major 1
10 7 RED EMPEROR 8yrs J Dowling 2
11 1 SUNAVON 11yrs B Wilkinson 3
Nine runners: Repeat, Yes Today, Sunavon, Imperial Lady, Prince Walvis, Provident, Coronial, Red Emperor, Pool of London.
11/4 Red Emperor; 4 Imperial Lady. Provident; 6 Sunavon; 8 Repeat; 100/8 Yes Today; 11/7 CORONIA; 20 others.
6 lengths; 8.
Total: Win £2/15/8; places 11/8, 6/2, 7/2; dual forecast 16/15/8.

1 45—HOPEFUL HURDLE. 2 miles.
11 0 ATOMIC TEST 4yrs P Gulwell 1
11 7 DIGMOOR 4yrs Mr Roy Edwards 2
11 0 GLEDHILL BOY 4yrs Mr P Rohan 3
Sixteen runners: Digmoor, Triple Barb, Bermuda, Kraken, Mill Flame, Irish Guinea, Reba, Poor Device, Gledhill Boy, Coleen Star, Emral Fox, Atomic Test, Tipperary Mary, Blank, Sine Die.
Evens ATOMIC TEST; 6 Mill Flame; 8 Digmoor; 9 Entracte; 100/8 Gledhill Boy; 100/7 Sine Die; 25 others. 4 lengths; 3.
Total: Win 8/8; places 4/10, 6/8, 8/10.

2 15—APOLLO CHASE (HANDICAP). 3 miles.
10 4 ETERNAL 7yrs P Major 1
11 13 CAESAR'S HELM 7yrs B Wilkinson 2
11 4 GOOSANDER 10yrs G Scott 3
10 0 FIREMERE 6yrs S Mellor 4
Ten runners: Caesar's Helm, Goosander, Dovetail, Pax Vobis, Pendle Lady, Eternat, Border Wave, Firemere, Canny Lad, Captain Courage.
6/4 Caesar's Helm; 11/2 ETERNAL; 8 Goosander; 9 Dovetail, Firemere; 10 Pendle Lady; 20 others. Distance; 6 lengths.
Total: Win 11/7/8; places 7/8, 6/4, 4/2; Goosander, 3/10 Firemere.

2 45—CUE HUNTERS' CHASE. 2 miles.
11 5 STEPHEN CHRISTIE 5yrs D Foster 1
11 12 MODE 5yrs G Scott 2
Three runners: Mode, Sea Battle, Stem Christie.
Only two finished.
1/3 Mode; 3 STEPHEN CHRISTIE; 20 Sea Battle. 3 lengths.
Total: Win 11/14/10; forecast 11/8/0.

3 15—HERMES HANDICAP HURDLE. 3 miles.
10 9 ROYAL RESULT 6yrs J Fitzgerald 1
11 1 ISLE OF SYKE 7yrs M Batchelor 2
10 11 STOP LIST 9yrs Mr M Bowness 3
Twelve runners: Lumiere, Highland Dandy, Jungle Flight, Isle of Skye, Yanina, Stop List, Royal Result, Anadir, Profit, Padgate, Allexton Wood, Orchimedes.
3 ROYAL RESULT; 7/2 Stop List; 4 Isle of Skye; 11/2 Padgate; 10 Lumiere; 100/8 Jungle Flight, Allexton Wood; 100/7 Highland Dandy, Yanina; 100/6 Anadir, Profit; 33 Orchimedes.
Total: Win 16/2; places 5/10, 7/2, 5/10.

Twenty-one-year-old Mr. Patricia Howarth of West Street, Oldham, who was rushed from Oldham General Hospital for special treatment in Leeds General Infirmary was still "very ill" today.

Her husband, Private Brian Howarth, made a 6,000-mile dash from the Malayan jungle to be at her bedside after doctors had asked the War Office to fly him home.

LINGFIELD

1 0—NEW CHAPEL SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles.
10 10 CAREFREE PETE 5yrs F Winter 1
11 4 WELCOME TIDINGS 8yrs T W Redmond 2
10 0 TORLAND 4yrs A G Boyle 3
Twelve runners: Pelota, Clarus, Fairfeet, Welcome Tidings, Yawl, Simon de Montfort, Galeano, Prince Tony, Carefree Pete, Young Pete, Scimitar, Torland.
15/8 Welcome Tidings; 11/4 Pelota; 10 Fairfeet, Yawl, CAREFREE PETE; 100/8 Simon de Montfort, Galeano; 100/7 Clarus; 20 others. Distance; 13 lbs.; 8.
Total: Win £2/4/2; places 12/-, 5/6, 11/6/10.

1 30—OXTED NOVICES' CHASE. 2 miles.
12 2 MORETONS 5yrs A R Freeman 1
11 6 JIM 5yrs F Winter 2
11 8 LARAMIE 7yrs Mr J Farrant 3
Nine runners: Caca Dora, Moretons, Eaton Lad, Rokimos, Laramie, Vulgaris, Shemara, Jim, Halahunter.
8/13 MORETONS; 5 Jim; 6 Caca Dora; 100/7 Shemara; 100/6 Rokimos; 25/1 others. Distance; head; 20.
Total: Win 6/2; places 4/10, 5/8, £2/9/8; dual forecast 15/6.

2 0—ASHDOWN HANDICAP CHASE. 2 1/2 miles.
12 1 DOUBLE STAR 6yrs A R Freeman 1
11 9 MAGNUS II 10yrs T W Redmond 2
10 13 PLAYROOM 6yrs D Ancl 3
Four runners: Double Star, Magnus II, Playroom, Saxon King.
10/11 DOUBLE STAR; 2 Magnus II; 5 Playroom; 33 Discovery.
Total: Win 6/-; forecast 13/4.

2 30—ERIDGE HANDICAP CHASE. 3 miles.
10 2 THE BELL 7yrs B Lawrence 1
10 13 DONE UP 5yrs F Winter 2
11 5 TRINCULO 7yrs A R Freeman 3
Six runners: Trinculo, Done Up, Mr. Gay, The Bell, El Griego, Devon Cottage.
2 Done Up; 9/4 THE BELL; 4 Trinculo; 11/2 El Griego II; 100/7 Mr Gay; 33 Devon Cottage. 13 lengths; 6.
Total: Win 11/8; places 6/4, 6/4; forecast 11/7/2.

3 0—MARSH GREEN H'CAP HURDLE. 2 miles.
11 10 MAZURKA 4yrs T W Redmond 1
10 13 CHEZ PETER 7yrs D Weeden 2
11 4 CANDELABRA 8yrs R A Carter 3
Eleven runners: Newbridge Lad, Aristotie, Candellabra, Jolly Tudor, Ballycamas, Chez Peter, Notus, Ocean Royal, Anita's Hope, Fairway Bill.
5/2 MAZURKA; 4 Chez Peter; 7 Antia's Hope, Jolly Tudor; 10 Newbridge Lad, Aristotie; 100/8 Candellabra, Ballycamas; 20 others. 5 lengths; 6.
Total: Win 10/8; places 5/-, 6/6, 11/10.

3 30—HAXTED FOUR-YEAR-OLD HURDLE. 2 miles.
12 0 KING A R Freeman 1
11 0 THE WOMBAT D Dillon 2
11 10 RETAIN J Beasty 3
Eight runners: King, Olympus, Retain, Autocrat, Assumption, The Wombat, Isambard, Lowe II.
2/9 KING; 11/2 Retain; 100/6 Olympus; 25 others.
Total: Win 4/8; places 4/2, 6/-, 5/4; dual forecast 17/8.

Motorway traffic much lighter

Traffic was light on the Preston motorway this morning, although there was evidence that some weekend motorists were "getting a bit of practice," on the new road, the Automobile Association stated.

The AA's spotter aircraft reported that only about 200 vehicles an hour were travelling in each direction. Speeds were "nothing like as high" as yesterday's and many drivers were content to cruise at 40 to 50 miles an hour.

A fine forward LEIGH CAPTAIN DIES IN CRASH: MARTYN HURT

PETER FOSTER, the young captain and coach of Leigh Rugby League club, was killed and Leigh second-row forward Mick Martyn received extensive injuries in a road accident at St. Helens today.

The police say a car driven by Martyn was in collision with a street lamp standard in Clock Face Road, St. Helens, while Foster was a passenger.

Foster and Martyn were two of the Rugby League's outstanding forwards—experts in open-football. Martyn took part in the recent Australian tour.

A very capable loose-forward, Peter Foster was extremely popular with officials and supporters at Leigh, when he was appointed player-coach by the club this season, writes W.D.

Foster had been capped for Lancashire seven times and played with Great Britain three times. He was a Wigan junior player when he signed for Leigh in November, 1950.

Despite the tragedy Leigh carried on with their game against Huddersfield this afternoon. The players wore black armbands and observed a short silence before the start of the game.

Martyn who avoided serious injuries was taken to hospital but was later discharged and sent home. A Leigh official said this morning: "He is not badly hurt but he will not play today."

WORCESTER

1 0—COMER NOVICES' CHASE. 2 miles.
10 10 CROISE 4yrs R Morrow 1
11 7 CONCEPCION 7yrs J J Hurley 2
11 7 LOTORAY 5yrs E F Kelly 3
Twenty-one runners: Linsey Road, Salu, Arctic Gem, Concepcion, April Lad, Lucidor, Sandy Sands, Trimpson, Zaraz, Lotoray, Kilpin, Candy King, H.S.B., Lugg Valley, The Zoo, Turvey, Celestial Slipper, Dewail, Certain Justice, Elre's Flame, Croise.
5/4; Salu 6 Candy King; 7 CROISE; 10 Celestial Slipper, Concepcion, Lotoray; 100/8 Arctic Gem; 100/7 Lindsey Road, Certain Justice; 20 Sandy Sands, The Zoo. Distance; 10 lengths.
Total: Win 18/-; places 7/-, 10/6, £12/8.

1 30—LADYWOOD SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles.
11 4 TREWS 7yrs M Scudamore 1
10 6 PEARL ISLAND 6yrs J Lehan 2
10 6 STURDY SCOT G Tapp 3
Sixteen runners: Velasquez II, Hohenlinden, Monkey Cup, Trews, Bird Song, Little Sarah, Great Vigour, Downsway, Bozle's Pet, Pearl Island, Catch of the Day, Miss Phil, Painted Picture, Brascos S, Sturdy Scot.
2 Pearl Island; 9/2 Hohenlinden, Little Sarah; 5 TREWS; 11/2 Monkey Cup; 100/8 Velasquez II, Catch of the Day; 20 Great Vigour, Downsway, Painted Picture; 33 others. Distance; neck; 12.
Total: Win £1/8/4; places 10/4, 7/4, £1/10/2.

2 0—COUNTY HANDICAP CHASE. 3 miles.
12 4 HOLLY BANK 11yrs Mr P Brookshaw 1
10 3 COMEDIAN'S FOLLY 10yrs Mr D Scott 2
10 0 ALICE PLAID 8yrs J J Brennan 3
Nine runners: Holly Bank, Arthur Cox, Prince Privit, Comedian's Folly, Hectic, Right Approach, Alice Plaid, Arles, King Borris.
7/4 Arles; 100/30 Arthur Cox; 7/2 HOLLY BANK; 6 Hectic; 100/9 Prince Privit; 100/7 Comedian's Folly; 25/1 others. 2 lengths.
Total: Win £1/6/0; places 11/2, £1/3/2, £2/14/6; dual forecast 49/5/10.

2 30—CLAINES HANDICAP HURDLE. 2 miles.
11 12 BURNELLA 6yrs Mr T W Bibblecombe 1
11 6 RAYMOND'S FOLLY 6yrs P Doherty 2
11 9 ARKLOW BAY 6yrs D Nicholson 3
Fourteen runners: Ella's Pearl, Thorney Hill, Burnella, Arklow Bay, Arctic Broom, Raymond's Folly, Tagori, Crillon, Noddy, Chaffeur, Kostacky, Brookaby Boy, Sir Peter, Saucy Rita.
7/2 Raymond's Folly; 4 Arklow Bay; 9/2 Chaffeur; 6 Noddy; 7 Tagori; 15/2 BURNELLA; 10 Ella's Pearl, Arctic Broom; 100/8 Thorney Hill; 100/6 Brookaby Boy; 20 others. 8 lengths; 8.
Total: Win £3/6/8; places 15/4, 8/-, 7/8.

3 0—CALLOW END HANDICAP CHASE. 2 miles.
12 7 SPATE 7yrs P G Madden 1
11 5 MONOPOLY 5yrs Mr J Lawrence 2
10 5 CROUGHTON 10yrs J J Brennan 3
Seven runners: Spate, Hindhead, Monopoly, Croughton, Noble Grass, Luck's Charm, Pink Champagne.
13/8 SPATE; 7/4 Monopoly; 5/2 Hindhead; 20 Croughton, Noble Grass; 33 others. 5 lengths; 3.
Total: Win 12/8; places 5/10, 5/10; dual forecast 10/8.

3 30—PERSHORE JUVENILE HURDLE for three-year-olds. 2 miles.
11 7 TUNGSTEN O McNally 1
10 7 ERMINE SOCKS A Honeybone 2
10 7 POMME DE GUERRE M Scudamore 3
Twenty-one runners: Tungsten, M. and R. Guerdale, Hot Spot, Sovereign Lad, Hilltopper No Return, Lisnalong, Pomme de Guerre, Charlie Macalain, Alight, Elvers Boy, Argonaut, Marshall's Field, Taroc, Gledhill Prince, Ermine Socks, Addition, Red Raddle, Venway, Reytehl.
4/5 TUNGSTEN; 9/2 Lisnalong; 5 Ermine Socks; 8 Charlie Macalain; 10 M. and R.; 100/8 Hot Spot; 20 No Return; 33 others.
Total: Win 9/4; places 5/8, 8/2, £1/10/4.

A father saw his three-year-old son bitten to death by a husky before he could reach the spot to fight it off.

TURNER A LEADING FIGURE IN CONVINCING VICTORY

Oldham's backs in merry mood: really hit Widnes

HORNETS DOWN 27-3 TO BATLEY

JOHN CHISNALL returned to the Hornets side at Batley this afternoon, when the Hornets started with hopes of wiping out last season's memories of missed chances.

BATLEY: S. Thompson; O'Hara, Cox, Lawton, Ireland; Geldard, Bates; Palmer, Prior, Moyser, R. Thompson, Armstead, Briggs.
HORNETS: Mullane; Smith, Jones, Buxton, Short; Chisnall, Fishwick; Scholes, Sivill, Parsons, Bailey, Thomas, Parr.
Referee: Mr. J. Malley (Warrington).

Hornets started with the advantage of the steep slope of the ground, but Batley were the more aggressive and heeled the ball from the first three scrums.

When Parr was spotted offside S. THOMPSON gave the home side the lead with a penalty goal.

Gathering a kick, Bailey gained a footing in the Batley quarter where, in supporting a move from the scrum, Jones threatened strongly.

Mullane was injured and left the field with what was feared to be a broken collar-bone. Smith moved to full-back with Bailey on the wing. So far, followers had seen little from the Hornets except rugged forward play.

After 12 minutes S. THOMPSON kicked a second goal for Batley, given for offside.

Faulty passing

Hornets at last gained possession from the scrum but faulty passing gave the ball to Batley. O'Hara made two dashes along the wing and found Buxton who did not get far from the half-way line. Jones could not land a penalty kick. Signs of life in the visitors' attack seen in a Bailey bid, were short-lived, and when Fishwick made a break he slipped and went down.

Jones saved a certain try by overhauling Geldard as he was chasing for the posts. Short was at fault when he missed a loose ball and enabled Batley to start passing that ended in an unimproved try by GELDARD.

There was nearly a repeat incident when Sivill let the ball loose and Bailey checked Ireland, but in the next minute from an easy position, S. THOMPSON kicked a penalty goal.

FRYER beat Chisnall to run in another Batley try which was not goal.

Half-time:—

BATLEY 3 2-12
HORNETS 0 0-0

Hornets dispirited play continued, with Chisnall having to chase back O'Hara.

Batley pressed strongly in the visitors' quarter where Buxton and Jones tried to run the ball to a safer distance. Buxton kicked well along touch but was forced out of play and Batley resumed the attack.

Thomas had moved to the wing with Bailey in the pack again. Although they were seeing more of the ball there was a frantic look about the Hornets efforts, and they were again beaten by hooker FRYER, who went in near the posts after beating several defenders. THOMPSON added the goal.

Chisnall could not get through when he supported a break by Parsons. Play centred in the Hornets quarter and it was no surprise when GELDARD went in for the fourth Batley try which THOMPSON goal.

A rare visit into the home half was long enough for only one scrum, but there was a movement in which Jones and Short penetrated into the Batley quarter followed by a Fishwick dash. Jones again tried to work an opening for Buxton, but other players were slow in giving support. BUXTON scored for Hornets after their best break.

Final:

BATLEY 6 5-27
HORNETS 0 1-3

Late scorers. For Batley: Briggs (try) and S. Thompson (goal).

Risman's great game

Whites beat the Colours by a goal and a penalty goal (8pts.) to a penalty goal and a try (6pts.) in the first England RU trial at Birkenhead Park today.

The name A. B. Risman (Manchester University) must be written large in the selectors' notebooks after this game, upon which he left his stamp as a first-rate attacking fly-half with a faultless defence.

United smash in the goals

MANCHESTER UNITED left-winger SCANLON gave his side the lead when he headed a goal following a free kick.

Leicester played good football, with Kelly a strong raider and provider of chances. Riley and Hines both fired wide from good chances.

Fog descended to make things more difficult, but Leicester's goalkeeper, MacLaren, made several excellent saves before he was beaten a second time by VIOLETT just before half-time.

Half-time: United 2, Leicester 0.

The second half opened in thick fog, and in the 48th minute Scanlon slipped down the centre to send through an ideal through push to BRADLEY, who rammed home a left-foot shot to put United three up. In the 53rd minute Bradley, in a similar position, again flashed the ball past MacLaren, but was ruled off-side.

However, a minute later, Quixall, with a brilliant burst through, pushed to CHARLTON, who from an angle slammed home United's fourth goal.

The game was still being fought in a spirited manner, and Carolan kicked clear from United after Gregg had lost the ball. This was Bradley's game, and he inspired from the opening minutes a spirited United forward line.

Fox scores plenty more for Wakefield

FOX landed a penalty goal for Wakefield Trinity with his first attempt, but easier still was McARTHUR'S enquiring penalty kick two minutes later.

The game was barely 15 minutes old when FOX swerved to elude one opponent, then side-stepped full-back Stephenson, to run over for the game's first try. FOX added the goal points.

EVE, Workington loose-forward, then rounded off a strong challenge with a try. McArthur failed with a comparatively easy goal kick, but FOX, eight minutes before the interval, landed one from near touch.

McARTHUR followed with another penalty, but three minutes before half-time FIRTH, the Trinity loose-forward, dived over from a five-yard scrum, FOX improving.

Half-time: Workington 7, Wakefield 14.

Kenneth More flies in

Actor Kenneth More arrived at London Airport early this morning from New York for "two or three weeks in bed." He has jaundice. He was accompanied by his wife.

QUINLAN SCORES FOR 'A' TEAM

ALTHOUGH the Widnes "A" hooker obtained the ball more than his opponent at Widnes this afternoon, bad handling gave Oldham "A" possession which led to QUINLAN scoring after ten minutes play. SIMMS converted.

Widnes returned by attacking strongly and CUNNINGHAM scored in the corner from a loose ball just after PIMBLETT had kicked a penalty for the Widnes team. The home team continued to attack and DALEY put them in the lead by scoring two tries. PIMBLETT converted both and added a penalty. Oldham "A" replied through a penalty by SIMMS. The visiting attacks were spoiled by bad handling.

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ALAN KELLETT was forced to have a fitness test before the game with Widnes at Watersheddings. He was suffering from a slightly pulled thigh muscle, but was declared fit after a stiff test. Both sides played as announced earlier in the week.

There was a short silence before the start of the game to pay tribute to Leigh's Peter Foster who was killed in a road accident last night.

OLDHAM: Ganley; Cracknell, Davies, Ayres, Etty; Kellett, Pitchford; Rowbottom, Keith, Little, Winslade, Kelly, Turner.

WIDNES: Wright; Kinsey, Broome, Thompson, Dawson; Myler, Keavney; Smith, Kemel, Bate, Griffin, Hill, Major. Referee: Mr. A. E. Durkin (Dewsbury).

Widnes were soon on the attack, and four times Keith failed to hook the ball. Making the best of their monopoly, the Widnes boys swung into action. Oldham finally got the chance when Griffin lost the ball trying to take it on the burst.

A scrum soon followed and this time Keavney was penalised for feeding. From 40 yards GANLEY opened Oldham's score with a goal. From the kick-out the ball failed to go the distance and at the scrum Oldham finally won possession to race into attack.

The ball flashed to the left and Ayres sent a pass to Etty. The winger was hemmed in and made a perfect return pass for Widnes to scramble onto the defensive just outside their own quarter.

Twice in the following three minutes the ball was loose. The second time Broome lost it. In trying to recover he injured his ankle and was taken from the field.

While he was off, Keith was penalised for a loose arm in the scrum. From 40 yards, Dawson made a bad job of a goal attempt.

Oldham had a let-off a minute later. They were clearing their quarter when a slack Kellett pass was intercepted by Dawson. Luckily, he could not hold the ball. Broome returned to the field after treatment.

Kelly was in the thick of another scoring opportunity two minutes later. He followed Rowbottom to break through on the Widnes "25" and make a great pass from a tackle. Unluckily it was forward.

Widnes were penalised at a play-the-ball soon afterwards and GANLEY kicked a goal from 40 yards.

Oldham scored again three minutes later and the try came right from their own line. Keavney tried to find touch but the ball fell to Etty, who made a strong break but was tackled.

OUT ON THE RIGHT WENT THE BALL AND AYRES SENT DAVIES AWAY AND HE FED CRACKNELL WHO MADE A GREAT TOUCHLINE RUN. THE BALL WENT INSIDE TO KEITH AND ON AGAIN FOR KELLETT TO GO OVER AT THE POSTS. GANLEY KICKED THE GOAL.

A Kellett burst ended in disaster. A great run ended with a poor pass that Keith, with the line looming up, could not take.

Etty followed up with a great run down the left. It was strictly a solo effort and ended at the halfway line, but it was good while it lasted.

After a near miss by Davies Oldham scored again. This time Little went charging through for the

Widnes quarter to send out the ball for KEITH to go over at the posts. GANLEY kicked the goal.

Widnes finally put in an attack. Smith was on the end of an Oldham mistake and made a good run before he was tackled in Oldham's quarter. Widnes forced a drop out from under the posts. They got the ball but lost it again seconds later.

In the 36th minute Widnes scored a cracking try. It was a lone effort by Myler who took a pass 40 yards out to beat man after man and touch down with Ganley on his heels. There was no goal.

Just on the interval Widnes were penalised at a scrum 35 yards out. With a straight kick Ganley sent wide.

Half-time:

OLDHAM 5 3-19
WIDNES 0 1-3

It had been strictly all Oldham. Despite being handicapped at the set scrums, they had been doing almost all the attacking. After the mediocre showing at Wigan the back division were really showing their capabilities.

Oldham moved promptly into the attack. A late Turner burst sent Little on one of his traditional charges but he couldn't stay free long enough to make the vital pass.

Kellett had a bad miss on the other side of the field. From a penalty the out-half raced away, but instead of turning the ball inside he passed to the wing and Cracknell was not there.

Turner's antics

Oldham, in rattling form, were eagerly following the antics of pack leader Derek Turner. First he led the attack on the left and seconds later he was on the right laying on Oldham's next try.

His run took Oldham close to the Widnes line and in the 45th minute bustling WINSLADE crashed over for a try. GANLEY kicked the goal.

Ayres came into the Oldham attacking picture soon afterwards. He intercepted a pass, avoided a knock on and raced away. Oldham were not in a position to support him and the centre was brought down.

More fire from the left flank followed. Again it was Ayres who made the running and passed to Etty. The winger tried a pass back but the referee's whistle went for a lost ball in a tackle.

In the 52nd minute, and with Oldham still attacking, Widnes were penalised for off-side. GANLEY landed a good goal from 25 yards.

Griffin, the Widnes forward, left the field in the 53rd minute with what appeared to be a nose injury. He returned after two minutes.

Oldham kept up the pressure, and, led by Turner, they had Widnes rocking. The ball was redirected by him from right to left for Keith to go away. He tried a dummy that was taken just inside the Widnes "25."

Turner's goal

Oldham hammered away at the Widnes defence with some terrific supporting rugby. It was stopped by TURNER who amused the crowd with a perfect dropped goal.

Widnes scored their second try in the 64th minute. After some hard work in the Oldham quarter THOMPSON took the ball to race by Ganley for a try at the posts. DAWSON kicked the goal.

Two minutes later and straight from a 40-yard scrum KELLETT scored. With a wonderful curling run he went down in a tackle but slid over the line for a try. With a touchline kick Ganley missed the goal.

Final:—

OLDHAM 10 8-44
WIDNES 1 2-8

Late scorers: CRACKNELL, AYRES, KEITH (tries), GANLEY (2 goals).

Attendance: 10,000 approximately.

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from eight yards Thompson brought Burn to a great save as the Shield's goalkeeper flicked the ball over the top. It was a let off, there was another from the corner kick as Robinson met Thompson's flag kick with his head; but full-back Shields dived across the goal to head round the corner.

Big let-off

Then, after ten minutes of the new half, there was another big let-off for the visitors as Thompson found Phoenix with a pin-point pass through the middle. The winger got in his shot, but it was luckily blocked by Shields, and when the ball ran loose to Bazley the out-side right crashed in a piledriver which skidded right across the open goal.

South Shields still had not given up the fight and Monkhouse tried a solo run and brought Teece to a full-length save with a strong left-footer. But Athletic were soon back on the offensive and goalkeeper Burn covered himself with glory again as Thompson got his head to a Phoenix cross. The ball was going like a bullet for the corner as the Mariners' keeper flicked it over the top with an acrobatic leap.

The non-leaguers swept away and almost immediately Robson laid on a perfect pass for Crickett just five yards out, but the centre-forward missed the easiest of chances, cracking a shot a foot outside.

Play had become scrappy with neither side showing much method, but Burn was brought to yet another brilliant save as Bazley tried his luck and hit a stinging left-foot shot from just inside the area.

This time, a full-length dive saw the Shields goalkeeper turn the ball round the far upright.

Fading badly

Phoenix, Thompson and Robinson combined cleverly in a three-pronged attack down the middle, but as the inside-right beat his man steadied for a shot the ball was whipped off his toes by Hill.

Athletic faded badly in this half, and the Mariners might have snatched a goal when Powell was presented with the easiest of chances five yards out. He hesitated, and Teece saved his eventual shot with ease.

Then Bourne found Thompson with a raking pass through the middle, but Athletic's leading scorer pushed the ball too far in front and the danger was cleared.

The second half had not been anywhere near as exciting as the opening period, and as the final whistle went Thompson and Phoenix crashed shots well wide of the South Shields goal.

Final:

ATHLETIC 2
SOUTH SHIELDS 0
Attendance 8,951.

Mossley behind—against run of play

Thrills came at both ends, first when Owen cleared off Chester Reserves' lines from Quigley. Later Batty saved brilliantly from Chester's R. Griffiths. In the next minute Chester's own goalkeeper, Biggins, held a snap-drive by Kapler, then pushed over a Dimond shot in fine style. Quigley had ill-luck to see a fierce shot deflected.

Mossley stayed well on top and it was completely against the run of play when R. GRIFFITHS put Chester in front. Kapler almost got the equaliser from a centre which dropped on the bar. Then a flick header from Dimond landed just too high, and he also headed into the side netting.

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