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OUR VISITORS — OLDHAM

Today's match should have been played on Oct. 20th, but had to be postponed, as our visitors were engaged in the Lancs. Cup Final. It was hoped to find a suitable date later in the season, but the Management Committee, having in mind the appalling congestion which these postponements regularly cause every April, ordered that all matches should be completed this week. They did, however, grant us permission to fulfill the fixture on Dec. 10th, provided both clubs agreed. This date was not acceptable to Oldham and so we had no option but to play it today. That such a vital fixture should

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have to take place with little prospect of a reasonable gate is a disaster for the club. It is true that we are compensated to some degree by the sum of £200 by our visitors, but under normal conditions £1000 takings would have been a certainty.

Oldham are certainly going great guns again. They easily won the Lancs. Cup and at present are second to us in the League. They are two points behind but have two matches in hand, so to hold our place a win today is imperative. When we visited Watersheddings on Sept. 22nd we put up a real dismal show and were defeated 45-11. Our lads are determined to prove that form all wrong.

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VISITING PLAYERS

For all-round playing strength Oldham at present defy comparison. Full-back Ganley, a son of the erstwhile Leigh international half-back stakes a claim to test honours by virtue of his goal-kicking prowess. The threequarters are all very fast, forceful and elusive. Dick Cracknell from Huddersfield, is the son of the Swinton international forward. John Eddy was signed at a big fee from Batley as a centre, but is performing so well at left wing that O'Grady, the test and tourist player, cannot displace him. Alan Davies is Phil Jackson's test partner and Ayres, a young local, has already earned a big reputation. The halves, Pitchford and Stirrup, are without a doubt

the best club pair playing. They are good. The pack are strong and mobile. Keith has few equals as a hooker. Vines their latest capture, is a Welsh prop. The Cumbrian international, Little - what memories that name revives - is usually at second row. The loose forward, Turner, another international, was bought at a record fee for a forward from Hull K.R.

'A' TEAM

Another great performance by our second team last Saturday. To win at Warrington 29-13 with Leatherbarrow off injured all the second half was indeed meritorious. Dan had the misfortune to collide with the corner flag and hurt his leg.

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get through. Thus local supporters are kept waiting and the other duties of the director-in-charge are neglected. While we welcome interest in the club, we would suggest that phone calls be held off for ten minutes or a quarter of an hour.

MR. JOHN WILSON

At our recent visit to Headingley we were delighted to renew our old acquaintance with John Wilson. Mr. Wilson was for many years R.L. secretary until his retirement, when Mr. Fallowfield was appointed. In spite of advancing years, Mr. Wilson looked really well. He is now a director at Leeds and did the honours in the Board Room with obvious enjoyment.

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BARROW, (Blue)

- 1—Ball
- 2—Lewthwaite
- 3—Jackson
- 4—Goodwin
- 5—Castle
- 6—Horne
- 7—Harris
- 8—Wright
- 9—McKeating
- 10—Barton
- 11—Grundy
- 12—Parker
- 13—Healey

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- 2—Cracknell
- 3—Nestor
- 4—Davies *ETTY*
- 5—Etty *O'BRIEN*
- 6—Ayres
- 7—Pitchford
- 8—Jackson
- 9—Keith
- 10—Vines
- 11—Little *JARMAN*
- 12—Winslade
- 13—Turner

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By the way, in response to an enquiry, no player is allowed to take part in any game during the six days prior to a Test match for which he has been selected.

CLUB NOTES

Jim Wilson will not be available for either team for this coming Saturday. He has another engagement for that day — at the altar, when he is to marry a girl from his own district. We extend felicitations and all good wishes to the happy pair.

We have had recommended to us a big, young forward from a R.U. club. He is still at school in his home town, a considerable distance from Barrow. We are inviting him to play trials at a convenient time, probably in his Xmas holidays.

Congratulations to Reg Parker, whose wife presented him with a son early last Saturday morning. As Reg says — another second-row forward for us some day.

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big effort is going to be demanded.

I REMEMBER

The recent successful "Old Stalwarts" function calls to mind the young three-quarter of other days who was hurrying home in his car one night. The ground was thick with fallen leaves and Walter's car skidded clean through the hedge and dropped four feet into the field. There was nothing for it but to walk to Greenodd and phone for a taxi. After going in the drenching rain for a mile and a half he felt there was something wrong and realised that in dropping, his car must have turned completely round and he'd been going in the wrong direction.

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Claims should be made to the Secretary's Office immediately after today's game.

CUP FINAL TICKETS

The last three times the R.L. Cup Final was played in the month of May all the printed tickets (95,000) were sold. Next year the Cup Final will again

be played in May (May 11th).

A limited number of seating tickets at 25s. 0d., 15s. 0d., 12s. 6d., and 7s. 6d., are still available, and standing enclosure tickets at 3s. 0d. can also be obtained.

TO-DAY'S SCORE SHEET

Barrow Scorers

Tries—

Lewthwaite (3)
Castle (1)
Jackson (1)

Goals—

Ball (6)

Result

27

Oldham Scorers

Tries—

Etty (1)
Nestor (1)
O'Brien (1)

Goals—

Bracknell (1)

Result

11

Scorers (Club games only)

(Up to and including Nov. 17th)

TRIES — Lewthwaite 22, Castle 14
Goodwin & Jackson 9, Grundy
Horne, Healey 5, Parker, Suart,
Harris, Leatherbarrow, Barton 3,
Davies Wilson (D), Rea, Wright
one each.

GOALS: Ball 74, Horne 6, Harris 1.

(Ward Cup game is included)

First Team Appearances

Possible to Nov. 17th - 20

Castle 20, Ball, Horne, Lewthwaite 19, Parker, Healey 18, Mc. Keating, Harris 17, Woosey, Jackson (P) 16, Grundy 15, Goodwin 14, Barton 11, Leatherbarrow, Suart 10, Wilson (D) 5, Wilson (J) 4, Wright 3, Davies & Rea, 2, A. N. Other, Hinchley, Blake & Toohey 1 each

Fixture List

August

13	St Helens Ward Cup	a	24	22
18	Featherstone	h	23	14
21	Rochdale M.	a	29	9
25	Halifax	a	12	16
30	Blackpool	h	36	5

September

1	Widnes (1st L.C.)	a	17	7
8	Bradford N.	a	41	16
10	Wigan	a	26	15
13	Warrington (2nd LC)	a	2	5
15	Huddersfield	h	24	15
19	Blackpool	a	30	8
22	Oldham	a	13	45
29	Swinton	h	26	6

October

6	Widnes	h	31	15
13	Hull	a	8	15
18	Australia	h	11	25
20	Salford	h	30	5

November

8	Wigan	h	15	12
10	Leeds	a	18	15
17	Warrington	h	19	3
24	Salford	a		

December

1	Leeds	h		
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15 Liverpool City

22 Workington

25 Workington

26 Workington

29 Featherstone

January, 1937

1 Whitehaven

5 Widnes

12 Leigh

19 Warrington

26 St. Helens

February

2 Bradford N.

9 1st Rd. R.L. Cup

16 Leigh

23 2nd Rd. R.L. Cup)

March

2 Swinton

9 St. Helens

16 Hull

23 Rochdale H.

April

6 Liverpool City

19 Halifax

20 Whitehaven

22 Huddersfield

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