

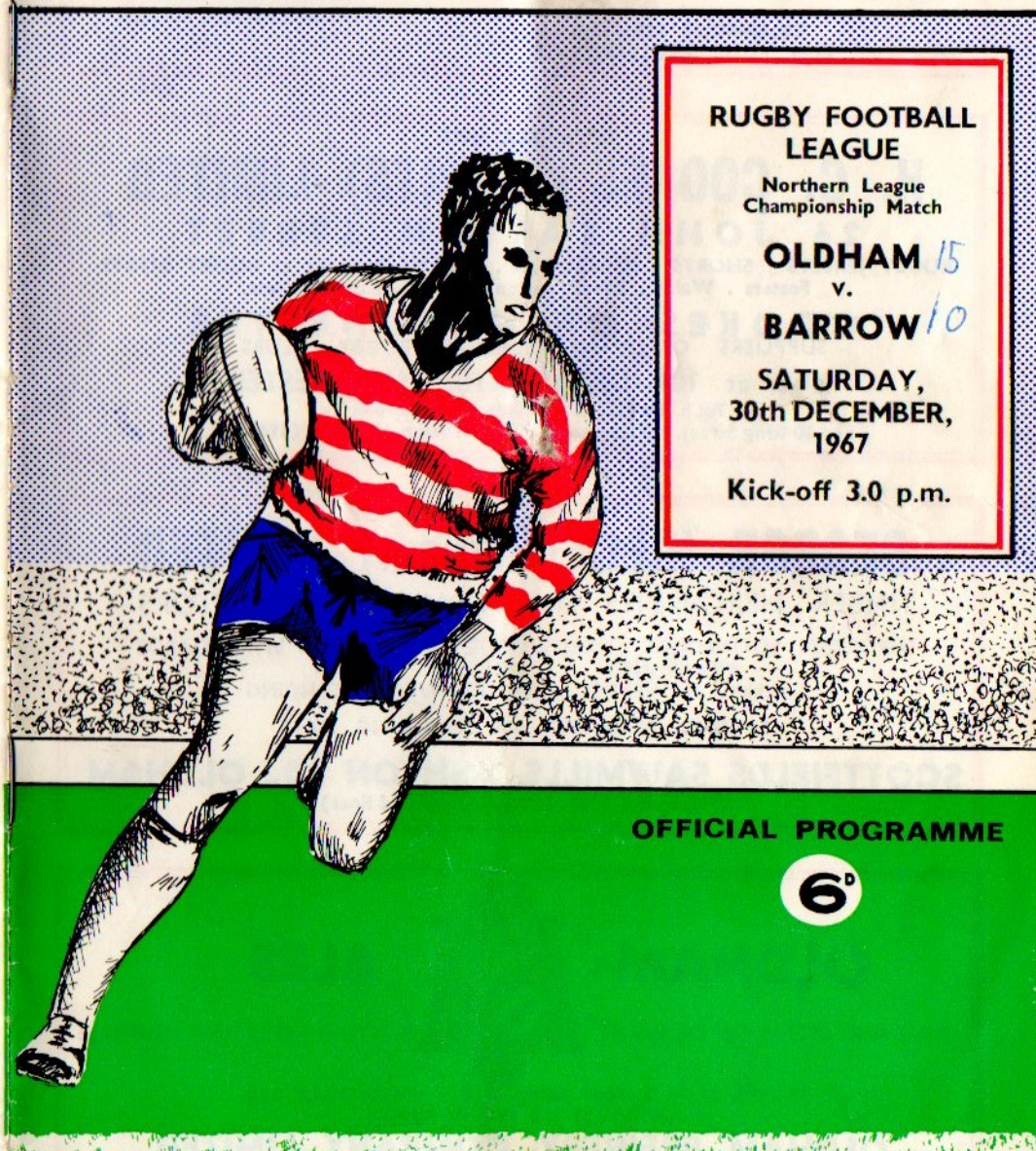
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NO CHRISTMAS JOY

With the two postponements of the Warrington match I did not get the opportunity of wishing one and all a Merry Christmas. I do however hope that everyone had a happy time with plenty to eat and drink.

Turning to the New Year, the President and Committee wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We hope that it will also be a better year than last from the footballing point of view. Yes, we are having one of our worst ever seasons and nothing has gone right for us. On Tuesday at Swinton we could have won but didn't, Swinton's ten minute second half spree turned the tables for the 'Lions' and our gallant effort to pull the game round just failed.

We started off well enough with a nine point advantage after twenty minutes play, but Swinton were allowed to pull back to nine-all at half time, thanks to some judicious ball playing by Peter Goddard, who shared the player of the match award with our Geoff Fletcher. Goddard had a hand in three of the Swinton tries and in fact also played a major part in our first half try scored by Mike Elliott. A long pass by Goddard to the left did not reach its destination and Elliott picked up the loose ball and strode majestically to the line. Warburton's conversion made it 9-nil and the Oldham following began a rare chant these days, 'Easy Easy'.

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Taking the match all round we were not disgraced by any means but a win at Station Road was the tonic needed to boost our morale for the commencement of a very difficult New Year programme.

Today sees us take on the Barrow boys and despite the fact that they are not having a good season also, they are always difficult opposition at Watersheddings and there has been some rare tussles in the past. On Monday our boys travel to Workington where we shall have to play at our very best if we are to return with two points. Batley and Wigan both away come next and here too our work will be cut out to gain maximum points. Of course the postponed game against Warrington will probably fit in between this away sequence, probably on January 8th.

Please watch the local press for details.

Our congratulations are extended to Mr. Roger Halstead, the Oldham Chronicle correspondent, and his wife, who are celebrating the birth of a daughter, their second child.

WELCOME TO BARROW

For the last game of 1967 it is a pleasure to have Barrow as our visitors and we wish all their officials, players and supporters the Compliments of the Season.

Barrow have had their ups and downs this season like ourselves, but got back into winning ways last Tuesday with an easy win against Whitehaven. Their team today, on paper, is a strong one.

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Tom Brophy and Ged Smith are half backs who need no introduction. On form they are one of the best half back pairings in the Rugby League.

Their forwards, Halliwell, Thompson, Hopwood, Sanderson, Shaw and Kirchin are a mobile bunch and our six will have to be on their toes to contain them.

We need a win very badly — let us hope that we shall not have to wait beyond today.

TODAY'S COLLECTION

As you are probably aware a player named Alan Trott was seriously injured when playing for Dewsbury Celtic Amateur Rugby League in 1964 when they reached the first round proper of the Rugby League Challenge Cup. Alan has been confined to a wheelchair ever since and has not been able to follow any kind of employment.

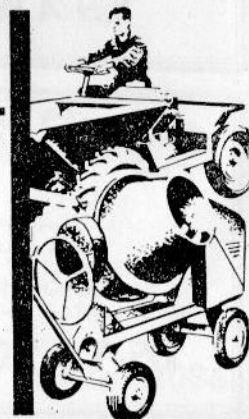
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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

David Rooke of 98 Emily Street, Keighley has written to me. He wants someone in Oldham with whom he can exchange programmes. If you are interested please write direct to David.

The Supporters' Club have several items for sale and these can be obtained from any of the canteens on the ground or from the Supporters' Club Secretary, Mr. A. Craig, 18 Gordon Avenue, Oldham.

Items for sale are as follows: Button hole badges at 2/3, Ties at 17/6, Scarves at 27/6 and Blazer badges at 37/6.

I have also been asked by the Club Secretary Mr. John Stringer and the Social Club Manager Mr. R. Jackson to extend very warm thanks to two members of the Supporters Club Committee Miss Hazel Schofield and Miss Susan Yearn who have given tremendous help in the Social Club recently with the organising of Bingo and certain raffles etc. Thanks to you both, keep up the good work.

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1967				1968			
Date	Opponents	Venue	Result	Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 15	(Tu) Liverpool City	Home	L 12-13	.. 30	(S) Barrow	Home	W 15-10
.. 19	(S) Leigh (Lancs Cup - 1)	Home	W 17-11	Jan. 1	(M) Workington T.	Away	
.. 23	(W) Bradford Northern	Away	L 10-28	.. 6	(S) Batley	Away	
.. 26	(S) Hull	Away	L 20-29	.. 13	(S) Wigan	Away	
Sept. 2	(S) Whitehaven	Home	W 34-14	.. 20	(S) St. Helens	Home	
.. 4	(M) Blackpool Borough	Away	L 19-15	.. 27	(S) Barrow	Away	
.. 7	(Th) Swinton (Lancs C - 2)	Away	L 8-11	Feb. 3	(S) (1)		
.. 9	(S) Warrington	Away	L 2-28	.. 10	(S) Batley	Home	
.. 16	(S) Rochdale H.	Home	W 13-12	.. 17	(S) Widnes	Home	
.. 23	(S) Whitehaven	Away	W 24-12	.. 24	(S) (2)		
.. 30	(S) Wigan	Home	L 13-17	Mar. 1	(F) Rochdale H.	Away	
Oct. 3	(Tu) Hull K.R.	Home	L 7-9	.. 9	(S) Workington T.	Home	
.. 14	(S) Bradford Northern	Home	L 14-25	.. 23	(S) Leigh	Home	
.. 20	(F) Salford	Away	L 6-12	Apr. 12	(F) Swinton	Home	
.. 28	(S) Blackpool Boro'	Home	W 13-4	.. 15	(M) Hull K.R.	Away	
Nov. 4	(S) Leigh	Away	L 2-29				
.. 11	(S) Australia	Home	L 8-18				
.. 13	(M) Salford	Home	L 0-5				
.. 17	(F) Widnes	Away	L 12-22				
.. 25	(S) Hull	Home	W 31-8				
Dec. 2	(S) Liverpool C.	Away	W 10-13				
.. 8	(F) Warrington	Home	P.P.				
.. 16	(S) St. Helens	Away	L 2-10				
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