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NOTES

There is a first time for everything, and just to prove it we went to Keighley on Wednesday evening of this week and won our first away game of the season. It should never have been our first, we were oh so near at Leigh, nearer still at Halifax, fifteen points to three after ten minutes of the second half gone, yet we lost that one twenty-one points to fifteen. However back to Keighley, and to a game where the lead changed hands five times in a thrill a minute heart warmer, and where we emerged winners by 19 points to 12. For the record tries were scored by Mossop, McCourt, Moore, Nicholson and Sewell, and goals were kicked by Les Moore one and Rae one. Thompson had his first game of the season at full back, and apart from fluffing one up and under (so easy under the Keighley lights) he never put a hand or a foot wrong. Kitchin retired at half time, when Rae came on at full back, Thompson went to centre and Bob Nicholson came back to out-half. The side was stronger in the second half, scoring more points even though playing up hill, and rebutting Keighley for eight minutes in the second half when they launched an attack reminiscent of the never to be forgotten Wigan encounter when Mudge, Jim Wareing and Jimmy Hayton scattered just about the best pack ever to be seen at Central Park in cherry and white jerseys.

The score was sixteen points to twelve at the time, and Keighley threw everything into attack, battering away near our line for most of the eight minutes, and Moore, McCourt, Mossop, Goodall, Bowman and "Smiler" to say nothing about some great defensive stuff from Newell and Nicholson, literally carrying them back off the line time and again. At that stage of the proceedings, a score for Keighley could have made the difference between victory and defeat. Jefferson, very much a kicker appears to be able to just about pop them over from anywhere, and a try and a goal would have given them a point lead, a situation that Town might have found it very difficult to extricate themselves from. As it was we held out, and in the very last minute of the game Les

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Moore scored the final try by launching himself after a play ball right out in the corner, and we breathed a bit easier.

This game had a lot of virtues. There was only one penalty for a foul in the whole game, it being given against Eddie Bowman for bringing his elbow up in a tackle. The result was that we saw more football, lots of good passing movements from both sides, and an official in the person of Mick Naughton who handled the game with superb skill. Several times there was considerable applause during play in appreciation of the slick passing movements, and at the end both teams and the "ref" got a good round of applause. This was a game worth going every yard of the road to see, and inclines me to think that with a little bit of licking into shape here and there, we are the makings of a pretty good side again. The pack is the best balanced since the palmy days, Moore and Mossop worked like horses, McCourt and Bowman can both break fast, but Eddie, when you get out in front keep going, and Goodall covers most of the field in either attack or defence. Allen does a good stint every game, and in this one just got the better eighteen to sixteen in scrum possession over a hooker who knows most of the tricks in this very tricky phase of the game. I scrapped the crystal ball after a way out Hull K.R. prediction some years ago, but make bold to say here, that this Town pack will be a talking point before long, in places far away from West Cumberland.

You will note among the team names that of Harry Whitaker. It may appear a premature choice, he has only had one A. team game since last December, but a little deeper reflection tells us that it may be as well to get him in the deep end. This Club needs a fit Whitaker, he will only get fit by playing, and as the A. team do not have a match until the seventeenth of October, there must be wisdom in putting Harry into this side today, with the possibility of say half a game to help attain fitness in the shortest possible time. There would be little point in keeping him out of the game for the next two weeks, even though Jackie Newell has introduced more variety into his scrum work recently, and improved his play as a result.

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- 2 HOCKING
- 3 TAIT
- 4 NICHOLSON
- 5 SEWELL
- 6 KITCHIN
- 7 NEWELL
- 8 MOORE
- 9 ALLEN
- 10 MOSSOP
- 11 McCOURT
- 12 BOWMAN
- 13 GOODALL
- 14 WHITAKER
- 15 CALVIN

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- 3 GARRETT 16ry 4goals
- 4 BUCKLEY
- 5 LARDER 16ry
- 6 DAVIES
- 7 SMITH
- 8 WILSON
- 9 BOWDEN
- 10 ASHCROFT
- 11 IRVING
- 12 BONSER
- 13 CHURM
- 14 CLARKE (B.)
- 15 FLETCHER

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To you who have written in, and to you who in parliamentary or in very much other kinds of language have voiced your opinions regarding the speaker system on the ground, I have to report that the equipment has now had attention, and we are assured will be heard on any part of the ground. Announcements must be heard to be of any use, and when this system was installed it was put in by an electronics expert who assured us that it was quite adequate. The Speedway people put in speaker equipment which they graciously put at our disposal, yet it is no better than our own. We hope there will be no complaints after today.

Oldham our visitors today are a club who have had a trying time of late, changes having been made at administrative level, after several seasons of disappointing football at the Watersheddings. Crowds there, in common with most have become the exception rather than the rule, and changes on the field are more likely to alter that than changes anywhere else. Supporters seem to forget that good rugby players just can't be plucked out of the air. It is a perfectly simple matter to sit in some pub or club and say "they want this or they want that", but if you don't go any further than the pub or club then you are not contributing much towards getting it. In spite of all the good effort that may be put in, it is so easy to get down in the game and once down, almost a decades work to get back. We welcome Oldham to Derwent Park, and hope that their future will be brighter, after today.

MONDAY, 5th OCTOBER, 1970

WORKINGTON T. v FEATHERSTONE ROVERS

PLEASE NOTE: Kick-Off 5-30 p.m.

WORKINGTON TOWN FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES

	<i>Appearances</i>	<i>Tries</i>	<i>Goals</i>	<i>Pts.</i>
A. RAE	10	0	39	78
K. DAVIES	7	6	0	18
R. NICHOLSON	9	3	0	9
H. MARLAND	5	1	0	3
A. TAIT	7	5	0	15
A. SEWELL	10	4	0	12
P. KITCHEN	9	1	0	3
J. NEWALL	10	1	0	3
L. MOORE	10	3	2	13
H. ALLEN	10	0	0	0
G. WILSON	2	0	0	0
H. McCOURT	7	3	0	9
E. BOWMAN	10	3	0	9
D. CURWEN	4	3	0	9
K. GOODALL	10	12	0	36
B. MOSSOP	8	1	0	3
E. BELL	5	0	0	0
I. WRIGHT	4	0	0	0
R. CALVIN	4	0	0	0
R. HURST	4	0	0	0
R. MORTON	1	0	0	0
K. RICKERBY	1	0	0	0
L. HOCKING	2	0	0	0
T. THOMPSON	1	0	0	0

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1970.	F A	Dec. 5—Bramley ... Home	
		12—Rochdale ... Away	
Aug. 22—Blackpool	H 30 0	19—Wakefield ... Away	
30—W'h'en Amts. ... H 49 7		26—Huyton ... Away	
		Lancs. Cup	
Sept. 2—Huyton	H 33 3	1971.	
5—Wakefield	H 12 22	Jan. 1—Barrow	Away
7—Swinton	H 20 9	2—York	Home
12—Batley	A 14 20	9—Hunslet	Away
16—Leigh (L.C.)	A 8 12	16—Doncaster ...	Home
19—Leigh	H 23 19	30—Dewsbury ...	Away
26—Halifax	A 15 21		
30—Keighley	A 19 12	Feb. 13—Rochdale ...	Home
		27—Dewsbury ...	Home
Oct. 3—Oldham	Home	Mar. 6—Oldham	Away
5—Featherstone	Home	13—Halifax	Home
10—Blackpool ...	Away	20—Leigh	Away
17—Hunslet ...	Home		
		Apr. 3—York	Away
Nov. 6—Swinton	Away	10—Featherstone	Away
14—Bramley	Away	12—Keighley ...	Home
28—Doncaster ...	Away	17—Batley	Home

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