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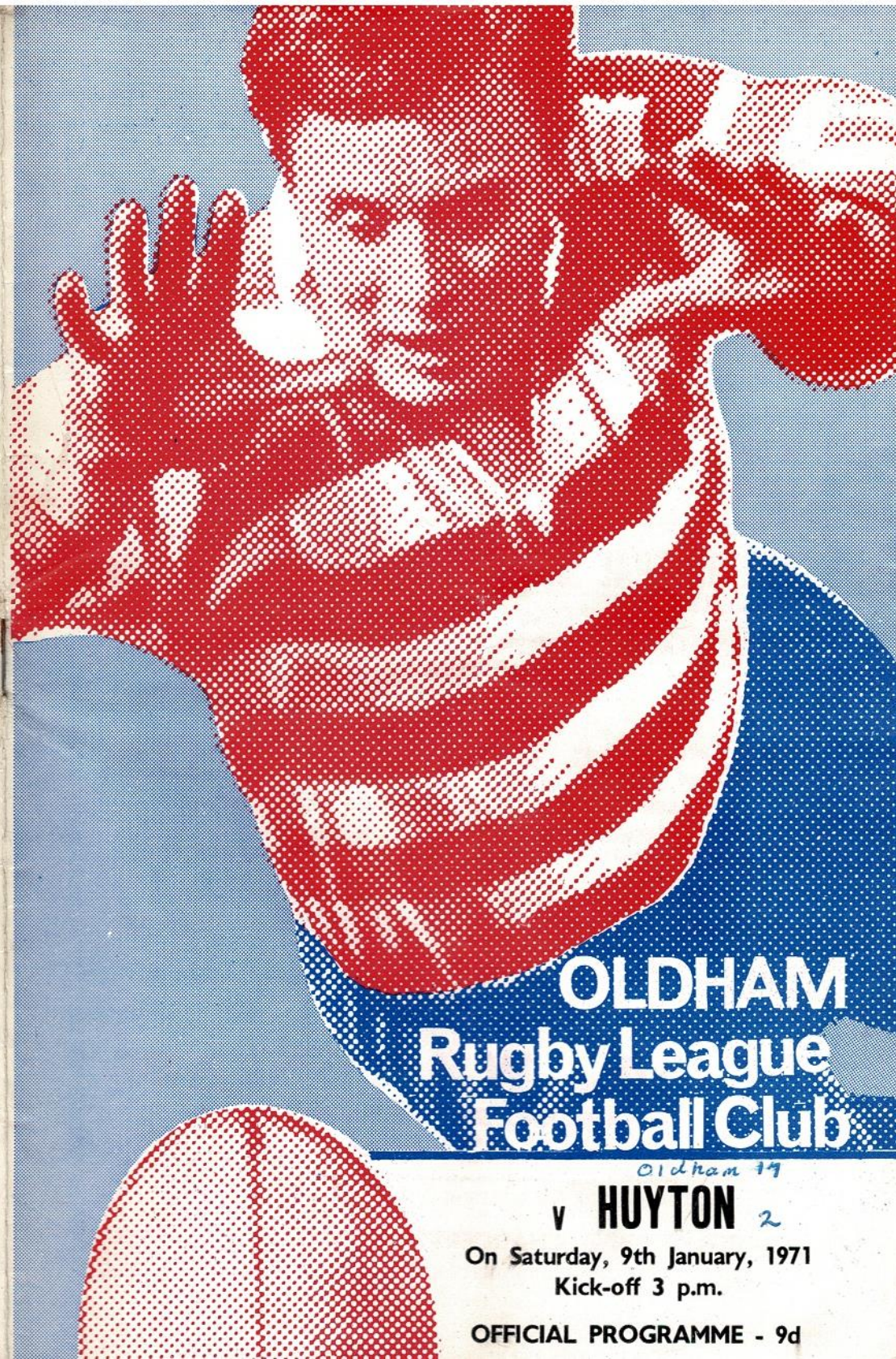
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NEWS AND VIEWS

The win against Barrow at 'Sheddings three weeks ago, gained us a very valuable two points, and provided spectators with one of the best matches seen at Watersheddings this season. The foundations were well laid after Larder crossed for a well worked try and keen and consistent tackling from every member of the side was one of the outstanding features of a good match. It was heartening to see the younger end of our forwards, namely Arthur Daly, Jim Reynolds and Frank Walker playing so well. Whilst on the subject it would be remiss not to mention Walker's progress and wonderful form since moving up into the front row. He is working and tackling well, fears nothing and distributes the ball very well for such a young forward. Certainly very different from his first two games for the Club, and very pleasing for Jack Bowden, the Club's Lancashire County representative, who recommended him. On Boxing Day, we managed to take a point from the old enemy Rochdale, at the Athletic Ground. Arctic conditions were all against running, and snow and wind were more prevalent than good rugby. Each side was cut down to two goals each, and one wonders who was most fortunate, players or spectators, at one of the coldest matches I have ever sat through. Let's hope the return here will be at least warmer.

It was good to see Dick Bonser return from his massive suspension with such a fine game at Rochdale. He has regularly trained throughout his long lay off so it did not come by accident, but it makes one wonder the value of long suspensions, and whether some other means of punishment for erring offenders should not be found. Fining and other forms of censure used in other sports would be impractical, due to the game being a part-time occupation, and there can be no easier remedy than a 'sin bin', but lots of thought would have to go into any change that is passed.

Popular scrum half, Jed Smith had to spend the rest of Boxing Day after the match, in Rochdale Infirmary where he was kept for observation after being taken there with a suspected fractured jaw. However, Jed, as usual, came bouncing back to training on the Monday evening and is certain to play in today's match, as the injury was confined to severe bruising and concussion.

JUNIOR SCHOOLBOYS' SEVENS COMPETITION

Today's match is the third of the first round ties, between Derker and St. Hilda's. Next Saturday will see the final first round game—Sacred Heart v. St. Mary's



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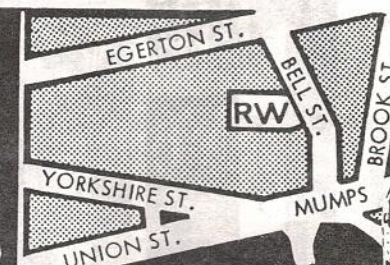
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WELCOME TO HUYTON

Today Oldham will be looking for a convincing victory with the visit of Huyton who at present lie bottom of the Rugby League table.

Huyton joined the League in 1922 as Wigan Highfield, before moving to London's White City and operating under the name London Highfield. After finding travelling expenses too great a move was made to Liverpool and another name, Liverpool Stanley was acquired. Following the move to Knotty Ash 'Stanley' became 'City' and then in 1968 Huyton moved to their present home and their present name. The only success gained by our visitors was in 1935-36 when they were Lancashire Champions.

Most of Huyton's better players have been transferred for financial reasons including their three internationals. N. Bentham went to Halifax, H. Woods to Leeds and Ray Ashby to Wigan. Bob Burdell the present Wigan hooker began his career at Liverpool, whilst former Oldham favourite Bill Payne was obtained from Liverpool, as was Dick Bonser, at present making a big impression here at Watersheddings.

In November Huyton engaged Joe Coan, the former St. Helens coach, as team manager and he quickly made two signings. Robin Whitfield, the ex-Widnes full back, was signed from Barrow and Terry Wilson was acquired from West Park R.U. Club. Brian Kettleton, who spent 12 seasons with Rochdale Hornets, has joined Huyton whilst Jed Smith will, no doubt, be hoping to turn in a top class display against his brother Johnny, who has been working the scrums for Huyton.

In the past Huyton have sprung many surprises on Oldham. During the Championship winning season of 1956/57, one of Oldham's five defeats was at Liverpool. Only two years ago Huyton completed the double over Oldham, winning 13-5 here and 7-3 at Widnes. On the brighter side Oldham's fans will recall Bernard Ganley's 14 goals when Oldham won 67-6 in 1960.

Although Huyton have only won two games so far this season, several of their defeats have been very close. Bramley beat them 7-5, Doncaster 8-5, and Rochdale 9-4, so Oldham must not expect a walkover. But with a 23-4 away win already tucked under their belts they must feel confident of repeating last season's 37-7 victory.

PLAYERS No. 6 PLAYER-OF-THE-MATCH AWARDS

This competition is run exactly as last season, the Player-of-the-Match receiving £6, and 3 points in the Players No. 6 Table, whilst the players rated second and third receive two points and one point respectively. Today's winner will be announced just before the final whistle.

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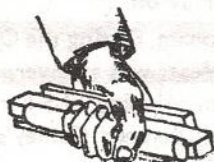
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6—TOMMY DAVIES
7—JED SMITH
8—KEN WILSON
9—KEVIN TAYLOR
10—FRANK WALKER
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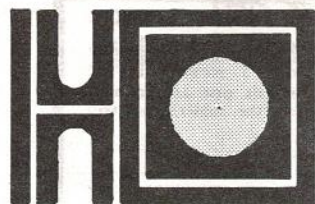
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FRED ASHWORTH

The committee extend their congratulations to Mr. Fred Ashworth who was, this week, made an Honorary Life Member of the Club. As most members know, Fred has been with the Club, apart from one very short break at Fartown, for some 45 years, and in his days as player, captain and committeeman, he has gained the admiration of all who have come into contact with him. Fred described the honour as the finest thing in his life, but it has been well earned. Once again congratulations.

POOL NEWS

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CHRISTMAS DRAW

We must record our sincere appreciation to all those well-wishers who donated prizes to the Draw, and to the many voluntary workers, particularly the Supporters' Club, and in fact to everyone who helped in any way, to make this such a success. Final figures are not yet available but we are assured of a very good profit from this effort. Well done everyone.

PLAYER'S No. 6 GOAL-KICKING COMPETITION

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15	Huddersfield (Ch'rity) ...	home	4	18
22	York	away	11	24
25	Hunslet	home	54	5
29	Salford (L. Cup Rd. 1) ...	home	12	35
Sept. 2	Huddersfield	away	4	9
5	Barrow	away	17	23
7	Blackpool	away	11	20
12	Bramley	home	24	8
19	Doncaster	away	14	10
21	Whitehaven	home	15	2
26	Dewsbury	home	16	17
30	Whitehaven	away	15	2
Oct. 3	Workington	away	17	13
10	York	home	24	17
17	Huyton	away	23	4
26	Wakefield	home	15	15
Nov. 2	Blackpool	home	19	3
14	Wakefield	away	2	38
21	Keighley	home	13	12
29	Batley	away	9	9
Dec. 12	Warrington	away	17	25
19	Barrow	home	13	2
26	Rochdale	away	4	4
Jan. 1	Huddersfield	home		
9	Huyton	home	17	2
16	Batley	home		
23	Challenge Cup 1st Round	away		
30	Halifax	away		
Feb. 6	Keighley	away		
13	Warrington	home		
20	Challenge Cup 2nd Round			
27	Halifax	home		
Mar. 6	Workington	home		
13	Dewsbury	away		
20	Doncaster	home		
Apr. 9	Rochdale	home		
10	Hunslet	away		
17	Bramley	away		

'A' TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Club	Ven.	F	A
Aug. 22	Swinton	home	26	17
29	Leigh (Shield 1st leg) ...	away	10	19
Sept. 5	Workington	home	5	11
14	Leigh (Shield 2nd leg) ...	home	8	16
19	Salford	away	26	5
26	Leigh	away		
Oct. 3	Wigan	home	19	14
10	Barrow	away	4	7
17	Huyton	home	22	13
24	St. Helens	home	35	10
31	Widnes	away	0	8
Nov. 7	St. Helens	away	3	13
14	Barrow	home	18	5
28	Leigh	home		
Dec. 5	Swinton	away		
12	Warrington	home	35	5
18	Wigan	away	7	24
26	Rochdale	home		
Jan. 9	Huyton	away	20	12
24	Whitehaven	home		
16	Whitehaven	away		
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