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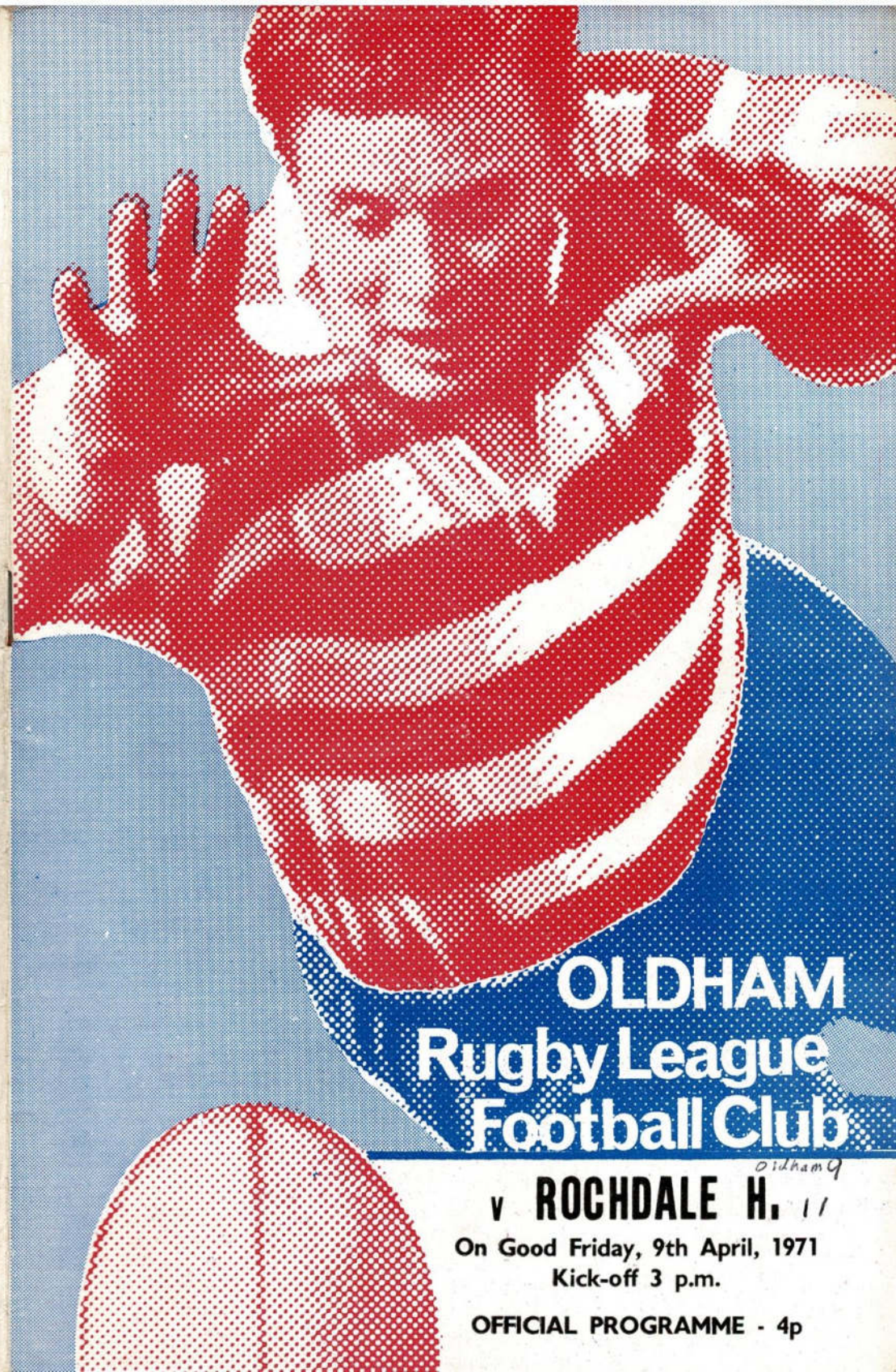
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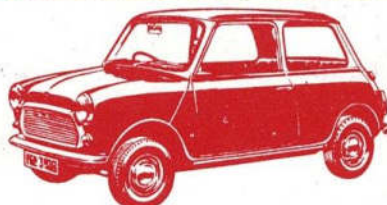
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS ...

Today brings us to our last home game of the season. This season has been more successful than last from the playing side and we are hoping for victories in our remaining matches, to ensure our place in the top half of the League, thereby assuring us of better fixtures for next season.

We would like to thank you all for your support this season and take this opportunity of wishing you all a good summer holiday.

Our team's performances in recent matches have not been too brilliant, having picked up only 4 league points from our last three games.

The 11-4 win against Workington Town, thus completing the double over these worthy opponents, was very commendable, especially in view of Keith Ashcroft's injury (broken ankle), which put him out of the game at half-time, and finished his playing for the rest of the season. Latest news of Keith is that he is back at his job in Wigan Education Offices, and eagerly looking forward to the start of next season.

In contrast, our last home match against Doncaster on March 20th was very very poor, and we were a shade lucky to pull off a 9-9 draw, thanks mainly to Phil Larder's 3 goals.

The race is now on to maintain a place in the top half of the League Table. To ensure this, we must go into all three remaining matches determined to win! We are at the time of going to press in fifteenth position, with Dewsbury, York and Bramley hard on our heels. We do not wish to be dependent on teams immediately above us losing matches. As previously stated, we must go all out to win these remaining fixtures.

It is heartening to see our younger players, particularly Jim Reynolds, loose-forward, Johnny Blair, out-half, and Arthur Daley, second-row forward, making such determined bids for regular first-team places, and it won't be long before we are seeing much more of forward Frank Walker, and winger Mike Wilde, who have both been turning in some sterling performances of late in 'A' team matches.

We were very pleased to see Allan Ogden back in action in the 'A' team match v. Rochdale 'A' on March 24th. Unfortunately, Allan sustained an eye injury in this



match, which prevented him from being considered for selection for last Wednesday's game at Leigh. By the time these notes are published, we hope that Allan will again be fully fit, and playing his way back to first-team football.

Another "missing face" turned up at the Workington match on March 17th—centre or winger Joe Collins. Through a misunderstanding, Joe believed that the specialist who had advised him to rest his injured shoulder until the start of next season was to notify the Club direct, and so had not made personal contact with us. However, we look forward to seeing this popular player back on the meadow again next season.

JUNIOR SCHOOLS SEVEN-A-SIDE COMPETITION — GEORGE DEW CUP

Our thanks are extended to officials of the Oldham Junior Schools Rugby League, and to all the boys who participated in this contest again this season. The Final was a drawn game, played in the interval at the Workington match, with Parish Church and St. Mary's each scoring 3 points.

The Trophy will therefore be kept for six months by each of these two schools. These ten year olds provided some wonderful half-time entertainment for spectators, and we hope that this competition may long flourish at Watersheddings.

PLAYER'S No. 6 PLAYER OF THE MATCH AWARDS

Our popular full-back, Martin Murphy, was in joint fifth position in the overall competition on March 27th, with 25 points, and Martin therefore stands a very good chance of sharing in the total end-of-season prize money of £600. Ged Smith, our popular scrum-half, was just a little lower down the list, with 22 points.

The judge for today's competition will be announced just before the kick-off.

CLUB SECRETARY

Our best wishes for success in his new job go to Secretary Len Robinson, on his departure to take up a position in industry.

Kevin Wilkinson, our new Secretary, is a Todmorden man, aged 34, married with two children, and is Captain of Todmorden Cricket Club. Kevin is new to Rugby League, and we take this opportunity of welcoming him to Watersheddings for his first match, and wishing him all the best in his new appointment.





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TODAY'S VISITORS

For the final home league match of 1970-71 Rochdale Hornets form the opposition in today's attractive derby match. Oldham coach Graham Starkey had a successful spell with Hornets and in 1966/67 he scored a record 243 points for them. The previous season he captained them in their sixth Lancashire Cup Final. Hornets have won the Lancashire Cup three times, the Lancashire Championship once, and the Rugby League Challenge Cup once, that was in 1962 and was their last previous major trophy victory.

Former Oldham players who are in the present Hornets first team squad include Terry Dolly, who played for Oldham in the 1966 Lancashire Cup Final, and Jim Crellin, the Cumbrian centre. Scrum-half Johnny Hammond is an Oldham lad having been signed from Saint Anne's, who contested the Standard Cup Final at Watersheddings earlier today. Whilst with Saint Anne's, Hammond played for the England Amateur against France. Opposing Hammond for the scrum-half spot is Trevor Rabbitt, who cost £500 when he was signed from Salford in November, 1969. Eddie Tees is a fine and versatile player, who during his career has had spells with Furness R.U.F.C., Roose, York and Barrow, before joining Hornets for £4,000. Although born in Shrewsbury, he has represented Lancashire. Tees has landed over 50 goals this season and kicked one goal for Barrow in the 1967 Cup Final and Henry Delooze landed two. Delooze began his career with Warrington before moving to Barrow and then Rochdale. Prop forward Eddie Brown is having a fine season again playing in the Lancashire team. Two seasons ago he appeared in the England U/24 side. Twenty-three year old Bill Schofield is a recent addition to the Hornets team, having joined them last February in an exchange deal involving Kevin Earle. Winger Jonathan Kucuve arrived at Rochdale from Fiji last January, to join countryman Mike Ratu, and there are two Australians also on Hornets books. These are Colin Reynolds, the Milnrow cricketer, and Bill Gourley.

It has not been a very successful season for Rochdale who have only won 8 of their 31 games so far this season.

When the two sides met at the Athletic Grounds on Boxing Day, a rather snow swept game ended in a 4-4 draw. Oldham led twice, but Eddie Tees was able to equalise two Terry Garrett goals. Last season Oldham recorded a 12-2 home victory, but crashed to an 18-0 defeat at Rochdale and will be determined to erase the memory of that heavy defeat in the best possible way—with a resounding victory.



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Aug. 8	Halifax (Charity) ...	home	25	23
15	Huddersfield (Ch'rity) ...	home	4	10
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	10
26	Wakefield	home	15	15
Nov. 2	Blackpool	home	19	3
14	Wakefield	away	2	38
21	Keighley	home	15	17
29	Batley	away	9	9
Dec. 12	Warrington	away	17	25
19	Barrow	home	13	2
26	Rochdale	away	4	4
Jan. 9	Huyton	home	17	2
16	Batley	home	7	10
23	Leeds	away	2	49
30	Halifax	away	12	16
Feb. 6	Keighley	away	8	20
10	Huddersfield	home	9	9
13	Warrington	home	9	23
20	Challenge Cup 2nd Round			
24	Halifax	home	29	7
Mar. 13	Dewsbury	away	12	12
17	Workington	home	11	4
20	Doncaster	home	9	9
Apr. 9	Rochdale	home	9	11
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	30	8
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		
18	Wigan	away		
26	Rochdale	home		
Jan. 9	Huyton	away		
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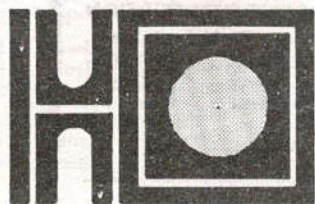
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