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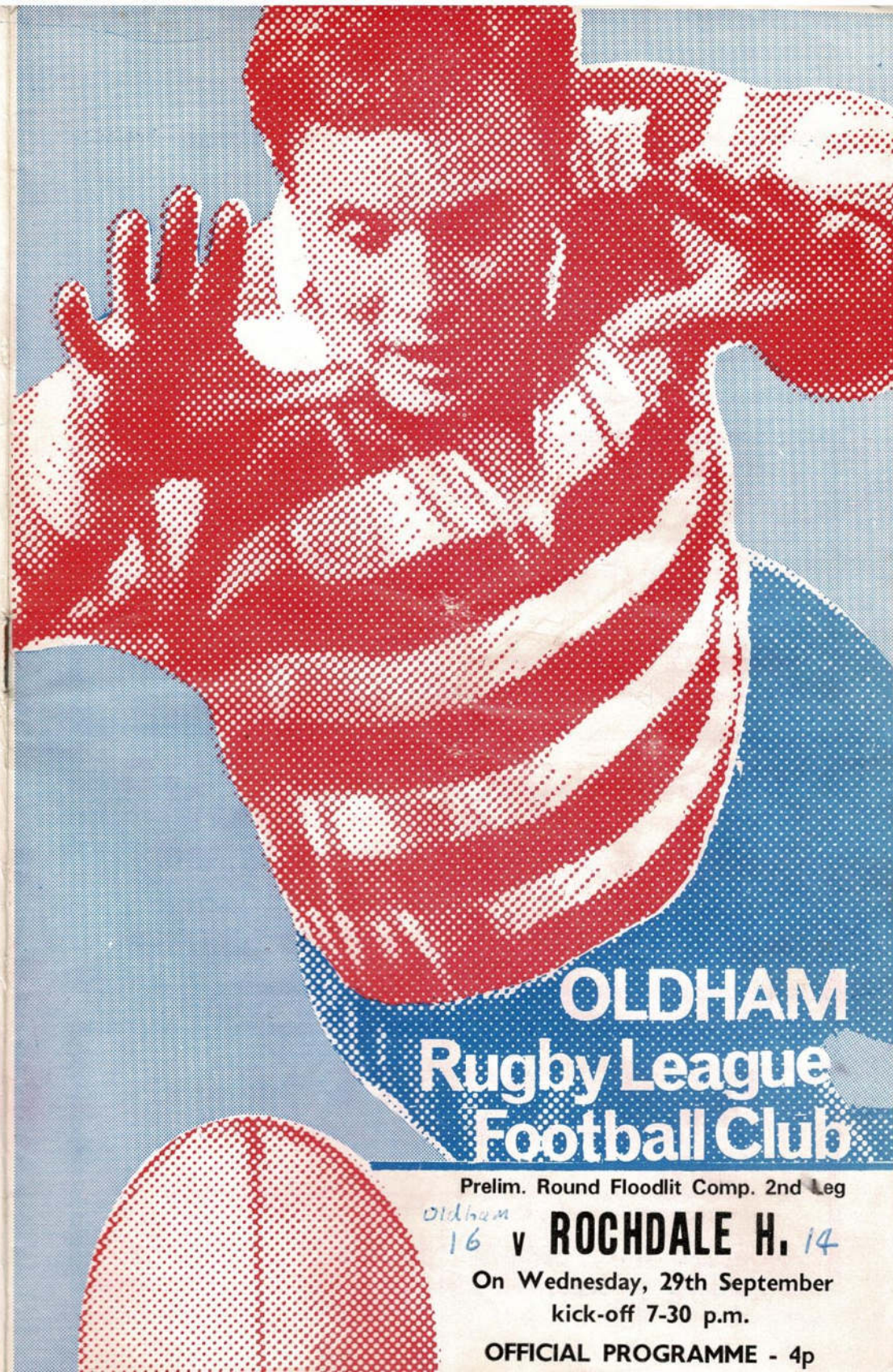
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OUR VISITORS

Tonight Oldham face the mammoth task of trying to bridge a 26 point gap if they are to visit Salford in the next stage of the BBC 2 Floodlit Cup. Whilst Oldham were not exactly on top form when they visited Rochdale, credit must not be taken from a much improved Rochdale team.

Since the arrival of player coach Frank Myler, Hornets have been revitalised, not only by the capture of several new players but the improved form of the more established members of the Hornets squad such as full-back Joe Chamberlain. He joined Rochdale in November 1964 from Woolston juniors and this season looks like being his best, for against Barrow in the Lancashire Cup, Chamberlain crossed for two tries and also kicked two goals. Hornets can also boast about their two speedy wingers, Mike Ratu and Norman Brelsford. A Fijian, Ratu was signed from Stroud R.U.F.C., whilst Brelsford will need very little introduction to Oldham supporters for he had a short spell at Watersheddings before moving to the Athletic Grounds. When not speeding down the wing, Brelsford can be seen speeding around the Social Club, pursuing his other occupation as a taxi driver. Playing in the centre is another former Oldham player, Jim Crellin. Oldham signed Crellin from Workington Town and then transferred him to Rochdale for £850. Last season Crellin kicked 20 goals for Hornets and also crossed for 10 tries. Willie Aspinall has proved to be a most astute signing despite the fact that he broke a couple of fingers on his first outing for Hornets. Aspinall joined Warrington in 1962 and quickly came to prominence for he toured Australasia in 1966 as well as being a member of the Lancashire team. Rochdale parted with a cheque for £2,000 when they signed him last July. Player coach Frank Myler, who joined Hornets at the end of last season has enjoyed a most successful career in rugby league since he joined Widnes in 1956. After 11 years at Widnes he moved to Saint Helens before transferring to Hornets. Myler's career spans numerous appearances for Lancashire, 23 test matches, two World Cup series (1960 and 1970) and two tours to Australia in 1966 and 1970. He captained Great Britain on both the 1970 tour and the World Cup series, and throughout his career he has proved to be a model sportsman both on and off the field. At scrum-half is another former Saint Helens player, Peter Gartland, who also joined Rochdale during the summer for £500. In the forwards too, Hornets have shown considerable improvement. At prop could be any two of Mike Watson, Peter Birchall and Eddie Brown. Watson was formerly with Barrow and Blackpool Borough, whilst Rochdale born England U/24 player Peter Birchall was signed from Huddersfield. Former Mayfield prop, Eddie Brown is another England U/24 international, whose form this season has resulted in a flood of enquiries from the more wealthy clubs who are keen to secure his services.

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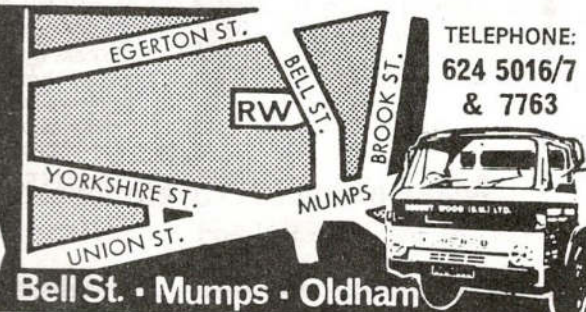
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As can be seen from previous results this Hornets outfit is settling down very well together and no doubt they will again form stiff opposition for the Watersheddings combination.

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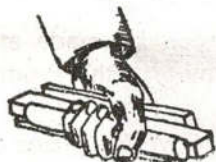
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1. Full Name—Michael David Elliott
2. Birthplace—Blaina, South Wales
3. Height—5ft. 10ins.
4. Weight—12st. 10lbs.
5. Previous Clubs—Blaina Rugby Union
6. Married—Yes
7. Children—One boy
8. Car—Cortina
9. Favourite Player—Frank Myler
10. Favourite other Team—Leeds
11. Most difficult Opponent—Bill Burgess
12. Most Memorable Match—Against Bradford Northern in 2nd Round, R.L. Cup
13. Biggest Thrill—Playing at Central Park in first senior game
14. Biggest Disappointment—Not being in Oldham side who lost to Hull Kingston Rovers in Semi-final of R.L. Cup
15. Do you read much about Rugby League—No
16. Do you read reports about your game—No
17. Favourite Holiday Spot—Switzerland
18. Favourite Food—Lobster
19. Likes—Motoring
20. Dislikes—
21. Favourite Singer—Ritchie Havens
22. Biggest influence on your Career—
23. Biggest drag in Rugby—The Scrums
24. Honours Won—None
26. Do you notice the Crowd—No
25. Ambition—To play at Wembley

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Welcome friends! Apologies for the late start to this season's Supporters' Club notes, but while we may have been quiet on the public front, there has already been a lot of behind-the-scenes activity as we bid to make even greater progress financially than we did last year.

By now, I hope you will all have seen a copy of the new Year Book—bigger in format and different in content. At 5p we believe it is good value for money and a must for every real Watersheddings supporter.

By undertaking the task of producing the book ourselves this year we anticipate a much more rewarding financial return to help swell the Club funds.

But the strength of any club of this kind depends on its membership, and I would appeal to all supporters to consider shelling out a few pence to become either a member or a vice-president of our organisation.

One of the most direct benefits of members is the convenience of using the Supporters' Club coaches which we are endeavouring to run to all away matches this season.

So determined are we to keep up this service—even in these days of hard times for the team—that one of our committee members financed the coach to Rochdale recently out of his own pocket.

He firmly believed that if this service was allowed to slide the Supporters' Club would be slipping up in its duty to the fans, and expressed the view that sooner or later, when Oldham fans are clamouring to get to away matches, the effort and expense put in now would more than prove worthwhile in the end.

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21	Barrow	H	13—13		28	Swinton	H	7—22	
25	Swinton	A	2—20		Sept. 11	Workington	H	37—10	
28	Hunslet	A	13—14		18	Huyton	A	25—5	
Sept. 1	Leeds	H	12—16		25	Widnes	H	14—5	
8	Wigan	H	7—23		Oct. 2	Wigan	A		
11	Leeds	A	12—49		9	Wigan	H		
15	Rochdale 1st Leg.	A	2—28		29	Salford	A		
19	Huyton	H	29—9		Nov. 6	Workington	A		
24	Widnes	A	19—7		27	St. Helens	A		
Oct. 2	Featherstone	H	10—14		Dec. 18	Salford	H		
8	Wigan	A			27	Rochdale	A		
16	St. Helens	A			Jan. 1	Barrow	H		
23	Blackpool	H			8	Swinton	A		
30	Widnes	H			22	St. Helens	H		
Nov. 6	Hunslet	H			Feb. 12	Warrington	H		
13	Players No. 6 Comp. (1)	A			19	Widnes	A		
20	York	A			Mar. 18	Leigh	H		
27	Players No. 6 Comp. (2)	A			Apr. 1	Huyton	H		
Dec. 4	St. Helens	H			3	Warrington	A		
11	Bradford	H			8	Rochdale	H		
18	Bradford	A			15	Leigh	A		
27	Rochdale	H							
Jan. 1	Barrow	A							
8	Swinton	H							
15	Whitehaven	A							
22	Featherstone	A							
29	Challenge Cup (1)	A							
Feb. 5	Bramley	H							
11	Warrington	A							
19	Challenge Cup (2)	A							
26	Blackpool	A							
Mar. 4	Doncaster	H							
11	York	H							
18	Doncaster	A							
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