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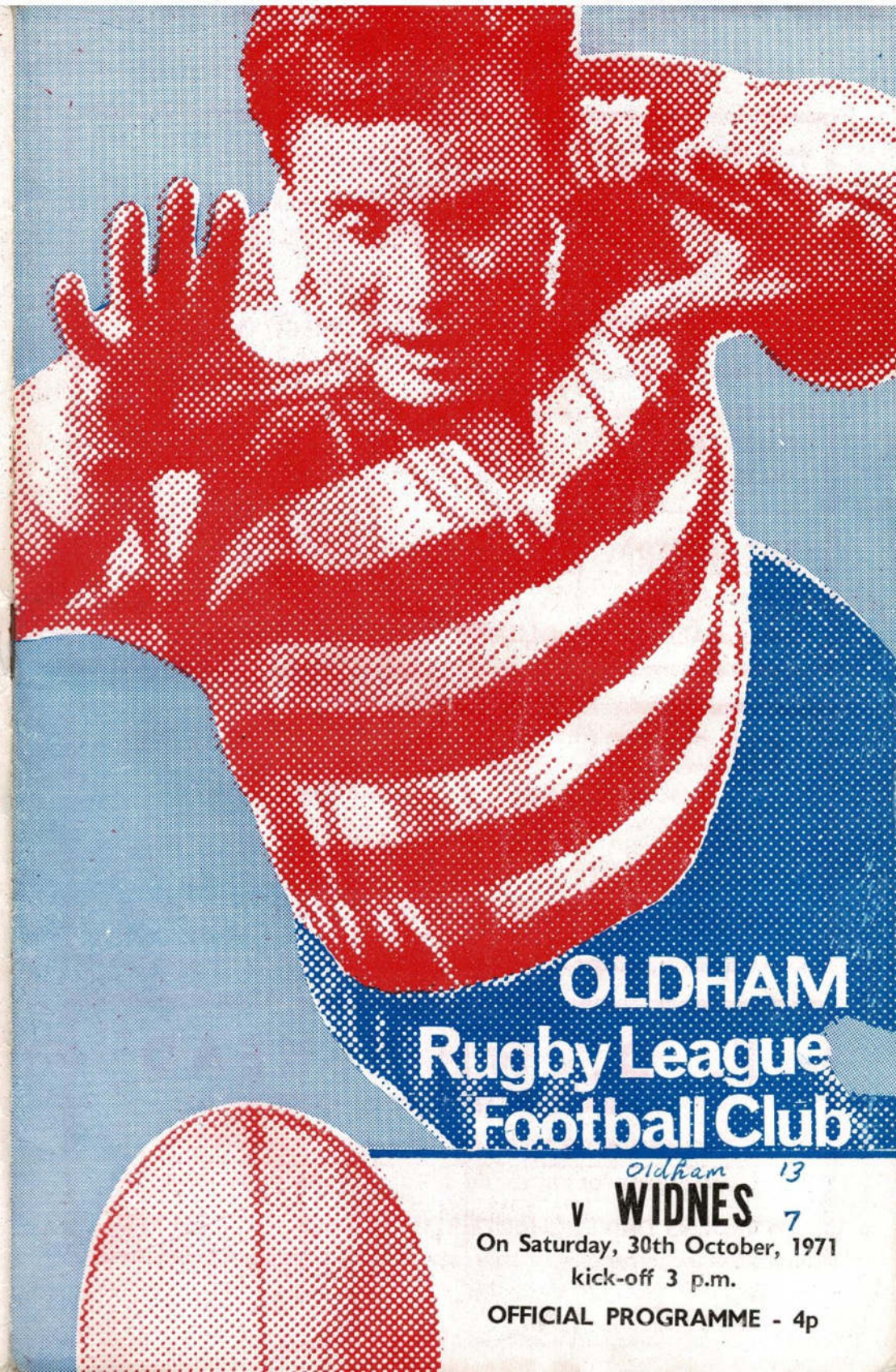
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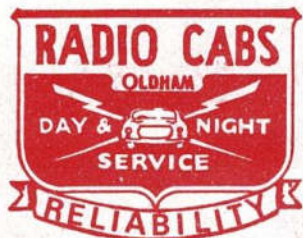
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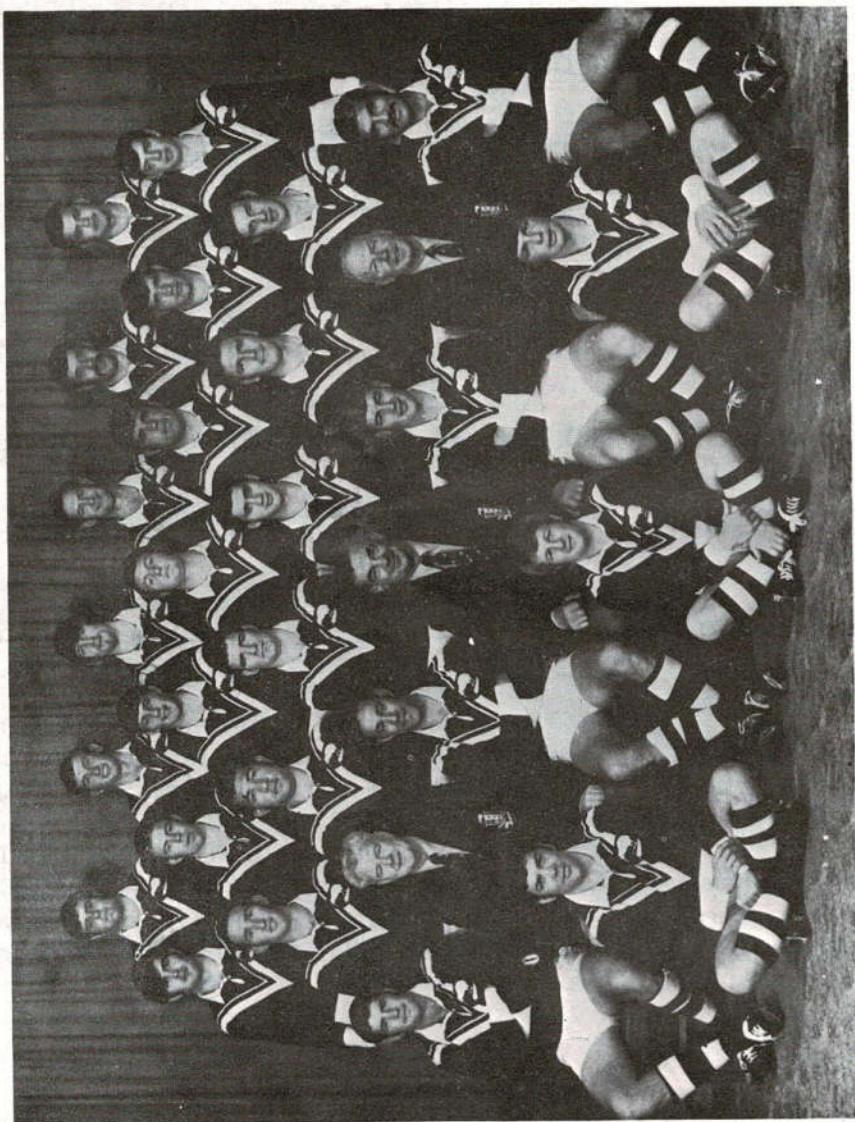
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Oldham followers will be hoping that the Widnes line-up today includes Denis O'Neill and George Nichols who have both been selected for the British team in the Third Test match against New Zealand next Saturday. It will be the first time that either player has been included in the international squad. O'Neill, a product of Widnes junior football, has been a regular member of the Lancashire team throughout the past four seasons whilst 24 years old Nichols has also won county honours in recent seasons. He joined Widnes six years ago from Derby Arms. Prop John Warlow is another international forward. In 1962, whilst with Llanelli R.U.F.C., he played rugby union for Wales against Ireland and in October of the following year he turned professional with St. Helens. After six years at Knowsley Road, where he won several medals and a spot in the Great Britain team as well as a trip to Australasia for the 1968 World Cup, he moved to Widnes for £4,000. Last season Warlow represented Britain in both internationals against the French and this season he played in the First Test against the Kiwis. Ray Dutton, at full-back, is another player well known in rugby league circles. He joined Widnes in 1964 and his form in 1969-70, when he represented England against both Wales and France, was enough to take him on the 1970 tour of Australasia. Unfortunately he suffered injuries to his shoulder on that trip and he only played in 9 games, but he managed to score 2 tries and 43 goals. Whilst on tour he played in two Tests against New Zealand and on returning to England he was chosen as a member of the 1970 World Cup squad. He played in all Britain's four matches scoring 13 goals. This season he has played in both Lancashire's matches and soon he will have passed the fifty mark with his goalkicking. Widnes can also field a pair of international wingers in Denis Brown and Johnny Gaydon. Cardiff born Brown joined Widnes four years ago after playing rugby union for Devon county. A marine, he is an automatic selection for the Royal Navy union team and he has also played for the Welsh rugby league side. Johnny Gaydon is a South African who St. Helens brought to England but he was transferred to Widnes in 1961. In 1963 he toured Australia with the South African Rugby League tourists. Other players who have been at Naughton Park several seasons include Alan Walsh, who was signed from Wigan R.U.F.C., Malcolm Aspey, signed 7 years ago and veteran Ged Lowe, who is now in his eleventh season at Widnes. More recently the Chemics have been adding to their playing register and last January they signed

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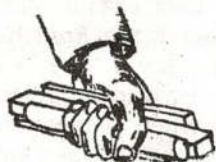
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- 3—PHIL LARDER *5 goals*
- 4—TOMMY DAVIES
- 5—NORMAN HODGKINSON *try*
- 6—ALAN KELLET *Johnny Blair*
- 7—CLIFF SAYER
- 8—FRANK WALKER
- 9—KEVIN TAYLOR
- 10—DICK BONSER
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Widnes have made a very bright start to the season despite several injury problems. They have completed the double over Barrow (home 15-12, away 17-11) and have also won at York 15-9 but these have been their only away league victories. Their best home victory was against Wigan 6-5 and their largest win was the 25-0 hammering of Huyton. In the Lancashire Cup Widnes scored home victories over Blackpool 22-4 and Rochdale 17-8 before beating St. Helens 12-10 at Knowsley Road in the semi-final. In the final Wigan beat the Chemics 15-8 but for long periods it looked as if the Cup was Widnes bound.

Already runners-up in one competition, Widnes are out to repeat the success they gained in the early sixties and they look set for a top sixteen spot and a tilt at the Championship.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Congratulations to Bob Irving on his selection for the Great Britain team for the Third Test against New Zealand.

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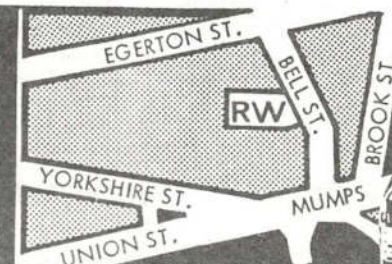
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Date	Club	Ven.	F	A
Aug. 8	Swinton (Lancs Cup)	A	7—10	
21	Barrow	H	13—13	
25	Swinton	A	2—20	
28	Hunslet	A	13—14	
Sept. 1	Leeds	H	12—16	
8	Wigan	H	7—23	
11	Leeds	A	12—49	
15	Rochdale	A	2—28	
19	Huyton	H	29—9	
24	Widnes	A	19—7	
Oct. 2	Featherstone	H	19—23	
8	Wigan	A	13—28	
16	St. Helens	A	2—50	
23	Blackpool	H	19—24	
30	Widnes	H	13—7	
Nov. 6	Hunslet	H		
13	Players No. 6 Comp. (1)	A		
20	York	A		
27	Players No. 6 Comp. (2)			
Dec. 4	St. Helens	H		
11	Bradford	H		
18	Bradford	A		
27	Rochdale	H		
Jan. 1	Barrow	A		
8	Swinton	H		
15	Whitehaven	A		
22	Featherstone	A		
29	Challenge Cup (1)			
Feb. 5	Bramley	H		
11	Warrington	A		
19	Challenge Cup (2)			
26	Blackpool	A		
Mar. 4	Doncaster	H		
11	York	H		
18	Doncaster	A		
22	Rochdale	A		
25	Whitehaven	H		
Apr. 1	Huyton	A		
5	Warrington	H		
8	Bramley	A		

'A' TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Club	Ven.	F	A
Aug. 21	Barrow	A	13—9	
28	Swinton	H	7—22	
Sept. 11	Workington	H		
18	Huyton	A		
25	Widnes	H		
Oct. 2	Wigan	A		
9	Wigan	H		
29	Salford	A		
Nov. 6	Workington	A		
27	St. Helens	A		
Dec. 18	Salford	H		
27	Rochdale	A		
Jan. 1	Barrow	H		
8	Swinton	A		
22	St. Helens	H		
Feb. 12	Warrington	H		
19	Widnes	A		
Mar. 18	Leigh	H		
Apr. 1	Huyton	H		
3	Warrington	A		
8	Rochdale	H		
15	Leigh	A		

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