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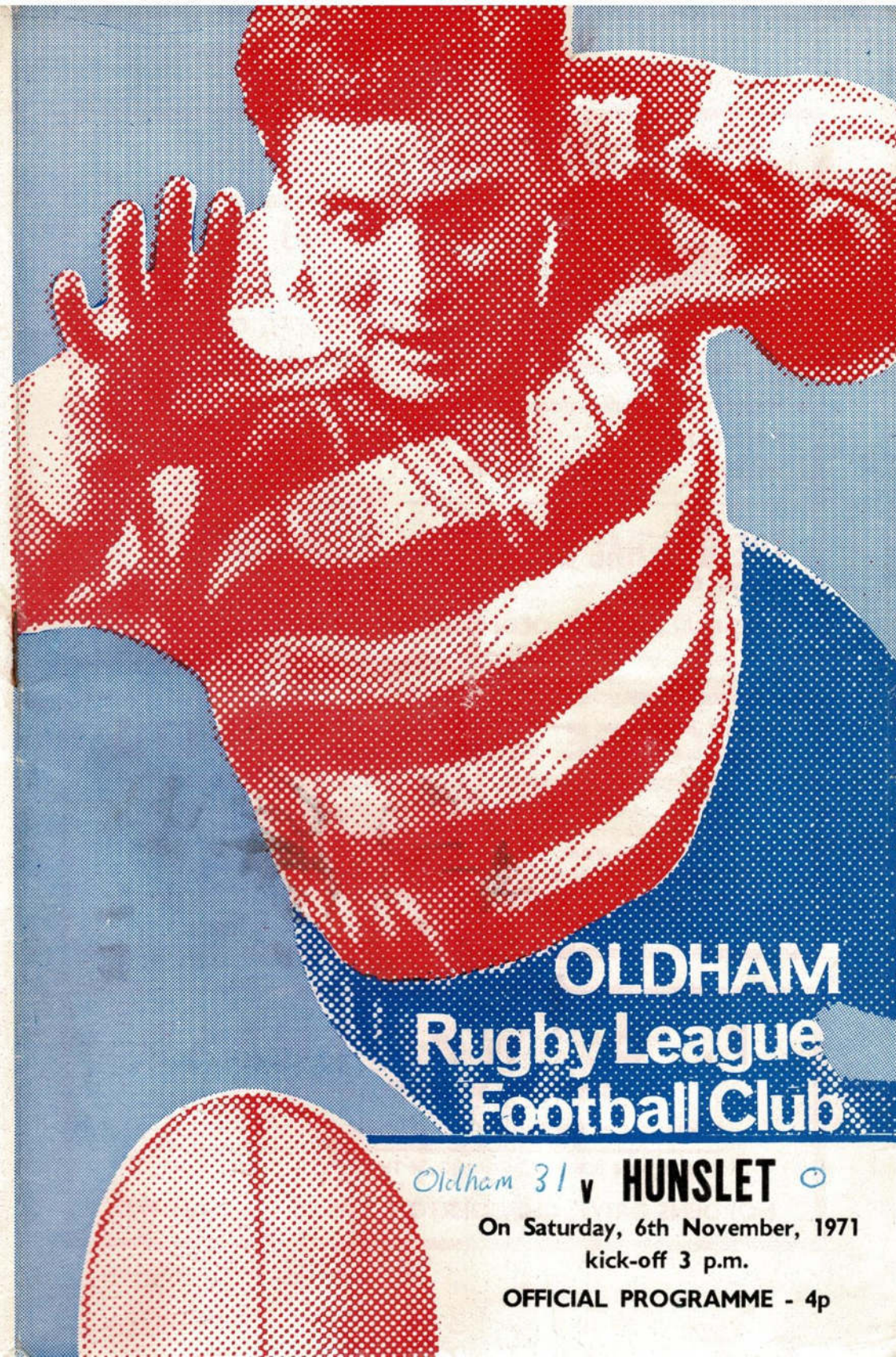
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INJURED PLAYERS

Unfortunately we have had to cancel today's 'A' team match at Workington due to the fact that our injury problem is again growing. Players injured are:— Jim McCormack, broken finger; Gareth Owen, fractured thumb; Arthur Daley, calf muscle strain; Cliff Hill, groin injury; Tony Scahill, thigh muscle strain; Colin Bowden, shoulder injury.

SECRETARY'S COMMENT

No doubt you have read in the newspapers how a young trialist who had been recommended by our Yorkshire scout was pinched from under our noses after he had shown promise in an 'A' team match.

Looking at it from a glamour point of view you can hardly blame the lad for wanting to be signed by a fashionable club. He would however have been perfectly happy to play with Oldham but for this sharp practice by an employee of the club in question.

This is not the first time that our juniors and trialists have been approached. The obvious answer to benefit financially from this is to sack all of our Scouts who receive payment, the Committee can then go and watch all 'A' team matches who are featuring trialists.

I somehow feel that your Committee have enough principles to ensure that this is not done and that our Scouts will keep watching junior matches, even though it may mean losing the odd player.

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OUR VISITORS

Last Saturday Oldham scored their first double of the season at the expense of Widnes and if they maintain that form they could move into a much healthier position especially when the less successful sides such as Doncaster, Bramley and York are met later in the season. Today's visitor's are Hunslet a side who, like Oldham, are going through a lean spell but who can look back and remember many outstanding seasons.

Hunslet have appeared in three Championship Finals recording two wins and a defeat and in addition they were Championship runners-up to Leigh in 1905/6 before the Championship Play-off was instigated. Season 1907/8 was Hunslet's best for they became the first club to win all four major rugby league trophies. It was not until January 18th of that season that Hunslet were beaten. They had won 22 matches and drawn one (against New Zealand). They easily won the Yorkshire Championship and defeated Halifax 17-0 in the Yorkshire Cup Final. Hull were beaten 14-0 in the Northern Union Cup Final and the following week they met top of the table Oldham in the Championship Final at Salford. The match ended in a 7-7 draw with Albert Goldthorpe scoring all Hunslet's points. Seven days later at Wakefield a crowd of 14,054 saw Hunslet score an historic 12-2 victory. In 1937/38 Hunslet won the Championship with an 8-2 win over Leeds before a record crowd of 54,112 at Elland Road whilst in 1958/59 Saint Helens became Champions with a spectacular 44-22 win.

During recent seasons the Hunslet club have been struggling both from a financial and playing angle and the majority of players on the present playing register are recruits from junior football. They are being coached by Geoff Gunney who joined Hunslet in 1951 and who has given sterling service both to the Parkside club and to the Rugby League in general. He visited Australia as a member of the 1954 Touring Team and again in 1957 when he was in the British World Cup squad. Providing the experience in the team is Geoff Crewdson, the former Keighley forward, who was a member of the 1966 Great Britain Touring team. The younger players at Parkside who have impressed recently include 21 year old Phil Sanderson who was signed five years ago. Last summer Phil Horrock, the former Yorkshire U/17 player, was signed and since then there have been several junior signings made by Hunslet. In September Ray Howard, Colin Wilby, Trevor Taylor and Keith Riggs were signed from Hunslet junior football whilst last month three more forwards joined Hunslet. Ken Sykes came from Heworth whilst Don Watson and Mike Williams were signed from Cutsyke. Much is expected of Australian winger Eddie Kurtz, once his clearance comes through, and with the return of Dave Croft from Bramley and Billy Baldwinson after a serious ankle injury it looks

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as if the future Hunslet playing record will make much better reading than in previous months.

The early months of this season have been far from happy ones and so far there have been only two victories. Leeds scored an easy 48-3 friendly victory but in the Yorkshire Cup Keighley were somewhat fortunate in winning the first round tie by 17-10 at Parkside. Hunslet, in fact, led until six minutes from time. Their two league victories were in the home matches against Oldham and Doncaster. It was a happy debut for hooker Frank Nicholls when Oldham visited Parkside last August for Hunslet recorded their first victory over Oldham since season 1961-62. Their other victory was the emphatic 39-0 drubbing of Doncaster in which skipper Dave Marshall scored 21 points with a try and nine goals.

Last season when Hunslet visited Oldham they were in the middle of a pay dispute with all their professional staff on strike. Hunslet were therefore represented by the Bison Sports amateur team who, of course, were no match for Oldham who went on to win 54-5. The match at Parkside was a real cliff hanger which ended in a 22-22 draw. Season 1968-69 was the last time Hunslet sent a fully professional side to Watersheddings but Oldham dealt with them quite adequately, winning 30-13. That season Oldham also won at Parkside 22-14. Hunslet, in fact, have not scored many successes here and the last time they left Oldham with a point was in season 1965-66 after a 10-10 draw.

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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	17—21	
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	21—0	
13	Players No. 6 Comp. (1)	A		
20	York	A		
27	Players No. 6 Comp. (2)	A		
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)	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		
22	Rochdale	A		
25	Whitehaven	H		
Apr. 1	Huyton	A		
5	Warrington	H		
8	Bramley	A		

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18	Huyton	A	25—5	
25	Widnes	H	14—5	
Oct. 2	Wigan	A	44—11	
9	Wigan	H		
29	Salford	A	12—20	
Nov. 6	Workington	A		
27	St. Helens	A		
Dec. 18	Salford	H		
27	Rochdale	A		
Jan. 1	Barrow	H		
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