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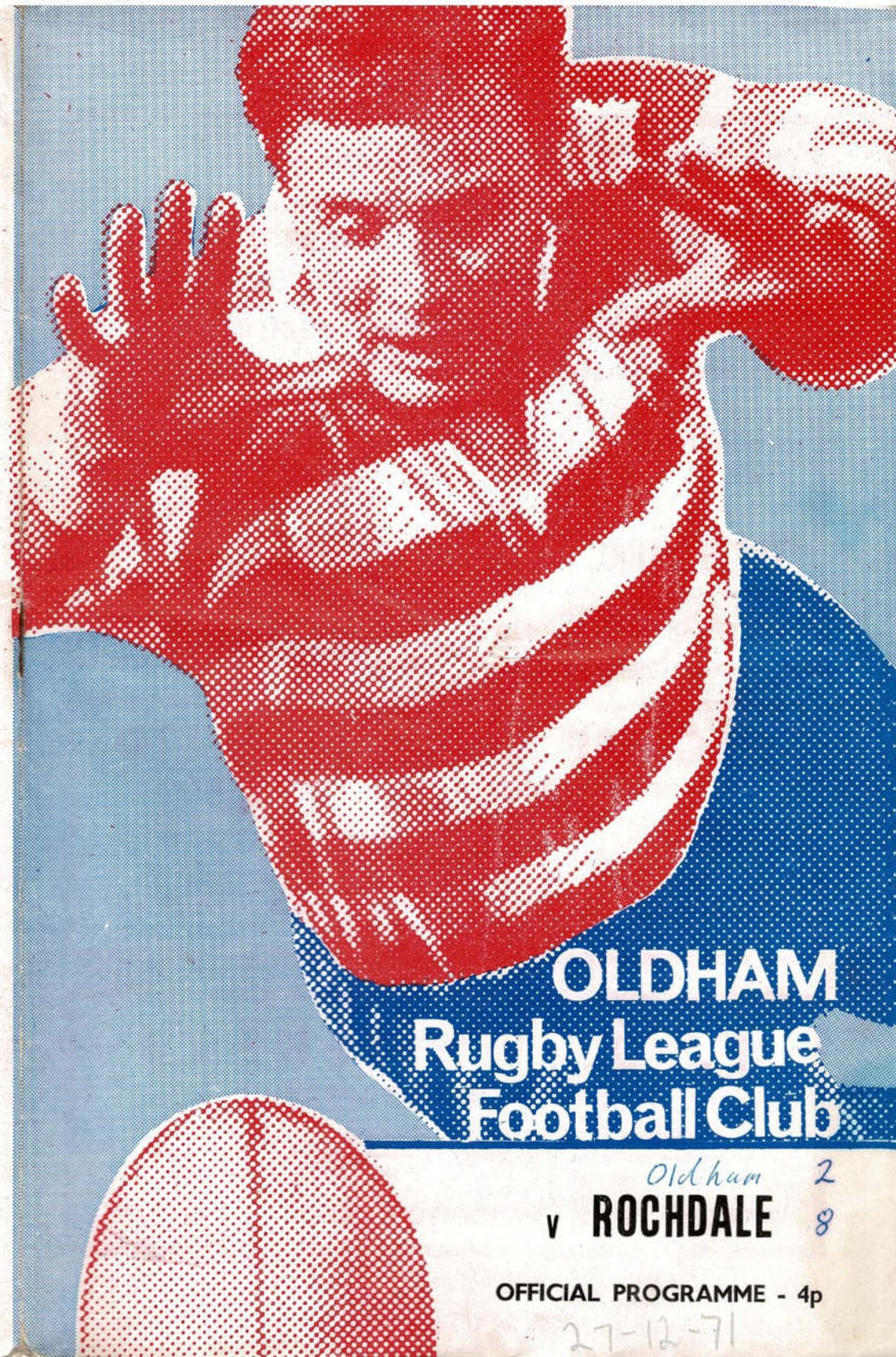
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In welcoming Rochdale Hornets to Watersheddings, Oldham supporters must congratulate our visitors on their recent performances in the BBC 2 Floodlit Cup when, after eliminating Oldham, they reached the final with fine wins over Salford, Widnes and Hull before narrowly losing to the powerful Saint Helens team at Knowsley Road.

At full back Hornets have Joe Chamberlain who is having his best ever season since he joined Rochdale in 1964. So far this season he has landed 62 goals as well as crossing for 5 tries. The wing positions will be filled by Norman Brelsford and Brian Glover. Brelsford was signed from Oldham on a free transfer, whilst Glover cost Hornets just a small sum when he joined them last October from Saint Helens. Thirty-four years old Glover began his career with Pilkington Recs. and then Saint Helens 'B' team before signing for Warrington in 1956. After 14 seasons at Wilderspool in which he gained Lancashire honours, Glover moved to Saint Helens at the beginning of last season on a free transfer. Rochdale are particularly strong in the centre positions. Jim Crellin needs little introduction to Oldham patrons because this former Workington Town and Cumberland star was transferred to Rochdale from Oldham. Although centre is his position he can also operate dependably from both stand-off and wing. Another versatile candidate for the centre positions is Willie Aspinall who was signed from Warrington last July for £2,000. He spent 9 years at Warrington and as well as making appearances for Lancashire, Aspinall toured Australasia with Great Britain in 1966. David Taylor has been playing extremely well since he returned to the Athletic Grounds last August after a brief spell on loan to Saint Helens. Without doubt the biggest individual factor of the Hornets sparkling revival this season is stand-off, coach and skipper, Frank Myler. He is a veteran of 23 test matches, two World Cup competitions and two Australasian tours not to mention his many appearances with Lancashire. After signing for his home town club, Widnes, Myler quickly became established in the Lancashire and Great Britain teams. He played in the 1960 World Cup and then toured 'down-under' in 1966. The following season he was transferred to Saint Helens where he was chosen to skipper the 1970 tourists. Although Myler scored only 3 tries during his 15 matches on that trip he was an inspiring captain and Britain were able to win all six test matches under his guidance. On his return from the tour Myler was given the task of leading Britain in the World Cup but, Britain, weary from the long tour, were beaten by Australia in the Final and so Myler's international career seemed to draw to a close. However, this season, he is playing as well as ever, and should any injury befall Hull Kingston's Roger Millward, then the selectors could do worse than recall the wily Myler.

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Another former Saint, Peter Gartland, is at scrum-half where he is more than re-paying the £500 Hornets paid out during the summer. The Rochdale pack is equal to any in the league with two outstanding props in Peter Birchall and Eddie Brown. Both are Rochdale lads, although England U/23 international Birchall was signed from Huddersfield. Brown was signed from Mayfield juniors and has represented Lancashire both this season and last. Hooker Peter Clarke is another junior signing having been snapped up from up from Lachford Albion. One of the league's most improved players is 20 years old Alan Hodgkinson who was signed from Salford. He has been turning in some top class displays in the second row. Rochdale have two other fine second-rowers in Bill Sheffield and Bob Welding. Sheffield joined Hornets last January in a deal which took Kevin Earle to Saint Helens and Bob Welding also arrived at the Athletic Grounds in an exchange deal. In his case Eddie Tees moved to Bradford. Welding began his career with Leigh before transferring to Northern, but he seems to have settled at Rochdale and his form this season earned him the substitute spot in the Lancashire team for the Roses match. He subsequently came on in that match and scored a try. Henry Delooze, the former Warrington and Barrow player, has been filling the loose-forward berth so Oldham will have to be wary of his speed and ball handling.

Hornets are having their best season for quite a few years and in fact lie in 12th position. Their highest league placing since the war was the 12th position they occupied at the end of season 1954-55. Last season they were placed 25th when they recorded only 9 victories but already this season they have won 10 league matches including good away wins at Dewsbury, Warrington and York. They have completed the double over both Dewsbury and York but their best home victories have been over Widnes (12-7) and Featherstone Rovers (14-10), although their highest score was against Huyton when they won 34-2. In the Lancashire Cup Hornets pulled off a fine win up at Barrow before losing on the ground of the eventual finalists, Widnes. Perhaps the most disappointing display of this term for Rochdale was their defeat by Blackpool in the second round of the John Player Trophy, especially after that tremendous win at Bradford in round one.

There is no doubt then that Oldham are in for another tough fight against a Rochdale side who have conceded fewer points than any other side in the league.

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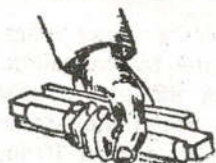
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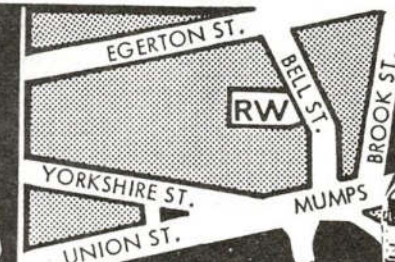
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25	Swinton	A	2—20	
28	Hunslet	A	13—14	
Sept. 1	Leeds	H	12—16	
8	Wigan	H	7—23	
11	Leeds	A	12—49	
15	Rochdale	A	2—28	
19	Huyton	H	20—9	
24	Widnes	A	19—7	
Oct. 2	Featherstone	H	17—21	
8	Wigan	A	13—28	
16	St. Helens	A	2—50	
23	Blackpool	H	19—24	
30	Widnes	H	13—7	
Nov. 6	Hunslet	H	31—0	
13	Whitehaven (P.C.)	A	0—5	
30	York	A	8—9	
27	Leigh (P.Comp.)	H	5—11	
Dec. 4	St. Helens	H	0—26	
11	Bradford	H	9—13	
18	Bradford	A	14—7	
27	Rochdale	H	2—8	
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		
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28	Swinton	H	7—22	
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25	Widnes	H	14—5	
Oct. 2	Wigan	A	44—11	
9	Wigan	H		
20	Salford	A	12—20	
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		
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