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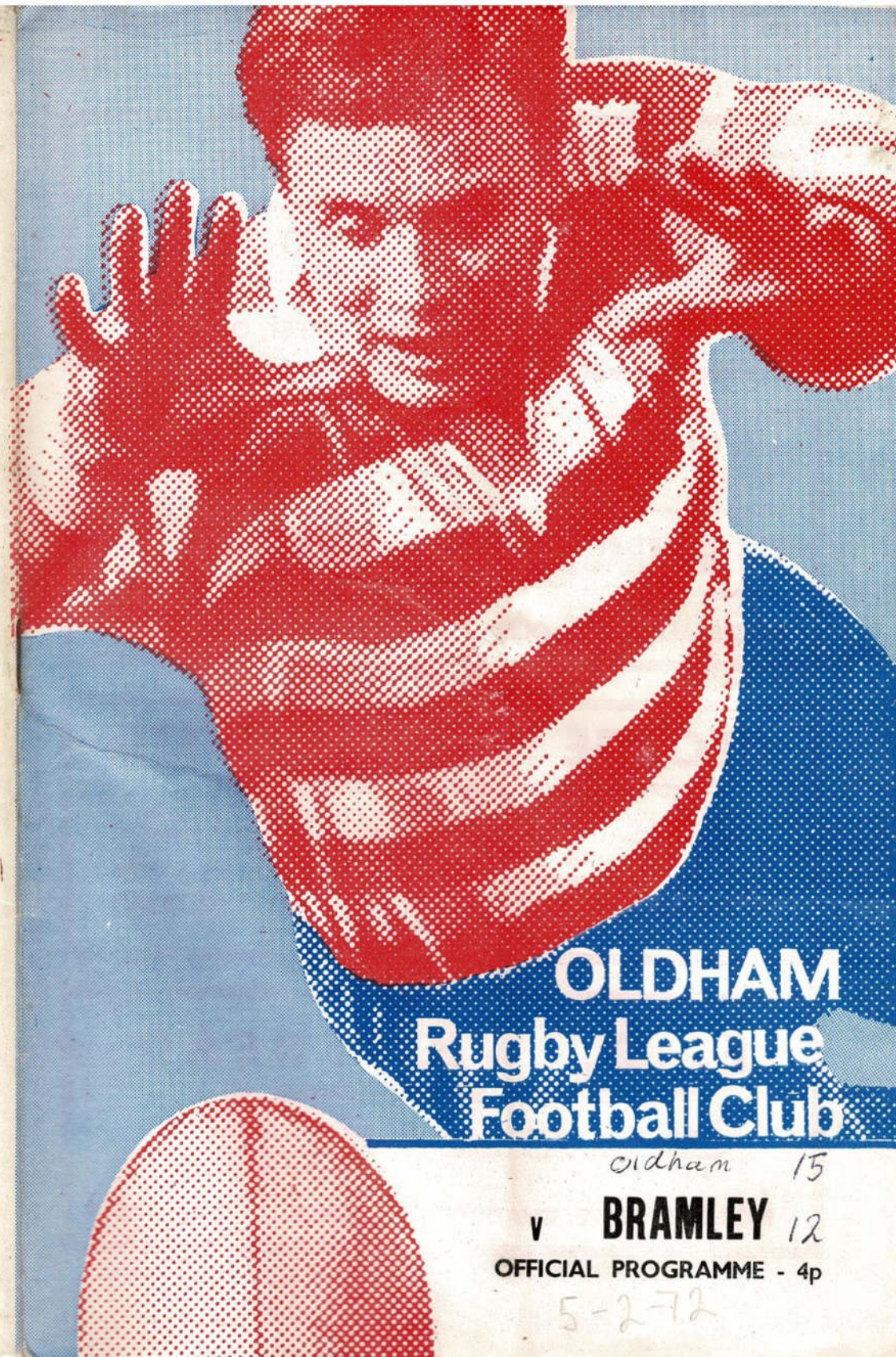
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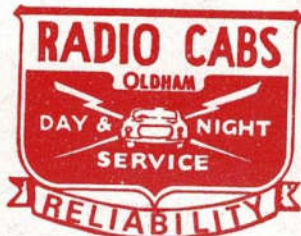
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OUR VISITORS

Whilst all the Oldham players and spectators were very disappointed at their Club's exit from the Challenge Cup they certainly were not down hearted with the standard of performance. In very trying conditions and against a Club who had already run up 78 points against Oldham's 2, the narrow defeat could be read as a moral victory which should give Oldham plenty of confidence with which they can resume the fight to gain a spot in the top sixteen.

At full-back in the probable Bramley line-up will be Robin Dewhurst who made a promising start to his career as a utility back with Leeds. Unfortunately he was unable to command a regular spot at Headingley so he moved across the city to Bramley where he has been a permanent fixture. He has landed around 60 goals so far this season. Right winger, Peter Goodchild, is another experienced campaigner whose first Club was Doncaster. In 1966-67 the form he displayed whilst representing Yorkshire in matches against both Cumberland and Lancashire earned him a transfer to Halifax. Whilst with Halifax he scored 20 tries in 1968-69 but then moved on to Bramley. The leading try scorer at Bramley in 1968-69 was Alan Smith, an Australian who then returned home to play for Woolongong. In January of last year he returned to England where he was signed by Halifax and then, last July, he returned to Bramley. Twenty-five years old Jack Austin is another candidate for the wing position. He is another player with plenty of experience, for he was previously with Wakefield Trinity and then Castleford before joining the Villagers. Probably the two most experienced backs at McLaren Field are Denis Toohey and Arthur Keegan. Toohey began his career at Leeds but it was whilst at Bramley that he first became well known and earned himself an England U/24 cap against the French. In January 1968 he was transferred to Bradford but he only stayed at Odsal a few months before returning to Bramley. Arthur Keegan the 33 years old player-coach, made his debut for Hull over 14 years ago and ended his first season in professional rugby by kicking 5 goals at Wembley, but unfortunately for Keegan, Hull were comfortably beaten by Wigan. It did not take long for Keegan to make the first of his many appearances for Yorkshire and it was no surprise in 1966 when he was selected for the tour of Australasia. The first test match at Sydney marked the international debut of Keegan who went on to record 12 appearances for Great Britain as well as a couple of games for England two seasons ago. After taking his benefit with Hull Arthur Keegan decided to end his long and distinguished playing career with a Club nearer his Dewsbury home so the lad who had first sprung to notice with Westown Boys Club, in the Dewsbury junior league, moved as player-coach to Bramley last May. He shares the coaching duties with Keith Holliday the former Wakefield half-back. Just over twelve months ago Bramley pull off shrewd signings when they obtained the services of centre Trevor Briggs and scrum-half Peter Astbury from Leeds. Unfortunately

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Astbury has been injured recently and the half-back positions have been filled by 22 years old John Hughes and former Sheepscar junior Dave Williams. One player who will definitely be missing from the Bramley team sheet this afternoon is Peter Jarvis for this former Hunslet prop, who was signed last August, has recently been suspended for six matches. However, the Villagers can still call upon plenty of experience in the front-row with veteran Dave Horn and Dave Worthy who joined Bramley last November from Keighley. There is also Eric Payne, formerly with York and Hunslet, but the star of the Bramley outfit is John Wolford, the 27 years old former stand-off who now leads the team so admirably from loose forward. He joined the Villagers in September 1962 from Brookhouse Rangers (Wakefield) and in 1969 represented England U/24 when he scored a try as well as landing a couple of goals in the 42-2 win over France. Last season he was placed joint second in the Player's No. 6 Player-of-the-Year Awards, thus winning £125, as well as appearing in the Yorkshire County team. Last month, Bramley further strengthened their ranks when they signed 23 years old Tony Cheshire and 22 years old Alan McCurley, the former Dudley Hill junior, from Bradford Northern at a joint fee of £1,000. These signings plus the junior signings such as Stephen Ferris, Geoff Greenwood and Roy Stringwell, all from Leeds Intermediates, indicate that Bramley are determined to improve on their rather dismal league record.

At present Bramley occupy 23rd position in the league table with just one more point than Oldham. They have recorded 9 wins including doubles over both Hunslet (17-5 away, 8-0 at home) and Whitehaven (8-2 away, 24-5 at home) and an away win at Huyton 8-2. Their best win, however, was the 15-10 defeat of St. Helens, although they lost heavily 37-4 at St. Helens and tumbled to a disastrous 53-3 defeat at Wigan. In Cup football Bramley have fared quite well. They were drawn against Leeds in the Yorkshire Cup but Leeds withdrew from the competition so Bramley continued into the next round where they disposed of Halifax 18-12 only to lose 25-6 on the ground of the eventual winners, Hull Kingston Rovers, in the semi-final. Last weekend Bramley successfully cleared the first hurdle of the Challenge Cup although the 19-5 defeat of the St. Helens based amateurs, Pilkington Recs., does not sound very convincing. The John Player Trophy brought a fine 16-4 win at Doncaster but Bramley were eliminated in the second round when, after putting up a brave fight, they were beaten at home, 10-5 by Wakefield Trinity.

Last term Oldham managed to pull off a 24-8 home win but lost 13-9 at Bramley in the final league match of the season. By coincidence Oldham again visit McLaren Field in the closing match of this season on April 8th and they must feel confident of travelling to Leeds with one win already accomplished and in search of the double.



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- 4—JOE COLLINS
- 5—MICK SIDDALL
- 6—ALAN KELLETT
- 7—TOMMY DAVIES
- 8—KEN WILSON
- 9—KEVIN TAYLOR
- 10—FRANK FOSTER
- 11—ARTHUR DALEY
- 12—BILL CHURM *2 tries*
- 13—JIMMY REYNOLDS

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- 14—CLIFF HILL
- 15—FRANK WALKER

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- 6—JOHN HUGHES
- 7—PETER ASTBURY
- try* 8—MALCOLM SAMPSON *McCurley*
- 9—RAY PRICE
- try* 10—ALAN McCURLEY *Chestnut*
- 11—TONY GHESHIRE *Craker*
- 12—GRAHAM IDLE
- 13—JOHN WOLFORD

Substitutes:

- 14—DENIS TOOHEY
- 15—MALCOLM CRAKER *Payne*

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1. How many times have Bramley won the Yorkshire Cup ?
2. Who plays at Alt Park ?
3. Since the war, Bramley have only once ended the season in the top half of the table, which season was that ?
4. Who are "The Gallant Youths" ?
5. Who holds the Oldham try scoring record ?

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4. "The Gallant Youths" is the nickname given to Batley.
5. Reg Farrar scored 49 tries for Oldham in season 1921-2.

ANSWERS

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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	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—28	
11	Bradford	H	9—13	
18	Bradford	A	14—7	
27	Rochdale	H	9—13 2-8	
Jan. 1	Barrow	A	19—9	
8	Swinton	H	7—12	
15	Whitehaven	A	13—9	
22	Featherstone	A	17—14	
29	St. Helens	H	6—8	
Feb. 5	Bramley	H	15—12	
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		

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Aug. 21	Barrow	A	13—9	
28	Swinton	H	7—22	
Sept. 11	Workington	H	17—2	
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		
8	Swinton	A		
22	St. Helens	H		
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