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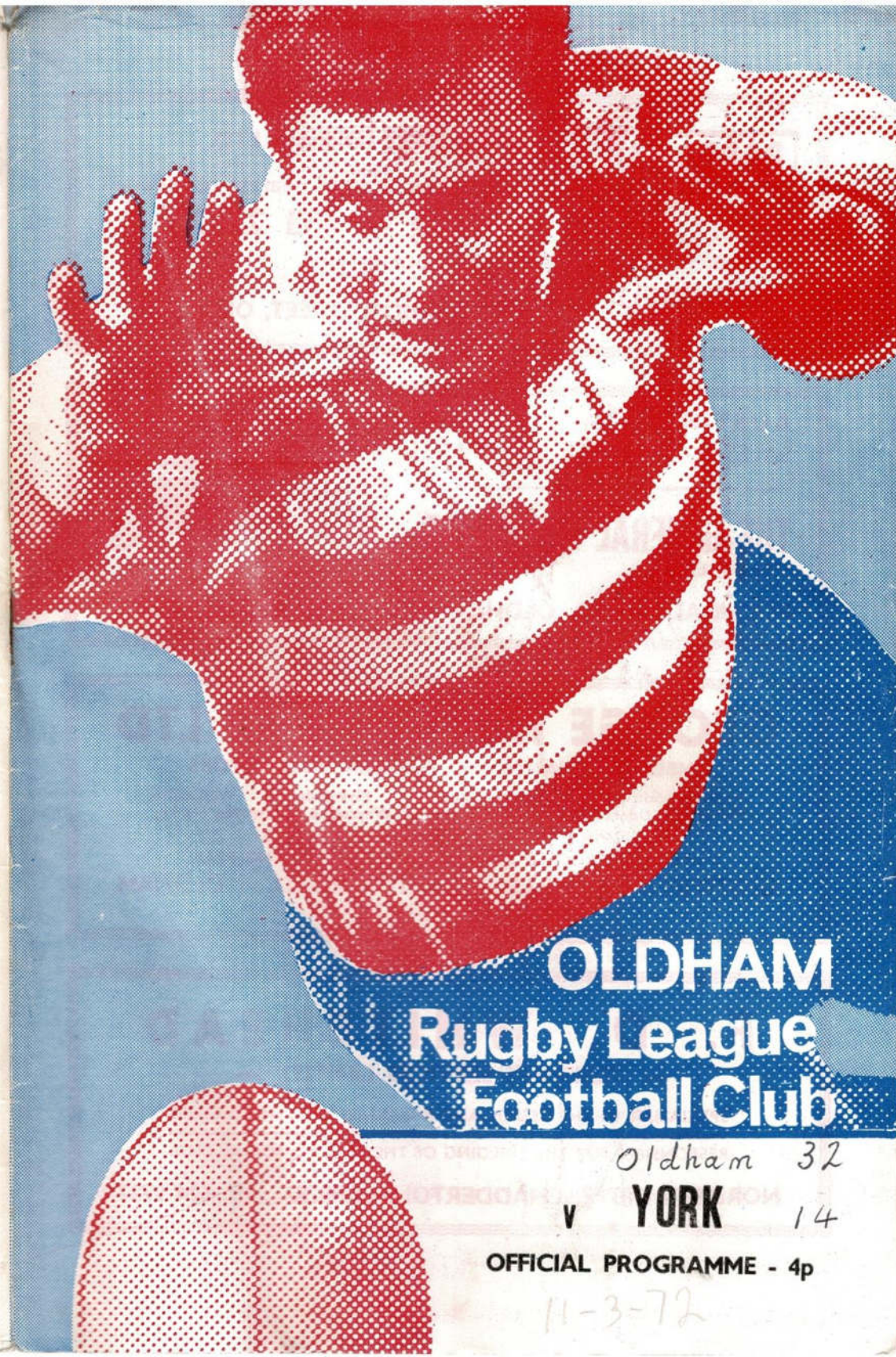
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OUR VISITORS

With 77 points having been scored in their last two matches, Oldham, at last, are playing with confidence. Today's visitors, York, lie just one place higher in the league table than Oldham which makes this afternoon's game a vital one for both clubs.

The York management have built up an extremely well balanced side, which since just before Christmas has enjoyed a fine run of success. Local born David Rippon is at present occupying the full back berth, after previously playing on the wing. The wing positions are now filled by Clive Hill and Chris Young. Twenty-seven years old Young enjoyed a very successful spell with Hull Kingston Rovers who he joined in 1962. Whilst with the Robins he played several times for Great Britain and was a member of the 1968 World Cup squad which visited Australia. Immediately prior to that trip to Australia Young was a member of the Rovers team, captained by Frank Foster, which was beaten in the Championship Final. In comparison to the experienced Young, Clive Hill is a comparative newcomer to professional rugby, for he only joined York last August after previously playing rugby union for Maestag, Bridgend and Oxford R.U.F.C. In addition he has been capped by Berkshire. Disputing the centre positions will be one of York's loyal stalwarts, Richie Horner, John Maloney and Geoff Wrigglesworth. Wrigglesworth gained junior international honours in the centre before starring on the wing for Leeds, Yorkshire and Great Britain, including a trip to Australasia with the 1966 tourists. He was eventually transferred to Bradford Northern where he moved back into the the centre position where again he was able to represent Yorkshire. Although now reaching the veteran stage of his career Wrigglesworth has still been turning in useful displays for York. His partner in the centre today will probably be John Maloney, a Dewsbury born player, who is product of the famous Shaw Cross Boys Club. Yorkshire and Great Britain U/19 honours came Maloney's way before he joined Hull in 1965. He then gained further honours with the English U/24 team and consistently landed over 100 goals each season. In October of last year Maloney was transferred to York where he has continued to give excellent service and so far his goal tally has reached 83. Andy Broatch made quite a name for himself in Scottish rugby union circles before turning professional with Leeds. After a short spell with Bradford Northern, Broatch moved on to York where he has been alternating between the stand-off and centre positions. Half-back David Elliott is another of today's visitors with plenty of experience behind him for before joining York he helped Hull Kingston Rovers in many big cup matches and has also represented Yorkshire. Since the arrival of Harry Whitaker from

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Workington Town, last November, York's fortunes have taken an amazing upwards swing, for this talented 26 years old has been the architect of the York passing movements. Whittaker comes originally from Scottish rugby union and cost York £5,000, but this appears to have been money well spent. His York debut was against Oldham when his top class display led to a 9-8 victory for the Minster Men.

In the forwards, too, York contain a good deal of experience. Big Malcolm Dixon is well known from the days with Featherstone Rovers, who he joined in April 1957 from Featherstone junior football. He has played in two Yorkshire Cup Finals and captained Featherstone in their Wembley success of 1967. In addition, Dixon has twice represented Great Britain and has played on one occasion for England. Although now aged 32 he is still a difficult opponent to face. Jim Macklin was signed from Hull, where two seasons ago he led the Boulevard forwards in their successful Yorkshire Cup victory over Featherstone. Macklin, in fact, scored a try in their 12-9 win and the same season he represented Yorkshire against Lancashire. Hooker Peter Dunn, who will be 26 next month, began his career with Hunslet before moving to Leeds two years ago for £4,000. Last month he joined York and should prove to be a most useful acquisition. Dave Hawley is a Wakefield lad who worked his way up through Wakefield schoolboy and junior football to play for Trinity, including a Wembley appearance in 1968. In January he was transferred to York for £1,000. A few days before signing Hawley, York signed Brian West, also from Wakefield Trinity. West enjoyed an outstanding rugby union career with Loughborough Colleges and Northampton before turning professional. He gained eight caps for the English rugby union team. Ron Hill is another former rugby union player, who joined Castleford from Cardiff R.U.F.C. After three seasons with Castleford, Hill transferred to Salford where, in 1969, he scored three goals in Salford's 11-6 Wembley Cup Final defeat by his former club, Castleford. That season Hill kicked 117 goals as well as scoring 13 tries. The January before last he moved on to York where he seems to have settled down well.

After a poor start to the season York have improved considerably and now lie in 19th position with 11 wins and 2 draws from 27 matches. They have scored double victories against Doncaster (19-11 home, 18-3 away), Hunslet (16-14 home, 20-11 away), Huyton (8-5 home, 15-5 away) and Whitehaven (30-9 home, 22-8 away). In cup football York have had quite a successful season. Following a 19-10 first round Yorkshire Cup defeat at Halifax, York were once again called upon to travel, this time to Batley, for the Players Competition. Despite losing Danny Sheehan, sent off, York pulled off an 11-5 victory, but were then defeated in round two at Halifax. The eventual winners were made to fight, though, for York were only defeated by 5 points to 3. In the Challenge Cup York pulled off a fine 12-5 victory over Rochdale Hornets



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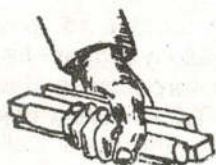
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before being drawn away to Barrow in round two. A 9-9 draw was followed by a 15-3 victory before a Wednesday afternoon crowd of 7,132. Last Saturday, in round three, York met their doom when St. Helens beat them 32-5 after a rather disappointing performance.

No doubt York will be determined to wipe out memories of last week's poor showing with a top class performance this afternoon. A victory, too, is vital in their attempt to creep into the Top 16. So this afternoon's game should be filled with good football.

RUGBY LEAGUE QUIZ

1. Have York ever played at Wembley ?
2. Who are the 'Chemics' ?
3. How many goals did Bernard Ganley kick in season 1957/58 ?
4. Which club plays at Derwent Park ?
5. How many times have York won the Yorkshire Cup ?

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1. York played Halifax in the R.L. Cup Final at Wembley, in 1931, when they were defeated 22-8.
2. Widnes are known as the 'Chemics'.
3. Bernard Ganley kick a world record of 224 goals in 1957/58—205 for Oldham and 19 for Great Britain.
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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	2—13	
Jan. 1	Barrow	A	19—9	
8	Swinton	H	2—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	15—16	
26	Blackpool	A	33—0	
Mar. 4	Doncaster	H	44—5	
11	York	H	32—14	
18	Doncaster	A		
22	Rochdale	A		
25	Whitehaven	H		
Apr. 1	Huyton	A		
5	Warrington	H		
8	Bramley	A		

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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		
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