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So near yet so far. Last Sunday's defeat by Swinton was a bitter pill to swallow, after leading for most of the game, Swinton came back from 4-13 down to win the game by 14 pts. to 13. This defeat, on top of the Featherstone match the week before, really upset our plans for a top four position in the League. However, matters were put right a little on Friday evening when we beat Barrow at Craven Park 16-15, after being 15-6 behind. All the team played well, but the victory was not without cost, for both Peter Gartland and Eddie Brown were injured in the match, but both players will probably be fit for this evening's game.

Tonight it is our pleasure to welcome the Players, Officials and Supporters of the Oldham Club, and a special word of welcome to our former Chairman and former Coach, Arthur Walker and Graham Starkey respectively.

This evening's match is another of double importance to both Clubs, for Oldham are striving hard for a place in the Top 16. They are, at the time of writing, in the 17th position, having collected 27 pts. from the 29 matches played, which is rather remarkable, for around the Christmas period they were third from the bottom of the League.

Neither side have selected their respective teams for this evening's game at the time of writing, although Frank Myler can have few problems about our side. Apart from Eddie Brown and Peter Gartland, the remainder are all fit and raring to go. Alan Hodgkinson gave his shoulder a good testing in the "A" team and had such a good game that he may well find himself in the fifteen for tonight's match.

Oldham, who also had a good win at Doncaster on Saturday, expect little change in their line-up. Negotiations with Doncaster for their scrum-half, Mick McCone, who has been playing trials with the Club, fell through over the week-end, and Tommy Davies may well take over again. The player who is reported to be making a lot of difference to the Oldham side is their new acquisition from Barrow, prop-forward Frank Foster who, since signing before the Cup deadline, has only been on the losing side twice, against Warrington and St. Helens.

During their recent revival, Oldham, over the last four matches, have amassed a staggering 136 points, scoring 32 tries in the process, of which new signing, winger Norman Hodgkinson, has scored eight. The only other new player to the Oldham ranks is their centre-threequarters, Mike Siddall, who joined them from the Halifax Junior League during this term.

NEXT SEASON'S CHANGES

Second thinking has taken place since the "Caine" report was first issued and now it would appear that a number of suggestions in the report which it was thought would be adopted, will not now be so. However, some changes have been agreed, including a return to a previous fixture formula, which gives us fixtures with all Lancashire teams, and Dewsbury will be classed as a Lancashire team, as also will Whitehaven and Workington. In addition we will play three Yorkshire teams to make up a league programme of thirty-four matches. This formula means that all derby matches, which are good gate-pullers, will be

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played, and for ourselves it means we will be once again playing St. Helens, Wigan, Salford and Leigh, teams which we did not play in the league this season.

The four tackle rule is to be scrapped and the six tackle rule, which has been such a success in "A" team football is to be adopted. Through John Caine the Rugby League are to issue a magazine run something on the lines of one already issued by the Football League. A feature of the magazine is to be a coloured team photograph across the centre pages and the Barrow team are to be featured in the first issue which is expected to be printed in time for distribution around Easter.

THE RUGBY LEAGUE 1972 CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION FINAL PROGRAMME

The Official 20 page programme will, for the first time, be available in advance as a service to supporters for the benefit of following the match on television.

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Today we are giving the usual £5 as the main prize, plus the snowball, which this week stands at £16, making £21 in all which may be won this afternoon. Tickets are on sale at various parts of the ground and only 5p each. Buy yours now and support our efforts.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

The "A" team should have played Huyton next Saturday, but this has been cancelled due to Huyton withdrawing from the Lancashire County League. The First team are away to Huyton next Sunday, and on Good Friday the "A" team are at home to Workington "A".

On Easter Saturday, the First team are at home to Doncaster which will be the last home League game of the season, and on Easter Monday they are to visit Bramley. All the above matches will kick-off at 3-0 p.m.

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N. Brelsford	20 points

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APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

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Chamberlain	39	7	78	Machen	18	3	0
Gartland	37	4	0	Glover	14	5	0
Birchall	36	3	0	Cooke	13	3	0
Clarke	36	0	0	Hillman	7	0	0
Delooze (H.)	36	2	2	Ratu	7	1	0
Brown	35	1	0	Pimblett	9	3	0
Crellin	34	14	9	Watson	6	0	0
Welding	31	5	0	Worrall	6	1	0
Myler	29	8	0	Rabbitt	4	0	0
Sheffield	27	6	0	O'Neill	3	0	0
Aspinall	26	6	4	Snappe	3	0	0
Flanagan	23	1	1	Crocker	1	0	0
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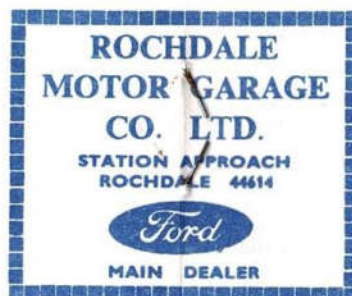
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- 1—CHAMBERLAIN, Joe
- 2—BRELSFORD, Norman
- 3—ASPINALL, Bill
- 4—TAYLOR, David
- 5—CRELLIN, Jim *1 goal*
- 6—MYLER, Frank
- 7—HAMMOND, John
- 8—BIRCHALL, Peter
- 9—CLARKE, Peter
- 10—HODKINSON, Alan
- 11—WELDING, Bob
- 12—FLANAGHAN, Kevin
- 13—DELOOZE, Henry

- 14—PIMBLETT, Tom
- 15—ROBINSON, Alan

Referee:

K. ALLATT (Huddersfield)



Touch Judges:

L. Hunt (Widnes)
Orange Flag

F. Whiteley (Warrington)
Red Flag

OLDHAM 9

- 1—MURPHY, Martin
- 2—ELLIOTT, Mike *1 try*
- 3—LARDER, Phil *3 goals*
- 4—SYDDALL, Mike
- 5—HODGKINSON, Norman
- 6—HILL, Cliff
- 7—DAVIES, Tom
- 8—WILSON, Ken
- 9—TAYLOR, Kevin
- 10—FOSTER, Frank
- 11—IRVING, Bob
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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

MORE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

The Hornets Supporters' Club were well represented at Balderstone Conservative Club last Tuesday evening at a meeting called by the Rochdale R.L. Referees' Society. The object was to find ways and means of getting more juniors playing R.L. in Rochdale. We have pledged our full support, and a further meeting is to be held at the Athletic Grounds in a month's time.

While on the subject of the Rochdale R.L. Referees' Society, it is always refreshing to be amongst this very live organisation, and an initiative like the one mentioned above is typical of a Society which is envied by many towns.

Amongst the guests at the annual dinner of the Lancs. section of the R.L. Referees' Society at Salford last Thursday was a representative of the Hornets Supporters' Club.

PRAISE

We have had much praise from many this season for the great brand of Rugby the Hornets are playing. On Saturday it was a pleasure to meet our good friend Bill Oxley, the chairman of Barrow R.L. club, who travelled down with his "A" team to the Athletic Grounds. He was generous in his praise of the Hornets the previous night, although it had cost his team a one-point defeat late in the game — and we at Rochdale know from recent experience how disappointing that can be.

Of course, we always look upon good Rugby men like Bill Oxley as "our own", for we remember with pleasure his whole-hearted service to the Hornets as a player.

SCHOOLBOY RUGBY

Today's match in the Supporters' Club seven-a-side under 13's Centenary trophy competition is fixtured as St. Joseph's v. Kingsway. St. Wilfrid's have a good lead in the table, but Kingsway and Matthew Moss are not yet out of the running. The competition is on to the end of the season, and if tonight's game is as good as the previous ones, spectators should see some good football. Give the lads a big hand.

The league table now reads:—

	P	W	D	L	P
St. Wilfrid's	4	3	1	0	7
Kingsway	3	2	0	1	4
Matthew Moss	3	2	0	1	4
Howarth Cross	3	1	1	1	3
Thornham	3	1	0	2	2
St. Joseph's	4	0	0	4	0

TEABARS AND SOUVENIR SHOP

We had a record afternoon in our teabars and souvenir shop at the Swinton match, and the ladies will be keen tonight to provide refreshment facilities to spectators to keep up the excellent season's work they have done.

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The winning entries in each section will be selected for the best artistic design and original ideas, etc.

There will be four classes, with a winning prize in each class:

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14 — 16 years old	1st prize £3-00
Open Class	1st prize £5-00

Each winner will also receive a Season Ticket for next season's matches at the Athletic Grounds and there will be three consolation prizes of a Season Ticket in each class.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES APRIL 10th, 1972

(Entries will not be accepted after this date).

Judging will take place during the week. This will be advertised in the "Rochdale Observer", and arrangements have been made to display the posters in Rochdale Art Gallery.

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Date	Opponents	Ground							
Aug. 7	Barrow (L.C. 1)	Away	13	5	17—Barrow (7-0 p.m.)	Away	16—15		
" 14	L.C. (2)		8	17	" 22—Oldham (7-30 p.m.)	Home	2-9		
" 21	Dewsbury	Away	14	8	" 26—Huyton	Away			
" 25	Widnes (7-30 p.m.)	Home	12	7	Apr. 1—Doncaster	Home			
" 28	Castleford	Home	5	15	" 3—Bramley	Away			
Sept. 1	York (6-15 p.m.)	Away	12	8	" 11—Halifax	Away			
" 4	New Zealand	Home	8	23	" 16—Bradford	Away			
" 11	Featherstone	Home	14	10	" 14—Widnes (7-30 p.m.)	Away			
" 15	Oldham (7-30 p.m.)	Home	28	2	"A" TEAM FIXTURES 1971/72				
" 18	Castleford	Away	16	25	Date	Opponents	Ground		
" 23	York (7-30 p.m.)	Home	18	0	Aug. 20	Swinton (7-30 p.m.)	Away	11—8	
Oct. 2	Doncaster	Away	8	12	" 27	Salford (7-30 p.m.)	Away	9—21	
" 9	Whitehaven	Home	22	7	Sept. 1	Leigh (7-30 p.m.)	Home	8—6	
" 16	Blackpool	Away	9	11		L.C.S. (1) 1st leg			
" 19	Salford	Away	17	15	" 8	Leigh (7-30 p.m.)	Away	17—17	
" 23	Whitehaven	Away	6	14		L.C.S. (1) 2nd leg			
" 30	Huyton	Home	34	2	" 11	St. Helens	Away	23—9	
Nov. 7	Warrington	Away	17	10	" 18	Workington	Away	2—28	
" 14	Bradford	Away	12	8	Oct. 2	St. Helens	Home	9—4	
" 20	Dewsbury	Home	8	2	" 23	Wigan	Home	8—31	
" 23	Widnes	Home	6	5	" 30	Huyton	Away	9—23	
" 28	Blackpool	Home	4	14	Nov. 6	Warrington	Home	15—22	
Dec. 5	Swinton	Away	18	23	" 20	Leigh	Away	6—6	
" 7	Hull	Home	30	8	" 30	Salford	Away	6—22	
" 14	St. Helens	Away	2	8	Dec. 11	Salford	Home	2—18	
" 18	Barrow	Home	13	9		L.C.S. (Semi 2nd leg)			
" 27	Oldham	Away	8	0	" 27	Oldham (12 noon)	Home	13—2	
Jan. 1	Bramley	Home	6	0	2 Jan. 14	Warring'n (7-30 p.m.)	Away	5—14	
" 16	Warrington	Home	10	10	" 21	Widnes	Away	12—13	
" 29	York (C.C.1.)	Away	5	12	" 26	Leigh	Home	6—10	
Feb. 5	Hunslet	Away	21	0	" 26	Wigan	Away	51—81	
" 9	Halifax	Home	6	4	Mar. 4	Salford	Home	2—11	
" 13	Blackpool	Home	10	5	" 11	Barrow	Away	3—23	
" 20	Hunslet	Home	11	3	" 18	Barrow	Home		
" 27	Bradford	Home	26	9	" 31	Workington	Home		
Mar. 4	Featherstone	Away	5	7	Apr. 8	Oldham	Away		
" 12	Swinton	Home	13	14	" 15	Widnes	Home		
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