

TO-DAY'S OFFICIALS
ARE—

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Three-Quarters

2 **Ashcroft**

3 **Day**

4 **Stephenson**

5 **Mitchell**

Half-Backs

6 **Agar**

7 **Bates A.**

Forwards

8 **Hankin**

9 **Voyce**

10 **Lowe**

11 **Grayshon**

12 **Chalkley**

13 **Clark**

Substitutes

14 **Russell**

15 **Lee**

Oldham 13

Colours— Red & White

Full Back

1 **Blair** *Murphy*

Three-Quarters

2 **Davies** *Munro 2 tries*

3 **Elliott**

4 **Wainwright** *try*

5 **O'Brian**

Half-Backs

6 **Murphy** *Gaitley*

7 **Astbury**

Forwards

8 **Clawson** *2 goals*

9 **Taylor**

10 **Hall** *Hughes*

11 **Daley**

12 **Munro** *Hall*

13 **Reynolds**

Substitutes

14 **Gaitley** *Davies*

15 **Hughes** *Farrell*

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The President's page

Although the understanding and team spirit between the Committee and Players of this Club has in my experience always been good, it was very gratifying to hear that through Nigel Stephenson, the captain, the players had decided to make public their views on recent criticisms of the management. The Committee and myself were very pleased to hear that they have every confidence in the present management and that team spirit is unaffected. Normally, players are not so forthcoming and we do thank them for having their views made public and for the confidence they show in us.

Very recently, a colleague and myself met the Supporters' Club and discussed recent happenings in regard to what has become known as the Mike Stephenson " affair " and the threat by a small body of members to demand an extraordinary meeting. The discussion was very frank and I feel sure cleared the air considerably, the result seems to have been that the Supporters' Club had some leaflets printed containing my statement and the R.L. Bye-Law on payments to players, together with the R.L. Executive Committee's interpretation. These were distributed at the St. Helens game and again my colleagues and myself are grateful for the effort and the support they have received. Meanwhile, my Committee decided that an informal general meeting of the members would give an opportunity to put the facts to them and to answer any questions or criticisms, that meeting was due to take place last week. One thing I do want to make very clear, never at any time have social facilities or any other facilities been withheld from Mike Stephenson; as far as we are concerned he is perfectly free to use the facilities as if he were still a player of this club.

Last, but not by any means least, I extend to the Officials, Players and Supporters of the Oldham Club a very warm and cordial welcome to Crown Flatt. They haven't been doing very well this season and we sympathise and hope that they may get back to something like their former glory before long. I must hasten to add, however, not at our expense!

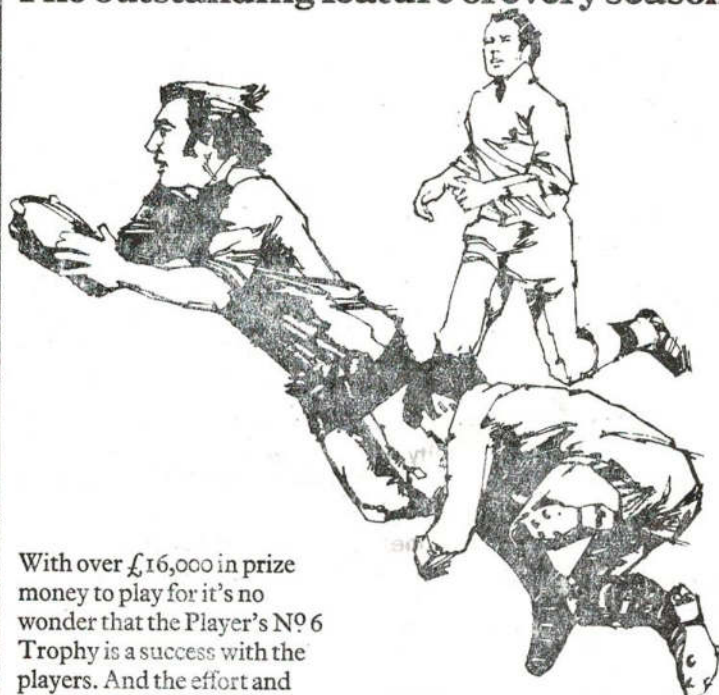
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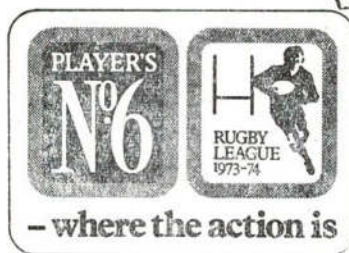
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INTRODUCING OLDHAM

Our visitors, who in the past have had some very good teams who got right amongst the honours, haven't been doing very well lately. In fact, after five league games, they hadn't a league point to their name and those five defeats included our victory at the Watersheddings on August 25th this year by 34 pts. to 9 pts. However, it is possible that when they arrive here today they will have a victory, they were due to entertain Whitehaven at Oldham last weekend, after I had written this article.

As far as the personnel of the visiting side are concerned, recently their full-back has been **Johnny Blair**, born in Oldham and recruited from Oldham Amateur R.L. Wingers may be **Mike Elliott**, a former Welsh R.U. star and **Chris O'Brien**, signed from Fairwater R.U. Club and a native of Bristol. **Geoff Munro**, another Oldhamite, recruited from local juniors and **Tony Wainwright**, a Leeds man, signed from Leeds R.L. Club, may be the centres and there is also **Phil Larder**, formerly of Sale R.U., but a native of Oldham, who kicked 126 goals last season but is currently on the transfer list. **Martin Murphy**, a former Astley Colliery Junior, is likely to be at stand-off half, he got a big reputation as a full-back last season. **Mick McCone**, the former Doncaster scrum-half, seems to be unavailable these days and working the scrum recently we find **Andy Kavanagh**, a native of Leigh, and went to Oldham from Leigh Miners' Amateur Club. Another well-known winger on the Oldham register is **Norman Hodgkinson**, who was recruited from Streatham R.U. Club; 6 ft. 2 ins. and 13 sts., he scored 18 tries last season. Utility back, **Tommy Davies**, is a possibility for several positions; signed from Wigan Amateur Football, he made 42 appearances last season and scored 11 tries.

Keith Ashcroft, the former St. Helens and Wigan prop forward, being out with an injured jaw, his place is likely to go to **Terry Clawson**, the former Leeds forward, who played an important part in the World Cup win last season. Hooker, **Kevin Taylor**, is one of the best in the league; he also is a local, recruited from Junior Football. **Fred Hall**, is a distinct possibility for blind-side prop, signed from Blackpool, though born in Oldham. Second row could be **Neil Goodwin**, signed from Leeds last season; **Arthur Daley**, a former Widnes Junior, or **Peters**, a youngster of promise. Loose forward is expected to be **Johnny Farrell**, a Wigan man, who Oldham signed from Blackpool.



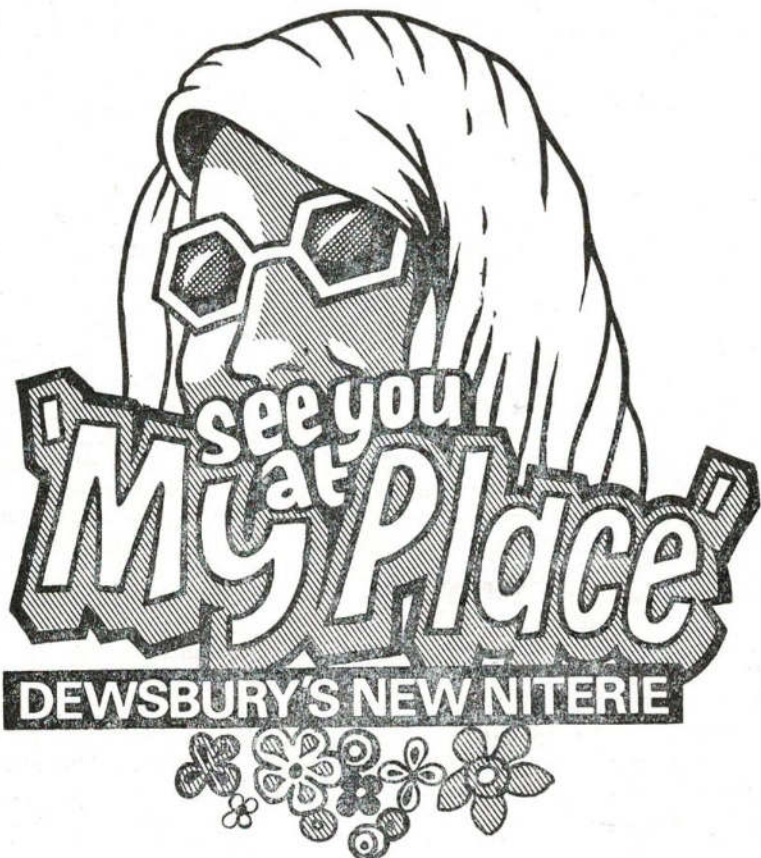
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Meet the Referee

Mr. R. CAMPBELL (Widnes)

I think I'm fairly safe in saying that Mr. Ron Campbell, today's official-in-charge, will be making his first appearance in "the middle" at Crown Flatt. He was a player with Salford and Liverpool City, and at 6 ft. and almost 14 sts., he was certainly big enough for his position at loose forward. He went to Salford from Widnes St. Mary's and has recently returned there as a coach to this club, at least when he's not occupied with refereeing.

Ron Campbell's father was a well-known 'Soccer' full-back and played for Everton in the days of Dixie Dean and had spells with other well-known clubs, including Blackpool. Nevertheless, Ron, despite the 'Soccer' background, became interested in Rugby League at a very early age and has maintained and developed that interest ever since. At 34 years of age, he's one of the younger of our first-class officials and was promoted to Grade 2 this season after four seasons in the Lancashire Combination for second teams; he had one of the Lancashire Cup Finals last season, these are two leg affairs, and Mr. Campbell had the first leg.

Married with two children, both girls, he is a Foreman Crane Driver, but is already making plans to be a publican, a profession which he fancies very much. He was in the Army Ordnance Corps. on National Service and played some R.U. with Army Units. He had no hesitation in saying that his ambition is a Wembley Challenge Cup Final. He has the thought like others of his colleagues, that the six tackle law ought to operate until the opponent's 25 line is reached, then there should be no restriction; so many times opponents get to the 25 and then there is anti-climax due to the six tackle law. It's certainly an idea and maybe worth a trial!

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APPEARANCES AND SCORERS — SEASON 1973-74

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	App	G	T	Pts
N. Stephenson	8	23	5	61
T. Lowe	9	14	0	28
A. Bates	10	—	5	15
T. Day	10	—	5	15
J. Bates	7	—	3	9
A. Agar	10	2	1	7
J. Clark	10	—	2	6
A. Rushton	10	—	2	6
G. Ashcroft	10	—	1	3
J. Grayshon	9	—	1	3
H. Beverley	10	—	1	3
S. Hankin	3	—	1	3
J. Russell	sub	—	1	3
		39	28	164

Appearances without scoring: G. Mitchell 4 G. Chalkley 2, K. Voyce 10, J. Whittington 7, B. Taylor 1.

Games played : League ; Won 4, Lost 2 Drawn 1
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Signed just before the game against Bramley, and making his debut for us in that game, was **Graham Chalkley**, who came to us from Batley. He is in his early twenties, comes from Sharlston, and we consider is a forward who could be extremely useful. As a matter of fact, about the time we signed Adrian Rushton, we started being interested in Graham, but unfortunately he had signed trials for Batley and they eventually came to terms with him. The deal hasn't cost us anything, at least as far as cash is concerned; Batley wanted Brian Cooper, their Assistant Coach, as a player, he was on our register and so we did a straight exchange. We reckon that we could have made a "scoop," and whilst extending a warm welcome to Graham, we express the hope that he may have a long and successful career at Crown Flatt.

FOR YOUR BOOKSHELF

The writer makes no excuses for repeating the information in the previous programme about two new R.L. books. They are "100 Years of Rugby," the History of Wakefield Trinity Football Club, 1873—1973, and the John Player Rugby League Year-book. The former contains a wealth of details about the history of Wakefield Trinity and a lot of facts about other clubs as well and is extremely well written. It is available from Wakefield Trinity F.C., or from John Lindley, Son & Co. Ltd., Almshouse Lane, Wakefield. The John Player Year-book claims to provide more general information than Rugby League followers have ever seen under one cover. I'm sure that's a very true statement and I can recommend either or both these books at £1.50 each.

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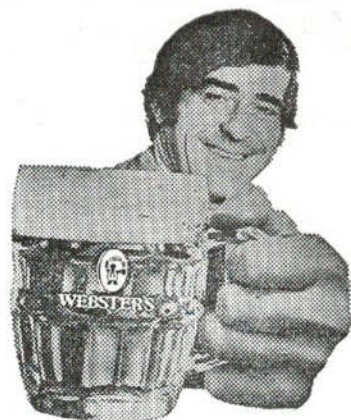
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	27	Mon	— Wakefield T.	home	6-30	5	15
Sept	1	Sat	— Leeds (Y.C.C.)	away	3.00	5	30
	9	Sun	— Whitehaven	home	3.30	20	10
	15	Sat	— Player's No. 6			33	24
	23	Sun	— Leigh	away	3.30	18	17
	30	Sun	— St. Helens	home	3.30	8	21
Oct.		Wed	— Bramley	away	3.00		
	7	Sun	— Australia	home	3.30		
	14	Sun	— Oldham	home	3.30		
	21	Sun	— Widnes	away	3.00		
	27	Sat	— Capt. Morgan Trophy				
	28	Sun	— Leigh	home	3.30		
Nov	4	Sun	— Hull K.R.	away	3.00		
	11	Sun	— Rochdale H.	home	3.30		
	16	Fri	— St. Helens	away	7.30		
	25	Sun	— Widnes	home	3.30		
Dec	1	Sat	— Wigan	away	3.00		
	9	Sun	— Warrington	home	3.30		
	15	Sat	— Castleford	away	3.00		
	23	Sun	— Leeds	home	3.30		
	26	Wed	— Salford	away	3.30		
	30	Sun	— Salford	home	3.30		
Jan	6	Sun	— Rochdale H.	away	3.00		
	13	Sun	— Warrington	away	3.00		
	20	Sun	— Hull K.R.	home	3.30		
	26	Sat	— Leeds	away	3.00		
Feb	2	Sat	— R.L. Cup 1st Round				
	9	Sat	— Whitehaven	away	3.00		
	17	Sun	— Wigan	home	3.30		
	23	Sat	— R.L. Cup 2nd Round				
Mar	3	Sun	— Castleford	home	3.30		
	9	Sat	— R.L. Cup 3rd Round				
	23	Sat	— R.L. Cup 1st Semi-Final				
	30	Sat	— R.L. Cup 2nd Semi-Final				
Apr	7	Sun	— Bramley	home	3.30		
	13	Sat	— Featherstone R.	away	3.00		
	15	Mon	— Wakefield T.	away	7.30		

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Aug	18	Sat	— Bradford N.	away	3.00		
	25	Sat	— Batley	home	3.00		
Sept	1	Sat	— Hull	home	3.00		
	8	Sat	— Featherstone R.	away	3.00		
	15	Sat	— Wakefield T.	away	3.00		
	22	Sat	— Hunslet	home	3.00		
	29	Sat	— Bramley	away	3.00		
Oct	6	Sat	— York	home	3.00		
	13	Sat	— Hull	away	3.00		
	20	Sat	— Huddersfield	home	3.00		
	27	Sat	— York	away	3.00		
Nov	3	Sat	— Featherstone R.	home	3.00		
	17	Sat	— Hull K.R.	home	2.30		
	23	Fri	— Keighley	away	7.30		
Dec	1	Sat	— Castleford	home	2.30		
	8	Sat	— Batley	away	2.30		
	15	Sat	— Keighley	home	2.30		
	21	Fri	— Halifax	away	7.30		
Jan	5	Sat	— Wakefield T.	home	2.30		
	12	Sat	— Castleford	away	3.00		
	19	Sat	— Hull K.R.	away	3.00		
	26	Sat	— Bradford N.	home	3.00		
Feb	2	Sat	— Leeds	home	3.00		
	9	Sat	— Leeds	away	3.00		
	16	Sat	— Huddersfield	away	3.00		
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