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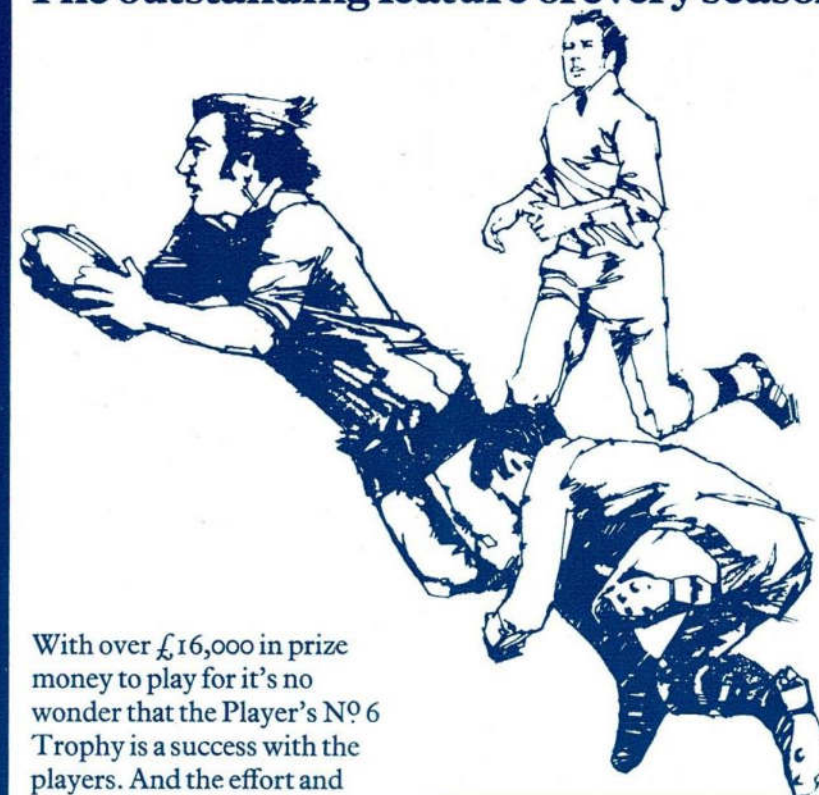
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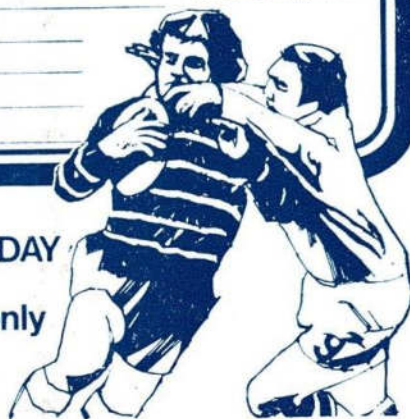
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WELCOME BACK

Little did we realise on the 9th of November, our last match on the Recreation Ground, that it would be our last opportunity of wishing you all a Merry Xmas; however the time is now correct to wish you all a Happy New Year. So far this season we have played 22 matches and only 8 of these at home; in fact we have played only one match at home in our last 11 games. Playing away from home so often without the wonderful support you give the lads is most difficult, and apart from two of our 10 away matches, the results didn't justify the play; any of the lads will bear this out. Our greatest triumph was at Warrington, and next week you all have the chance to see again this magnificent team go down yet again.

OLDHAM

We extend a hearty seasonal welcome to our friends from Lancashire — Oldham.

Oldham's success this season is surely due to the Chairman Arthur Walker and his fellow directors. In the close season they signed from Leeds Great Britain front row forward Terry Clawson and appointed Griff Jenkins as coach. Griff and Terry between them attend to all team matters. Griff insists that the game is all about handling the ball and running.

Oldham had to wait for six league games before they picked up their first two points against Whitehaven at Watersheddings. Terry Clawson did the damage that day with two beautiful goals and a magnificent 40 yards dash for a try between the sticks.

With the sale of Bob Irving, Oldham, with money in the bank, went in search of new players with talent. "King" Billy McCracken was the first to sign, then Brian Gregory from Warrington and David Treasure from Bradford. With these 3 players and Terry Clawson Griff Jenkins has been able to fill the vital positions in an otherwise perfect team. Griff says that the rugby world is Oldham's oyster, and for the next test series in Australia he could nominate a magnificent seven from Oldham, namely Terry Clawson, Martin Murphy (the red headed wizard of a full-back), Tony Wainwright, Phil Larder, Kevin Taylor, Brian Gregory and David Treasure. I must agree with Griff Jenkins all these lads are under-estimated, and all so deservedly should have recognition in the Great Britain squad.

On route to Widnes last Sunday we ran into Billy McCracken. Billy says the only problem to-day is who will Mrs. Lorna Coward shout for her favourite player (Billy of course) at Whitehaven. Incidentally you can recognise Billy by the smile under the black-eye on one side of his face and the lattice work to his cheek on the other.

FIXTURES 1973-74

	F	A
August		
17—St. Helens	A	19 26
25—Wigan	H	17 12
September		
2—Blackpool L. Cup	A	15 2
9—Dewsbury	A	10 22
15—Player's No. 6		
1st Round	H	26 3
21—St. Helens	H	7 26
25—Salford (L. Cup)	H	9 23
28—Bramley	H	12 19
October.		
6—Oldham	A	9 12
13—Featherstone	H	5 14
21—Leigh	A	8 18
26—Widnes	H.	Post.
November.		
3—Featherstone R	A	17 31
9—Salford	H	3 15
18—Rochdale	A	7 34
25—Warrington	A	10 8
December.		
1—Castleford	H	Post.
7—Salford	A	5 52
16—Hull K.R.	H	Post.
21—Bramley	A	12 21
26—Widnes	A	12 20
30—Oldham	H	
January.		
4—Warrington	H	
12—Leeds	A	
19—Wakefield T.	H	
27—Hull K.R.	A	
February.		
2—Challenge Cup 1st Round		
9—Dewsbury	H	
17—Castleford	A	
23—Challenge Cup 2nd Round		
March.		
1—Leigh	H	
9—Challenge Cup 3rd Round		
16—Wigan	A	
April.		
6—Wakefield T.	A	
13—Rochdale	H	
15—Leeds	H	

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30th. KICK-OFF 2-15 P.M.

Speak Easy - - - Matt Glaister

FULL NAME: Matthew John Glaister.

AGE: 26 years.

HEIGHT: 5ft. 11ins.

WEIGHT: 13st. 7lbs.

BORN: Woodhouse, presently living at Cleator Moor.

PROFESSION: Time served electrician employed by Albright and Wilson Ltd.

STATUS: Married, wife's name Pauline; we have two sons, John 4 and Peter 2 years old.

My career in rugby league started at Kells Secondary Modern School. I played centre and full-back for the school and gained county honours in the under-15 team. From school I joined Kells rugby league team, and considered it a great honour not only to play for Kells, but to be selected to play full-back for both the under 17 and 19 county teams. At 19 years of age I signed profession forms for Whitehaven. I have many hopes and dreams for the future. I think at the moment the number one priority must be a stand-off of some repute, a man with skill and experience to fill the gap left by Ken Todd who in turn was starting to shine as a worthy replacement for Phil Kitchen. A top class specialist in this role would make Whitehaven really buzz. I know the officials have tried desperately hard to engage a player, with no success. Let's hope they come up trumps and persuade someone to come to Whitehaven; after all we have good potential in the side. On trial from Barrow at the moment is Kenny Evans. Born at Millom, Kenny is the man who in time could fill the bill. I feel I am still young enough and eager to gain County honours, and as a pipe dream international status. I would like to see a new set of changing rooms and draught beer in the tea rooms for players and their wives. I would like a daughter. I am delighted that Whitehaven officials are shopping around for new talent and I, like a lot of others, read into this, the start of an A team next season.

My best home match was when I played in the A team and won the Lancashire Shield; and best away match was last season at Wigan.

My greatest disappointment was last season. I have never played in a cup match and was so looking forward to going to Bradford Northern. This was

not to be. In the final training session before the cup match John Pringle managed to cause injury to my elbow. I have to admit it couldn't have been done by a nicer fellow than John, and come to think of it I wouldn't have let anyone else do it to me. After our recent encounter Warrington must be my favourite team to play against, although I enjoy playing against any team. I don't mind losing, providing the opponents are better than we are. My last match this season was when we beat Warrington at Wilderspool Stadium. I would nominate "Gentleman" John Pringle as man of the match and "War Horse" Keith Irving as the two forwards who "spificated" the Warrington pack. The atmosphere and the ovation given to John Pringle and the team by nearly 5,000 Warrington spectators at the end of the match was electrifying.

I don't like travelling to Sunday matches, I much prefer Friday and Saturday matches, it leaves me Sunday free to have a few pints, although that can be an ordeal. My landlord is ex-Whitehaven winger Harry Harrison at the Queen's Arms, Cleator Moor. Harry played in the days when teams were made up of forwards and flying wingers; unfortunately he can't see forwards. Ah well, there goes my free drink. Jackie Davidson is my best mate. Why, I shall never know, for between him and Harry I have the best critics regarding my game and I can assure you they are not always kind to me.

Whitehaven's supporters are the salt of the earth and if I can mention one, it would be a member of the Merchant Navy, Michael Quinn, who when at home never misses a match; he always looks me out. I respect his judgment and like his comments on the game. I have no real hobbies so to speak. I meddle around with the car and play soccer and cricket for the works team in the close season.

I help Kells whenever I can; I sell tickets and assist in fund raising; when Jeff Bawden can spare me I play rugby for them.

I admire the likes of Alex Murphy who has achieved just about every honour in the game, and when my playing days are over I would consider taking up coaching. My best holiday was in London and I love steak when it is properly cooked.

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SEASON 1973-74

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	Tries	Gls.	Pts.
1—MATHER		3	
2—MORRIS			
3—TAIT			
4—CASSIE			
5—CHARLTON	2		
6—EVANS			
7—MADDISON			
8—PRINGLE			
9—THOMPSON			
10—IRVING			
11—MARTIN			
12—McFARLANE			
13—COTTIER			
14—ROSE			
15—GLAISTER			

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OLDHAM 19

	Tries	Gls.	Pts.
MURPHY—1			
MUNRO—2			
LARDER—3		4	
WAINWRIGHT—4			
O'BRIEN—5			
TREASURE—6			
McCONE—7			
CLAWSON—8			
TAYLOR—9			
HALL—10			
GREGORY—11			
McCRACKEN—12			
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Ashcroft—15			

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