

Warrington 27

Jerseys: Blue, Shorts: Blue, Socks: Blue with Yellow turnover.

Oldham 12

Jerseys: Red and White Hoops, Shorts: Blue.

1—D. WHITEHEAD

Full Back

1—MURPHY *try*

2—W. PICKUP

Right Wing

2—BARTON

3—D. NOONAN

Right Centre

3—LARDER

4—F. REYNOLDS

Left Centre

4—WAINWRIGHT

5—J. BEVAN

Left Wing

5—HOLLAND *2 goals*

6—W. BRIGGS

Stand Off

6—TREASURE *goal*

7—P. GORDON

Scrum Half

7—McCONE

8—D. CHISNALL

Front Row

8—ASHCROFT

9—~~C. MIDDLEHURST~~ *ASHCROFT*

Hooker

9—TAYLOR

10—B. BRADY

Front Row

10—~~HALL~~ *HUGHES*

11—D. WRIGHT

Second Row

11—~~GREGORY~~ *HALL*

12—B. PHILBIN

Second Row

12—WELDING

13—T. CONROY

Loose Forward

13—PETERS

Substitutes

14—D. FINNINGAN

15—G. WRIGHT/C. JONES

Substitutes

14—ELLIOT *try*

15—FARROW *try*

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Next Home Match

GRAND CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

TOP TEN 11 v. LION ALL STARS

SUNDAY, 31st March, 1974 Kick-off 3 p.m.

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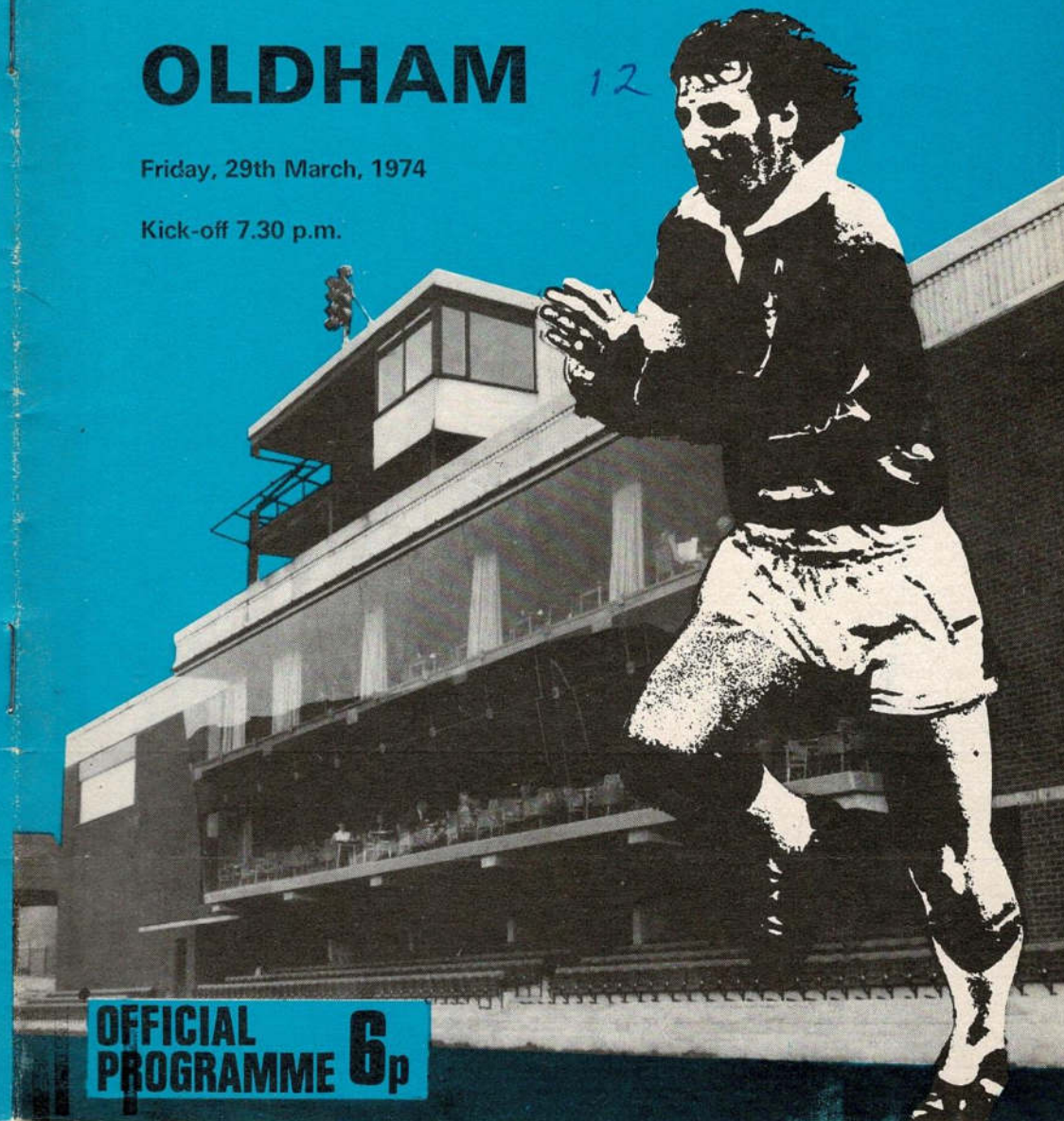
RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Division One

OLDHAM 12

Friday, 29th March, 1974

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.



OFFICIAL
PROGRAMME 6p

Warrington Rugby Football Club
(Affiliated to the Rugby League)

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Season 1973/74

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'It was Frank Reynolds first try of the season as he dived over the Dewsbury line, in last Saturdays' Challenge Cup Semi-Final at Wigan — "it was a moment to remember" said Frank.'

Picture by EDDIE FULLER, (Warrington Guardian)

THE ALEX MURPHY

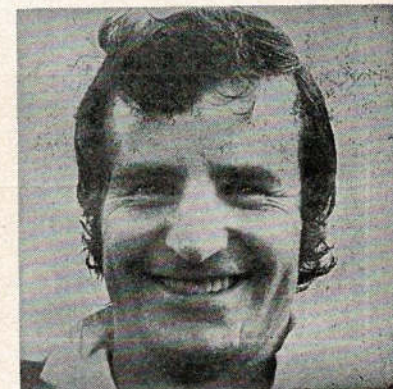
After the 'Lord Mayors' Show it was inevitable there would be something of a hangover following the semi-final victory against Dewsbury. It was pleasing however to see some good football played on Tuesday night against 'Hornets' and to see four good tries scored in our 16-13 win. For once goal-kicker Derek Whitehead had an 'off' night otherwise our margin would have been much more impressive. Nevertheless two points are always welcome and now our run of outright wins has been extended to thirteen games. As I stressed in Tuesdays' notes there will be no letting up in our effort and although injuries will obviously force changes to be made the strongest side available will continue to press our claim for the top place in the end of season merit table.

In our second floodlight match this week we extend a very warm welcome to our friends from Oldham who are tonights' opponents. Relegation is very much on their minds at the moment and this evenings game is vitally important to them. It is unlikely however their tourist prop forward Terry Claw-

son will be available through an ankle injury or that former Warrington favourite Brian Gregory will be playing either also through injury. The Jeckle and Hyde form of Oldham is always a possibility and with players like Keith Ashcroft, David Treasure, Paul Murphy, Bill McCracken and Kevin Taylor all 'on song' the men from Watersheddings can and have several times this season turned in some excellent performances.

Next Sunday the first team are away at Dewsbury but if you are not making the trip can I ask you to support the Lions Charity Football match here at Wilderspool that same afternoon? Admission is only 20p and all the proceeds will go to local Warrington Charities.

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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Opponents	Ground	for agst.
August, 1973		
14—Wigan (Locker Cup) (7.30)	A	14 13
19—Rochdale (3.00)	A	7 6
26—LEEDS (3.0)	H	10 4
27—Widnes (7.30)	A	19 9
September		
2—LEIGH (Lancs. Cup)	H	20 15
7—Hull K.R.	A	6 6
11—Whitehaven (Lancs. Cup, 2nd)	A	8 19
16—OLDHAM (Player's No. 6)	H	31 14
23—CASTLEFORD (3.00)	H	22 5
30—WAKEFIELD (3.00)	H	10 13
October		
7—Featherstone	A	8 18
14—BRAMLEY (3.00)	H	9 0
19—St. Helens (7.30)	A	6 24
23—Salford (BBC 2 Floodlight)	A	4 26
28—SALFORD (3.00)	H	20 13
31—Wigan (Capt. Morgan 1st Round)	A	12 4
November		
4—Bramley (3.30)	A	10 18
11—ST. HELENS (3.00)	H	5 11
18—CASTLEFORD (Capt. Morgan 2nd Rd.)	H	15 7
25—WHITEHAVEN (2.30)	H	8 10
December		
1—THIRD TEST MATCH (2.30)	H	
8—Leeds (Capt. Morgan)	A	20 13
15—CASTLEFORD (Player's No. 6, 2nd)	H	18 9
23—Wakefield	A	15 26
26—Leigh	A	29 7
30—DEWSBURY (No. 6)	H	20 12
January, 1974		
1—WIGAN	H	12 17
6—Whitehaven (2.15)	A	5 9
12—ST. HELENS	H	20 9
20—Oldham	A	22 15
26—CAPTAIN MORGAN FINAL		4 0
February		
3—HUDDERSFIELD (R.L. Cup 1st)	H	34 4
9—JOHN PLAYER FINAL at Wigan		27 16
17—HULL K.R.	H	20 7
24—HUYTON (R.L. Cup, 2nd)	H	21 6
March		
3—DEWSBURY	H	26 10
10—Wigan (R.L. Cup 3rd Rd.)	A	10 6
12—Leeds	A	18 6
17—Castleford	A	14 6
23—Dewsbury (R.L. Chall. Cup Semi-final at Wigan)		17 7
26—ROCHDALE HORNETS	H	
29—OLDHAM (7.30)	H	
31—Dewsbury	A	
April		
3—FEATHERSTONE ROV.	H	
6—Wigan	A	
9—Salford	A	
12—WIDNES (3 p.m.)	H	
15—LEIGH (3 p.m.)	H	

"A" TEAM FIXTURES

Opponents	Ground	for agst.
August, 1973		
10—WIGAN (7.30) (Friendly)	H	19 20
17—ROCHDALE (7.30)	H	23 15
25—Barrow (Shield, 1st Leg) (3.0)	A	15 11
September		
1—WORKINGTON	H	14 10
8—BARROW	H	27 7
15—Workington	A	3 12
22—Wigan (3.00)	A	6 9
28—Widnes	A	10 9
October		
5—SALFORD	H	35 3
13—Leigh (3.00)	A	21 5
20—ST. HELENS (3.00)	H	15 7
26—Salford (7.30)	A	12 14
November		
2—WIDNES (7.30)	H	15 14
9—St. Helens	A	5 10
17—WIGAN	H	19 10
24—Barrow	A	16 3
30—Salford	A	Post.
December		
8—SWINTON	H	21 10
15—Oldham	A	Post.
22—Barrow	A	Post.
22—Salford	A	6 10
January, 1974		
5—HUYTON	H	41 5
12—		
19—OLDHAM	H	18 14
26—Rochdale	A	7 5
February		
2—		
9—SALFORD	H	4 10
16—Swinton	A	12 12
23—Workington	A	Postponed
March		
1—WIGAN	H	Postponed
2—Wigan	A	3 20
9—WORKINGTON	H	14 5
16—BARROW	H	postponed
23—Huyton	A	26 2
29—LEIGH (7.30)	H	
April		
6—BARROW (3.00)	H	
13—		
20—		

Forthcoming Attractions at Wilderspool

Sunday, 31st March, 1974 — GRAND CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH
TOP TEN 11 v. LION ALL STARS
Kick-off 3 p.m.

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WARRINGTON v. FEATHERSTONE ROVERS
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To Season Ticket Holders on Tuesday 2nd April from 12 noon to 7.30 p.m.

Remaining Tickets will be on Sale Wednesday from 12 noon.

Tickets will be sold in the Leisure Centre but from Wednesday evening onwards will be sold from the Club Offices in Fletcher Street.

2 Seating tickets will be allowed per Stand season ticket.

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A tense moment as 'Wires' skipper Kevin Ashcroft moves the ball to the threequarters

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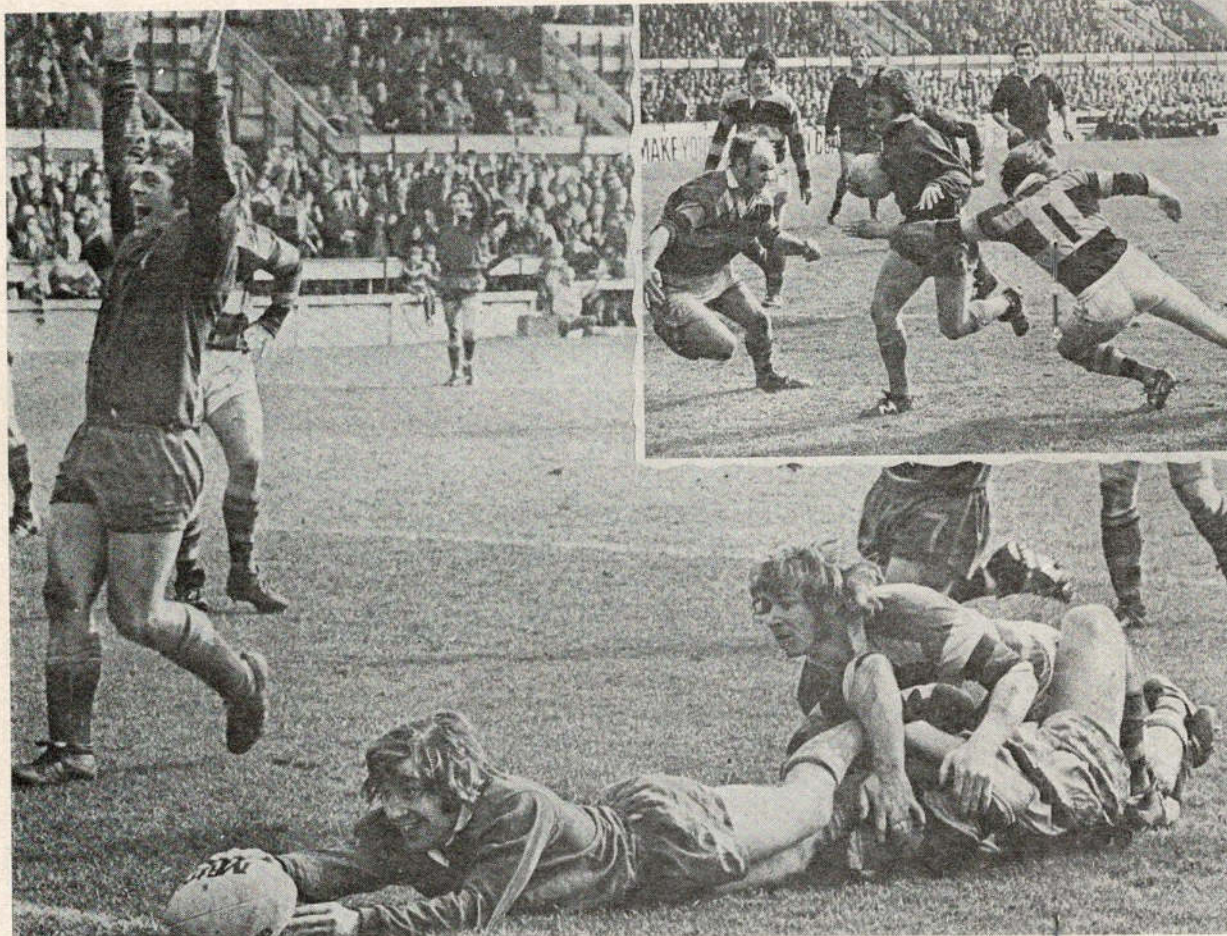
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'Wire' on their way . . .

'Wire' were well on the way to Wembley long before John Bevan (below) was captured by the camera doing the all what comes naturally for him — scoring tries. And it was a great all round team performance that had paved the way in the last weeks' cup semi-final against Dewsbury at Wigan. Like the determination shown by little Alan Whittle (left) facing two burly Dewsbury defenders. They could only catch him by the ankles as he dived over.



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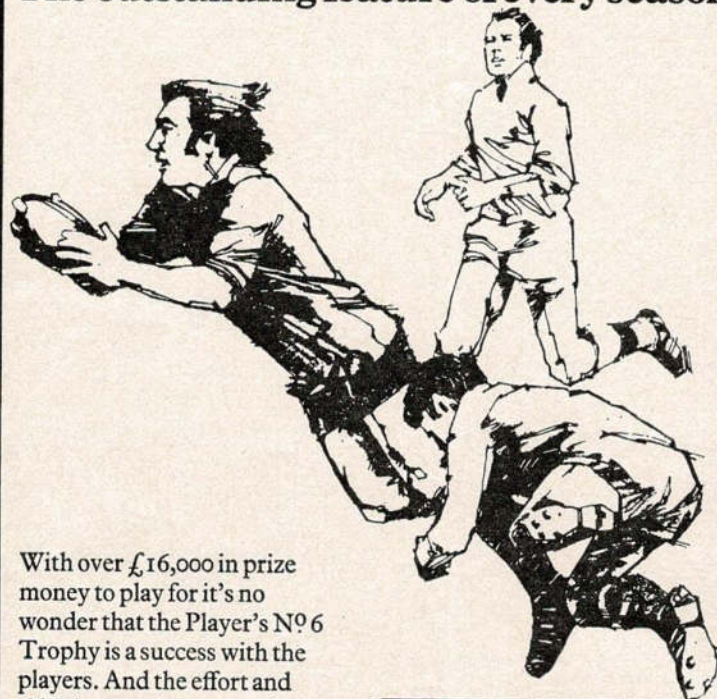
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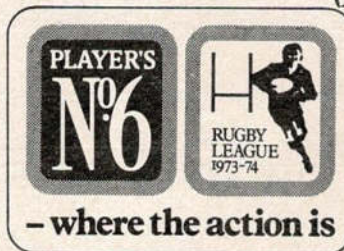
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John Butler — Late Selection

—BRIAN BATTY, *Daily Mail*

John Butler's selection for Great Britain's tour of Australia this summer was a little belated but still one of the most popular in the 26-strong squad.

It is generally accepted that all the players heading Down Under on May 23 are dedicated and determined to succeed in the quest to regain the Ashes.

But I was impressed by the immediate reaction of Butler when discovered he was to replace Salford's Keith Fielding, who withdrew for personal reasons.

'I am not going out there to be a ham-and-egger,' he declared. 'I want to win a Test place.'

That honest approach is characteristic of a player, who has quickly carved out a dazzling new career with Rochdale Hornets when he was almost swept up to the game's scrapheap.

There was a most unhappy chapter in the Butler success story when he was forced to retire injured in the Player's No. 6 final against Warrington, after making a great start in this game.

Fortunately Butler has made a habit of bouncing back as he did after packing in the game 12 months ago.

'I was fed up with travelling from my St. Helens home to play for Keigh-

ley and decided to call it a day,' he recalls.

'But when Rochdale came for me I had second thoughts and decided to start again.'

It was, of course, coach Frank Myler's experienced eye and sound judgement which prompted the Butler switch from loose forward to stand off.

After winning recognition from Great Britain's selectors to travel to France as reserve, it must have been a disappointment to Butler to find he had failed to win an original place in the 26-strong tour party.

The value of Butler's inclusion is that he can play loose forward, stand off or even centre for he is powerful, skilful and enthusiastic.

When he is not working as a mechanic in a St. Helens garage he is improving his home on modern lines or looking into the past.

He spends hours pouring over old programmes, enjoying reading about former stars and would, I reckon, be great material for a sporting quiz panel.

He's a player anxious to enjoy every minute of this coming tour and most of it, I feel, at the expense of the Australians.

ALEX MURPHY

HIS OPINIONS AND EXPERT COMMENT

EXCLUSIVELY IN THE

Manchester Evening News

Supporters' Club Corner

WHAT A WEEK

That was the week that was.

After twenty years the boys make sure of a trip to the Stadium. What delight it gives to the Wires Supporters and the people of Warrington.

One thing is sure, there aren't any supporters in the world, who deserve the taste of success more than those who follow the Wire.

SOUVENIRS

As you probably know, Wembley tickets will be on sale this next week, and you will be able to purchase your rosettes and scarves etc., at the Wilderspool Centre during the hours when tickets are on sale. Why not decide what you would like and support the Club by buying the articles here.

BRIAN BRADY

A cabaret night in aid of Brian's Fund is to be held next Thursday, April 4th in the Leisure Centre. Top of the Bill will be the fabulous Brian Rossi, who always packs the club on his visits here. Tickets are 40p and are available at the Centre and in the Supporters Club.

THE ARTHUR PALMER TROPHY

The judges for the Arthur Palmer Trophy are having a rare old job with so many stars emerging in this great year. The player of the year can certainly feel proud of his feat in winning this trophy.

SING ALONG WITH THE WIRE

Arrangements are now in hand for the lads to record "Primrose and Blue", the song which so many of you know and have heard the boys sing during the recent celebrations. It will take a few weeks to produce but will definitely be available several weeks before Wembley. The record which will also have a "B" side will cost around 50p. Here's hoping it makes the charts.

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	Appearances (all matches)	League	Lancs. Cup	Locker Cup	Floodlit BBC2 Cup	Player No. 6	Capt. Morgan	R.L. Chall. Cup	TOTAL
ASHCROFT, K.	32	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	3
BEVAN, J.	26	11	—	—	—	3	—	1	15
BRADY, B.	34	2	1	—	—	1	1	1	6
BRIGGS, B.	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BRIGGS, W.	8	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
CHISNALL, D.	27	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
CONROY, T.	9	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
CUNLIFFE, D.	7	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	3
CURLING, D.	22	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
FINNIGAN, D.	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
GASKELL, W.	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GORDON, P.	35	9	—	2	—	1	1	1	14
GREGORY, B.	11	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	2
HINDLEY, K.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
JONES, C.	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
LOWE, J.	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
MATHER, I.	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MIDDLEHURST, C. ...	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
NICHOLAS, M.	22	—	1	—	—	4	—	1	6
NOONAN, D.	34	1	—	—	—	5	—	—	6
MURPHY, A. J.	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PHILBIN, B.	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PHILBIN, M.	22	8	1	—	—	1	—	—	10
PICKUP, W.	29	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	4
PRICE, J.	13	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	3
REYNOLDS, F.	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
SUTTON, D.	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
WAMBON, R.	17	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
WHITTLE, A.	15	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	3
WHITEHEAD, D.	36	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	3
WRIGHT, D.	16	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
	49	4	2	—	—	22	5	9	91

GOALS SCORED

ASHCROFT, K.	1	1	—	—	2	1	2	7
BRIGGS, W.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
HINDLEY, K.	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
MIDDLEHURST, C. ...	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
MURPHY, A. J.	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	5
WHITEHEAD, D.	61	7	4	2	23	15	17	129
WHITTLE, A.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	76	8	4	2	25	18	19	152

SUBSTITUTES: The following players have taken part in a match but any points scored have been credited to the above appearances: B. Briggs (1), W. Briggs (6), D. Chisnall (3), T. Conroy (1), D. Cunliffe (1), D. Curling (2), D. Finnigan (3), W. Gaskell (6), C. Jones (10), J. Lowe (2), A. J. Murphy (1), M. Nicholas (1), M. Philbin (4), W. Pickup (6), J. Price (8), F. Reynolds (2), R. Wambon (6).



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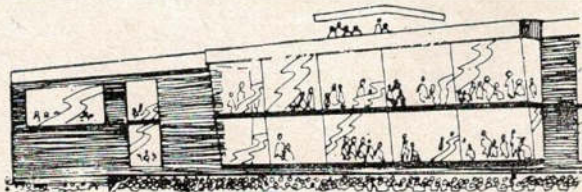
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MEMBERSHIPS

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