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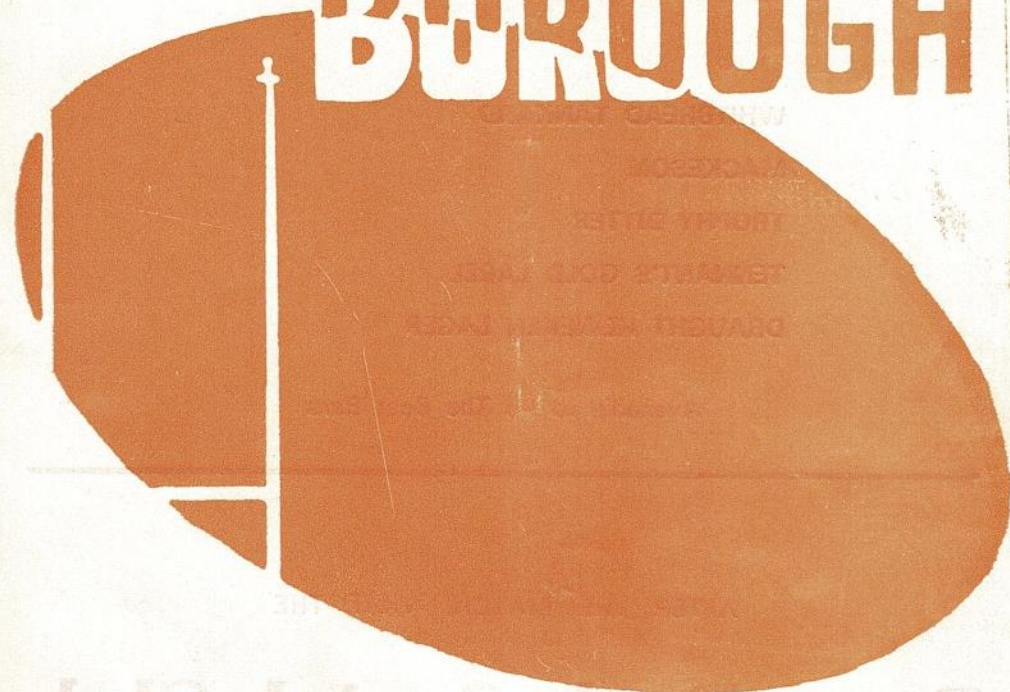
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OPINION

Welcome again to a new season, one which promises new hope after the manner in which the team played the opening two matches against strong opposition. The first, at The Watersheddings, was almost won and in the other the star studded Salford outfit knew they had been in a game, increasing their lead by eight points only in the ten minutes extra added on thus giving the result a false picture. A new slim-line Paddy Loughlin is inspiring the pack and Welshman Ray Wilkins, on loan from Workington Town due to the demise of their 'A' team, has already received recognition by being named as stand-off for the revived Other Nationalities XIII against Lancashire at The Willows on Wednesday next. He is the first "capped" Boro representative since Tony Colloby was a Cumberland regular some four years ago.

Other player news is the return of the enigmatic Ged Marsh (at present injured) and Ray Martland with loose forward Doug Wright on trial from Whitehaven. To balance this influx four of last season's regulars have so far failed to train. Joe Egan, Joe Lewis (working away), Peter Lowe and Don Walker. The number of players available will, however, soon be increased with the return from holiday of John Heritage and the recovery from injury of Doug Robinson and Bob Singleton.

Prop Fred Fletcher made a welcome re-appearance, after eighteen months on the injured list, as substitute during the second half of last Saturday's 'A' team match with Swinton, but his return is offset by Steve Brehney undergoing a lengthy lay-off as a result of a similar knee operation.

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After a poor start against Oldham 'A' (including Phil Larder and John Farrell) the reserve team provided excellent entertainment in the game with Swinton. The Lions included Chico Hopkins and had to fight hard for their close win. Hooker eaoín shrdlu chdflu shrdlu etaoi shrdl etaoín srđl nn Hooker eaoín shrdlu chdflu shrdlu etaoi shrdl etaoín srđl nn Hooker John Aspinall was sent off in the last minute for an injudicious remark and with Ray Martland also due before the Disciplinary Committee following his dismissal at Salford, Boro could be without a number nine for the visit of Hull KR in October.

Changes in personnel include a new member of the Board in Mr. Norman Graveson of Settle, a former Director at Barrow, and responsible some time ago for the bringing to Boro of young Peter Ridgway who unfortunately had to give up the game after two serious shoulder injuries.

Director Reg Parker is now in charge of coaching the first team, following his managership of the financially successful tour of Australasia, and Tommy Blakeley does similar duties for the 'A' team revived after a lapse of seven years. The reformation of a reserve side has been queried on a cost basis but I think it is realised that its value is in introducing trialists at a less competitive level rather than their being pitched straight into top class rugby.

During the close season there was a major alteration to the scoring; the value of a drop goal now being one point instead of two.

The next fixture at Princess Street is in two weeks time, k.o. 3p.m., when Swinton under new coach Austin Rhodes provide the opposition, but this coming Saturday promises a feast of rugby when the Supporters' Club Autumn Seven-a-Side competition takes place with twenty clubs playing for the P. J. Webb Trophy (see S.C. Notes for full details).

G.S.

GEORGE SOUTHWORTH

Best wishes for a speedy return to health go from all at Boro Park to Director George at present recovering at home from a recent illness.

LANCASHIRE SHIELD

In the second round of this trophy for reserve teams Boro have been drawn away in the first leg to either Rochdale Hornets or Widnes.

LEADING SCORERS — 1973 - 1974

	Tries	Goals	Points
Haigh, T.	4	36	84
Egan, J.	3	14	37
Johnson, J.	10	—	30
Hallas, D.	—	13	26
Rowe, P.	5	3	21
Lowe	5	2	19
Heritage, J.	5	—	15
Molyneux, J.	5	—	15
Lewis, J.	5	—	15

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- 2—JOHNSON
- 3—MELLING
- 4—CRANK
- 5—HALLAS/HERITAGE
- 6—WILKINS *goal*
- 7—DERBYSHIRE *try*
- 8—LOUGHLIN
- 9—MARTLAND
- 10—GAMBLE
- 11—MOLYNEUX
- 12—CANTILLON
- 13—ROWE
- 14—SEDDON
- 15—

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- 1—BLAIR
- 2—ELLIOTT *2 goals*
- 3—LARDER *2 goals*
- 4—WAINWRIGHT
- 5—HOLLAND *try*
- 6—TREASURE
- 7—PATERSON
- 8—CLAWSON
- 9—TAYLOR
- 10—HALL
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TODAY'S VISITORS — OLDHAM

This afternoon we welcome our friends from Oldham to Borough Park for the first home game of the season. The clubs have already met at Watersheddings with Oldham just winning by 4 points. They have played two other games this season with contrasting fortunes, a friendly win against Rochdale and a last minute defeat by Widnes in the Lancashire Cup.

The clubs did not meet last season but have met in 18 previous seasons, with Borough winning just five of these games and one being drawn. The last match on this ground ended with Oldham winning by 55 points to 3.

Coach to our visitors is Jim Challinor, who took over from Griff Jenkins during the close season after returning from Australia with the Great Britain team. His assistant is Ken Wilson, the former Gloucester and England Rugby Union player who was a stalwart first teamer for many years.

Three players who have not turned out this season are Great Britain tour prop Terry Clawson, full back Martin Murphy who has also been in Australia but as a guest player for a leading club, and scrum half Mick McCone who was injured at work.

Full back John Blair is a former England Under 19 player and should be kicking goals today. Wingers Ian Holland and Eddie Barton are both former Rugby Union players in Lancashire, Holland with Orrell and St. Helens, also Salford RLFC, and Barton with Manchester. Centres should be ex Leeds half back Tony Wainwright, coloured Welshman Mike Elliott or experienced Phil Larder. Stand off Dave Treasure joined the club from Bradford last season and will be partnered by newcomer John Patterson, who starred in the friendly victory.

Prop Keith Ashcroft is with his fifth club and is in his fourth season with the club. Brian Hughes is another of last season's signings (from Leeds). Local hooker Kevin Taylor should complete the front row. New captain Brian Gregory who returned to the team last week after missing the Borough game, was a county player in his days with Warrington and should partner Bob Welding in the second row. Last season's player of the year was loose forward Fred Hall who joined the club from Borough in February 1973. During his career here he played 103 games, kicking 2 goals and scoring 11 tries in 4 seasons.

Substitutes in the first game were ex Wigan St. Patricks prop John Maye and Geoff Munro from Oldham 'B'. Other players with Blackpool connections are Ray Hicks who played here on trial last season and John Farrell who had 7 seasons here.

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR — 1974-1975

For the season 1974-1975 the Player of the Year is not to be picked by the Supporters' Club Committee.

An Official of the opposing club will be asked to nominate the 3 best Boro players in that game. Points will then be awarded as follows:— 1st 5pts.; 2nd 3pts.; 3rd 1 pt.

As an extra incentive for the Players a cheque for £25 will be presented to the Player of the Year along with the Joe Kilkenny Trophy at the end of the season.

The up-to-date points will be given in the programme during the season.

SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

Secretary: R. M. SPOWART,

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Next Saturday (September 14th) will see the Autumn Seven-a-Side Competition taking place at Borough Park. The first game will start at 1.30 p.m. The following teams have entered:— Askham, Corpus Christi, East End Park, Eastmoor, Greenbank Rangers, Greetland, Hemsworth, Hensingham, Higginshaw, Huddersfield St. Josephs, I.C.I. Thornton, Lowca, Maryport British Legion, Old Red Lion, Salem Hornets, Travelers Saints, Wath Brow Hornets, Victoria Rangers, York Albion, and the holders Featherstone Miners Welfare.

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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES 1974 - 1975

1974			
AUGUST			
16—St. Helens	A	2.30	8 30
24—Oldham	A	3.00	13 17
30—Salford	A		8 25
(1st Rnd. Lancs. Cup)			
SEPTEMBER			
8—Oldham	H	3.00	
15—New Hunslet	A	3.30	
22—Swinton	H	3.00	
28—Players' No. 6 1st Rnd.			
OCTOBER			
6—Hull K.R.	H	3.00	
13—Batley	A	3.00	
20—Leigh	H	3.00	
25—Whitehaven	A	7.00	
NOVEMBER			
3—Barrow	H	3.00	
9—Players' No. 6 2nd Rnd.			
17—Swinton	A	3.00	
24—Huyton	H	2.30	
DECEMBER			
1—Hull K.R.	A	3.00	
8—Huddersfield	H	2.30	
15—Doncaster	A	2.30	
20—Barrow	A	7.00	
29—Doncaster	H	2.30	
1975			
JANUARY			
5—Workington	A	2.30	
12—Batley	H	2.30	
19—Whitehaven	H	2.30	
26—Hull	A	3.00	
FEBRUARY			
8—Challenge Cup 1st Rnd.			
16—Hull	H	3.00	
22—Challenge Cup 2nd Rnd.			
MARCH			
2—Huyton	A	3.00	
16—New Hunslet	H	3.00	
23—Workington	H	3.00	
31—Huddersfield	A	3.00	
APRIL			
5—Leigh	A	3.45	

'A' TEAM FIXTURES 1974 - 1975

1974			
AUGUST			
24—Oldham	H	4	20
31—Swinton	H	9	13
SEPTEMBER			
7—Oldham	A		
14—Warrington	A		
21—Swinton	A		
28—St. Helens	H		
OCTOBER			
12—Rochdale	H		
19—Leigh	A		
NOVEMBER			
2—Barrow	A		
9—Wigan	H		
23—Huyton	A		
30—Leigh	H		
DECEMBER			
21—Barrow	H		
27—Salford	A		
1975			
JANUARY			
4—Workington	H		
10—Widnes	A		
FEBRUARY			
1—Wigan	A		
15—St. Helens	A		
22—Warrington	H		
MARCH			
1—Huyton	H		
15—Rochdale	A		
22—Workington	A		
28—Salford	H		
APRIL			
5—Widnes	H		



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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES — 1974-75

1974	Date	Club	K.O.	Date	Club	K.O.
				December		
	24—Oldham	A	3.00	8—Huddersfield	H	2.30
	30—Salford	A		15—Doncaster	A	2.30
	(1st Rnd. Lancs. Cup)			20—Barrow	A	7.00
September				29—Doncaster	H	2.30
8—Oldham		H	3.00	1975		
15—New Hunslet		A	3.30	January		
22—Swinton		H	3.00	5—Workington	A	2.30
28—Players' No. 6 1st Rnd.				12—Batley	H	2.30
October				19—Whitehaven	H	2.30
6—Hull K.R.		H	3.00	26—Hull	A	3.00
13 Batley		A	3.00	February		
20—Leigh		H	3.00	8—Challenge Cup 1st Rnd.		
25—Whitehaven		A	7.00	16—Hull	H	3.00
November				22—Challenge Cup 2nd Rnd.		
3—Barrow		H	3.00	March		
9—Players' No. 6 2nd Rnd.				2—Huyton	A	3.00
17—Swinton		A	3.00	16—New Hunslet	H	3.00
24—Huyton		H	2.30	23—Workington	H	3.00
December				31—Huddersfield	A	3.00
1—Hull K.R.		A	3.00	April		
				5—Leigh	A	3.45

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- 1st Round Proper — 28th September, 1974.
2nd Round Proper — 9th November, 1974.
3rd Round Proper — 7th December, 1974.
1st Semi-Final — 4th January, 1975.
2nd Semi-Final — 11th January, 1975.
Final — 25th January, 1975.

COUNTY CUP FINALS

- Yorks. Cup Final — 26th October, 1974.
Lancs. Cup Final — 2nd November, 1974.

'A' TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Club	K.O.
1974		
August		
24—OLDHAM		H
31—SWINTON		H
September		
7—OLDHAM		A
14—WARRINGTON		A
21—SWINTON		A
28—ST. HELENS		H
October		
12—ROCHDALE		H
19—LEIGH		A
November		
2—BARROW		A
9—WIGAN		H
23—HUYTON		A
30—LEIGH		H
December		
21—BARROW		H
27—SALFORD		A
1975		
January		
4—WORKINGTON		H
10—WIDNES		A
February		
1—WIGAN		A
15—ST. HELENS		A
22—WARRINGTON		H
March		
1—HUYTON		H
15—ROCHDALE		A
22—WORKINGTON		A
28—SALFORD		H
April		
5—WIDNES		H

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