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(Leeds)

Next Home Fixtures

Sunday 16 Oct., 3-00

1st Team

v

LEIGH

Sat. 8 Oct., 3-00

'A' Team

v

BRADFORD N

DONCASTER

Colours: White with blue
and gold band.

Full Back

1 DENTON

Three-Quarters

2 MILES

3 FORTISS **T**

4 NOBLE **GG**

5 ARRAND

Half-Backs

6 IRWIN

7 HANLEY

Forwards

8 LOWE

9 LOCKWOOD

10 BANHAM

11 STENTON

12 COOPER

13 WILMOT

Substitutes

14

15 ~~ELLIOTT~~

OLDHAM

Colours: Red and white
jerseys, blue shorts.

Full Back

1 MURPHY

Three-Quarters

2 STONDIN **GGG**

3 BARTON

4 O'BRIAN

5 LARDER

Half-Backs

6 KNIGHT **T**

7 PATERSON

Forwards

8 HUGHES

9 O'MAHONEY

10 FRODSHAM **T**

11 JEWITT

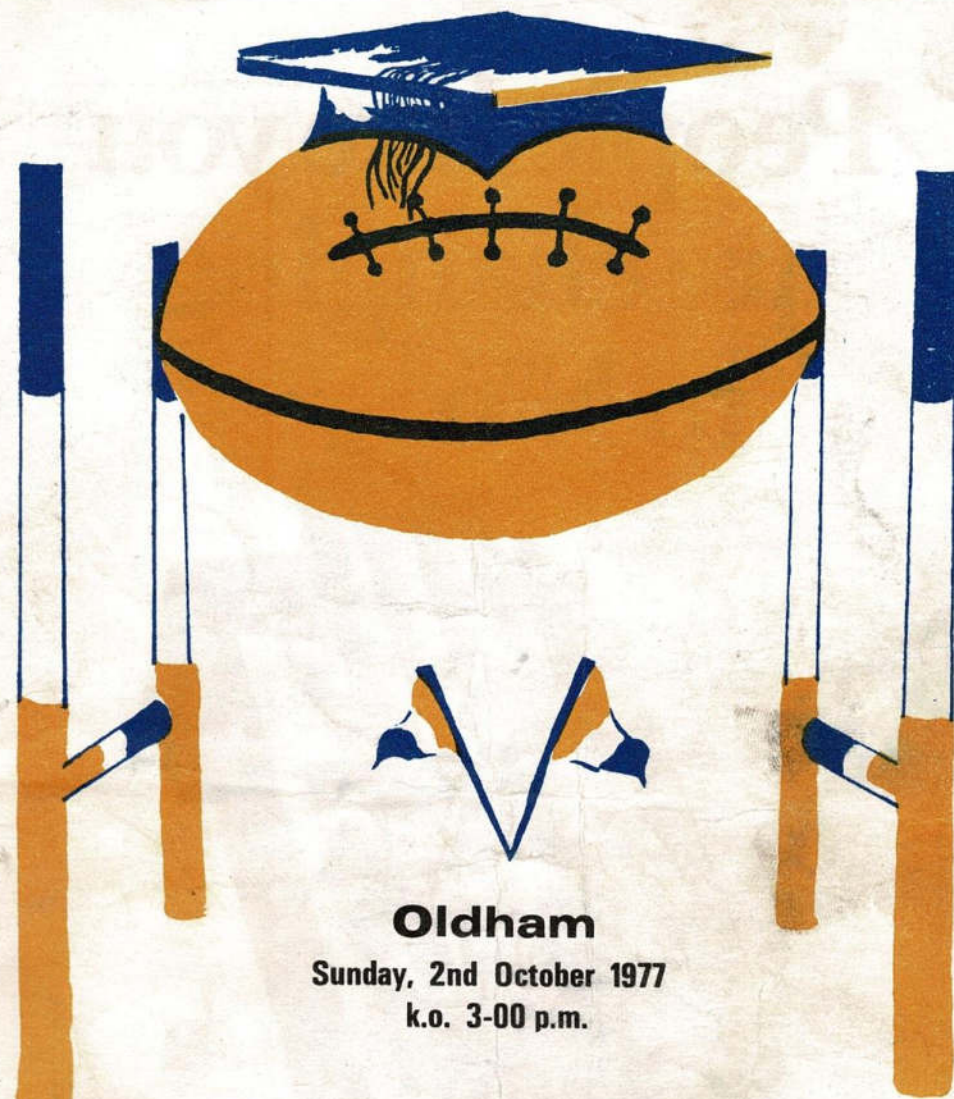
12 HALL

13 PETERS **T.T.**

Substitutes

14 **BATES**

15 **ELLIOTT 18**



Oldham

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TERRY LAWRENCE



DAVID NOBLE

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Club Notes

Three wins in four games what a start. As many wins in the first four games as we have had in the last two seasons. What a win it was 32-25 away from home against such a good side as SWINTON seven tries, five goals and a drop goal. Leading the try scorers was centre IAN FORTIS with three tries when was the last time a DONCASTER player scored three. Other try scorers STEWART PIPER KEVIN HANLEY, DOUGIE MILES and a magnificent 60 yard try from the in form TONY BANHAM. All this after being 7-0 down after two minutes. WELL DONE LADS.

The "A" team scored their first point of the season with a good home draw against YORK. PADDY LAWERENCE and KEITH TOMLINSON both had good games but the star was ALAN WALKER whose four goals was responsible for all the DONCASTER scoring.

Our visitors today are our friends from OLDHAM who like ourselves have made a good start to the season and last week had a good win over HUYTON.

Among the men to watch in the OLDHAM side are the very exciting Full Back MARTIN MURPHY whose attacking flair has worried us over the years. JOHN PATTERSON who has recently been taken off the transfer list is an excellent Scrum Half following on from exDONCASTER player MICK McCONE.

Missing from the team is popular PHIL LARDER who recently broke his thumb in an away game against BLACK-POOL in the second game of his come back after an injury sustained at the same ground last year.

The Juniors lost their first match in the PENNINE LEAGUE away at QUEENSBURY by 7-4 not a bad result. They have been drawn at home in the Barla U17 Competition to DEWSBURY

to be played on October 9th. Venue to be announced.

Congratulations to Junior ANDRE EVERTON on his debut for the "A" team. He's the first from the Juniors to make the team and he had a very good game.

Pen Pics. of the Referee

FRYER, ARTHUR (Grade 1)
(Born 1.4.32.)
40, Bennett Avenue, Kingsway, Warrington.
Telephone: (Home) 0925-812911.
Height: 5ft. 10ins.
Weight: 13st. 3lbs.
Hobbies: Rugby, Tennis, Golf and Gardening.
Occupation: Self employed Joiner.

Married with three children.
Passed exam in 1961. Promoted to Grade 2 in 1972 and to Grade 1 at the commencement of 1975/6 season.
Born in Wales. Played for Warrington R.L.F.C. against Australian Tourists in 1956.

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Fixtures 1977-78

FIXTURES for SEASON 1977/78

AUGUST

21 Sun. Wakefield T. a 3.30 23-10 L
Esso Yorkshire C.

SEPTEMBER

4 Sun. Blackpool B. a 3.00 22-07 W
11 Sun. BATLEY h 3.00 12-19 L
18 Sun. HALIFAX h 3.00 17-07 W
25 Sun. Swinton a 3.00 25-32 W

OCTOBER

2 Sun. OLDHAM h 3.00
9 Sun. Barrow a 2.30
16 Sun. LEIGH h 3.00
23 Sun. Player's No.6 1
30 Sun. Huddersfield a 3.00

NOVEMBER

6 Sun. Player's No.6 2
13 Sun. KEIGHLEY h 2.30
20 Sun. York a 2.30

DECEMBER

4 Sun. HUDDERSFIELD h 2.30
11 Sun. BARROW h 2.30
18 Sun. Rochdale H. a 3.00

JANUARY

8 Sun. WHITEHAVEN h 2.30
15 Sun. Halifax a 3.30
22 Sun. Leigh a 3.30
29 Sun. SWINTON h 3.00

FEBRUARY

5 Sun. YORK h 3.00
12 Sun. Challenge Cup 1
19 Sun. Whitehaven a 3.00
26 Sun. Challenge Cup 2

MARCH

5 Sun. Keighley a 3.15
12 Sun. HUYTON h 3.00
19 Sun. Batley a 3.00
27 Mon. BLACKPOOL B h 3.00

APRIL

2 Sun. Oldham a 3.30
9 Sun. Huyton a 2.30
16 Sun. ROCHDALE H. h 3.00

YORKSHIRE SENIOR COMP.

FIXTURES 1977/78

AUGUST

18 Thu. WAKEFIELD T. h 6.30 14-13 L
27 Sat. Dewsbury a 3.00 18-15 L

SEPTEMBER

1 Thu. NEW HUNSLET h 6.30 26-12 L
10 Sat. Batley a 3.00 10- 4 L
16 Fri. YSC Cup Comp. 1 7.30
22 Thu. YORK h 6.30
29 Thu. HALIFAX h 6.30

OCTOBER

8 Sat. BRADFORD N. h 3.00
15 Sat. YSC Cup Comp. 2 3.00
22 Sat. Leeds a 3.00
29 Sat. HUDDERSFIELD h 3.00

NOVEMBER

5 Sat. DEWSBURY h 2.30
12 Sat. Keighley a 2.30
19 Sat. LEEDS h 2.30
26 Sat. FEATHERSTONE h 2.30

DECEMBER

1 Thu. Wakefield T. a 7.30
9 Fri. Hull a 7.30
24 Sat. BRAMLEY h 2.30
31 Sat. Bramley a 2.30

JANUARY

14 Sat. Halifax a 2.30
21 Sat. HULL K.R. h 2.30

FEBRUARY

4 Sat. York a 3.00
11 Sat. Huddersfield a 3.00
18 Sat. HULL h 3.00
24 Fri. Castleford a 7.30

MARCH

4 Sat. KEIGHLEY h 3.00
11 Sat. Featherstone R. a 3.00
18 Sat. BATLEY h 3.00
25 Sat. Hull K.R. a 3.00

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1 Sat. Bradford a 3.00
8 Sat. CASTLEFORD h 3.00
12 Wed. New Hunslet a 7.30

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Photo News

TERRY (PADDY) LAWRENCE

Ever since my Father helped to form and to play with the first Rossington Hornets team, Rugby League has seemed to be a way of life to me.

Began playing at Rossington school and after representing Doncaster & District schools joined the Dons U17 as captain.

Under the guidance and coaching of Mr. Don Brooks (now Club Masseur) who was a fair but hard taskmaster we won almost everything before us that season (even with the help of Stewart Piper)

After playing for Wakefield Juniors along side Billy Yates and Gary Brook, returned to Rossington to help them again reform a Rugby League side and continued overleaf

DAVID NOBLE

Born 29.4.57, single, live at Eastmoor Wakefield, work for N.C.B. and have two younger brothers.

First played Rugby League at Heath View Junior School, then at Eastmoor City High School where I was captain of the school team.

When I left school played for Eastmoor A.R.L. F.C. and played for a season. Moved down the road to play for Wakefield Trinity Juniors and had the honour to be Captain.

On my 17th birthday signed professional for Wakefield Trinity . Played to the end of that season in the "A" team where I first played with continued overleaf



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Terry Lawrence
(continued).

played with a great bunch of lads, many who have represented the Dons and many more who will.

Joined the Dons in 1969 and began playing in the "A" team under Ted Strawbridge (one of the most respected players and coach I have played with) and besides my Dad, one of the persons who influenced me more in my career than any-one.

Work as an Electrician when and where I can, usually at an Engineering Plant nearby.

I am happily married and my wife's name is Joan. Have one daughter Michelle who is four years old and has just passed her first Tap Dancing exam.

My hobbies include Heavyweight Boxing, Cricket, Swimming, Beer sampling, Darts, Irish Songs and sampling Beer.

Favourite drink beer, favourite food Beer and sometimes steak.

Favourite players Alex Murphy, Rocky Turner, Billy Yates and Neil Fox.

Would like Dons to win the Challenge Cup and establish Doncaster as a top Rugby League town with Tattersfield an International Ground.

David Noble
(continued).

Norman Cooper. Lost in two "A" team finals.

The next season the Colts League was formed and we had a good side. Finished 2nd in the League, Semi Final of the Cup and lost in the Final of Top Four Play Off. That season played for Yorkshire Colts and Great Britain Colts. Made my debut in the First Team against St. Helens who won the Cup that year. Played three times in the First Team and sub three times.

Last season I moved to Doncaster.

My ambitions are to play for Yorkshire, Great Britain U 24s and Great Britain Full Side, also to help the Dons a team to be reckoned with.

My hobbies are Women, Horseracing, Lager and listening to records. Prefer Eagles and Thin Lizzy.

Favourite players Dave Topliss, Neil Fox, Don Fox, Nigel Stephenson David Smith, Geoff Wraith and Derek Turner.

Mike Sinclair

DONCASTER EVENING POST.

It's not much fun to go shopping when you haven't any money and you can't buy what you want.

And the rules which apply to the housewives in the High Street in these days of inflation also apply in the transfer market of Rugby League.

While clubs like Wakefield Trinity are splashing out thousands of pounds

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Mike Sinclair
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on Rugby Union stars like Mike Lampkowski and making overtures to British Lions players like Steve Fenwick and Andy Irvine-- the subject of inquiries from Warrington -- the poor relations are having to shop for bargains.

The trouble is that there are not many bargains around.

"Why don't they buy some players?" was the question from the not-too-well-informed when the Dons were bottom of the table and in financial difficulties.

The simple answer was that there was no way that they could afford a trip into the transfer market and, without the resources to run an "A" team, there was no way the club could bring on their own talent.

Now the position has changed but, although the directors have put the club back on its feet and given it a much brighter future, there is not an abundance of money and it is still a case of looking for bargains.

In this respect the Dons have a pretty good track record. Since they took the plunge to re-build the side nearly a year ago, club officials have made some very astute signings.

They kicked off with the acquisition of Tony Banham and Don Robson from Hull.

Banham was an instant hit, even though his workrate has been criticised from time to time, and he went on to become last season's leading try-scorer with a barnstorming style which appealed to the fans. He is one of the few players who has the fans on the edge of their seats with anticipation every time he gets the ball.

Even though Robson left the club recently in somewhat unhappy circumstances his signing served its

purpose and he introduced a steely hardness into the pack at a time when it was most needed.

Young goalkicking centre David Noble followed from Wakefield Trinity at a giveaway price and he has collected a bagfull of points with tries, accurate kicking and a flair for dropping goals.

The signing of Noble was a fine investment for the Dons could recoup their money an time they wanted. In the last two weeks they have rejected approaches from Barrow and Huddersfield and other clubs have had him watched.

Second row man Norman Cooper also came from Wakefield to play a vital part in the Dons revival. Cooper, possibly the best all-round forward the Dons have had in recent years, gets through a vast amount of work which is not always noticed by the fans...but it is appreciated by his fellow-professionals on the field.

Then came Dick Lowe. The former Dewsbury star, recently appointed player-coach, has introduced a method of play at Tatters Field and the Dons are a far more organised looking side since his arrival.

Dick tries to bring the best out of his players and, although he will soon be approaching the twilight of an honourable career, he has the know-how to play a big part in the long-term future of the club.

Within days of his appointment he was considering bringing new players to Tatters Field and his contribution is far more than 80 minutes on a Sunday afternoon.

In addition the Dons picked up Kevin Hanley, Jimmy Irwin and Alan Walker from amateur clubs last season and the decision to re-form the "A" team is proving a sound investment this term. Wayne Mountain and Roy Lockwood have already signed professional forms and there are more good prospects on the way up.

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