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SUNDAY, 4th DECEMBER, 1977

**BARROW
v
OLDHAM**

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

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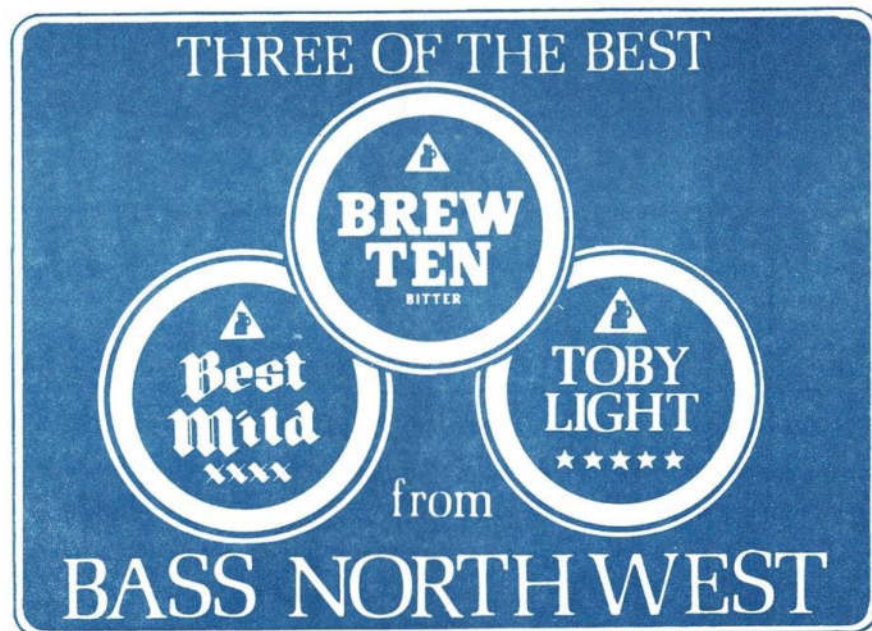
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CLUB NOTES

Barrow v

OLDHAM

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4th 1977

Kick Off 2.30p.m.

We welcome Oldham to Craven Park to-day with keen anticipation for a good game, from two teams both in the top four of the league table and both teams pulling out all the stops in their efforts to stay in the top four.

We have visited Oldham twice this season once in the league programme when we were beaten 23 points to 7 points and also in the first round of the John Player competition when Oldham were again successful by 16 points to 8 points, so you can readily understand that our players will be going flat out to avenge both these defeats, Oldham are a very sound all round team who play well together but they are greatly helped by the goal kicking of Uri Stondin who already this season has kicked nine goals against Barrow, so we will have to watch our step with regard to giving him the opportunity to kick any more. Oldham have recently concluded the transfer of Alan Bates who has been playing for them on loan he is a very good half back.

We had a very comfortable win at Halifax last week when Gordon Pritchard played the second of his trial games and impressed Frank Foster and the directors who watched him so much that it was decided to go ahead and sign him, and although this has not been finalised at the time of these notes going to press I am quite sure that by now this will have been attended to.

In this comfortable win Ralf McConnell scored two more tries and Billy Fawkes got a cracker, whilst Tommy Thompson scored his first of the season as also did Savi Navaru, Phil Hogan scored a great try running half the length of the field to touch down and kicked seven goals. Further tries came from Howard Allen (a cheeky one from a play ball under the sticks) and a block buster from Paul Kavanagh.

This victory however was not achieved without our usual crop of injuries, after only ten minutes play Mel Mason had to go to hospital

with a suspected broken jaw an x-ray examination however showed no break but severe bruising. Tony Dean making his first appearance since breaking a leg took over at scrum half but after only five minutes he had to leave the field with a leg injury the extent of the injury not being known at the time of writing these notes.

We are very fortunate at Craven Park in having a very hard working ladies committee who not only run the snack bar, but also run various functions, raffles etc. to raise money for the good of the club. They usually use the money to equip the medical room with up to date equipment for the treatment of our injuries, and this is what they have done again by purchasing and giving to the club a massage table. It is now in the medical room and I can assure you that it is getting plenty of use.

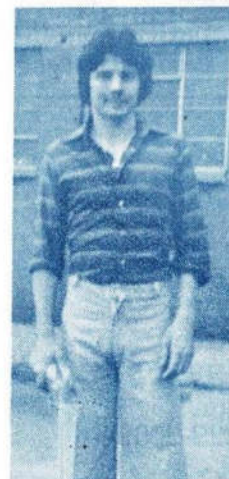
Our grateful thanks go to the ladies committee, their efforts are very much appreciated by us all.

This being our last home game before Christmas I would like to take this rather early opportunity of wishing all our supporters a *Very Happy Christmas* on behalf of the Directors, Players and Staff.

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Howard Allen

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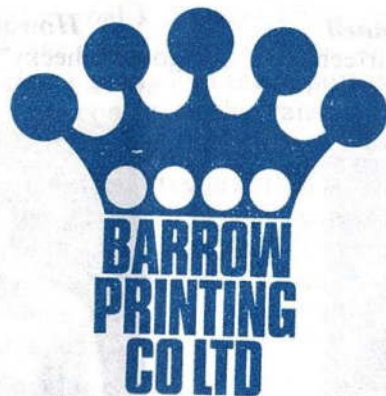
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MAN OF THE MONTH AWARD.

Greenall Whitley, the Warrington based brewers, are linking up with the "Sunday People" to present a new "Man of the Month" Award Scheme. Every month during the season a special panel of judges will select the Rugby League personality who has made the most impact on the game, be it player, referee, coach, or official. The recipient will be presented with a cheque for £100 and will be featured in the John Robinson column in the "Sunday People".

Greenall Whitley are also to sponsor the "Sunday People Points Scoring Awards" introduced last season. This season the top try scorer will receive £5 per try and a £100 bonus if Billy Boston's pre-war record of 50 tries in a season is smashed. The top goal kicker will receive £1 per goal kick and a £100 bonus if David Watkins world record of 221 goal kicks in a season is booted into touch.

The inaugural winners were ace goal kicker Sammy Lloyd who received a cheque for £175 and Widnes flyer Stuart Wright who was rewarded with a £100 cheque for touching down 31 times.

The first Greenall Whitley - Sunday People award goes to Leigh starlet John Woods in recognition of his September points scoring feats, highlighted by his 38 points haul - a Leigh record, made up of four tries and thirteen goals.

RUGBY LEAGUE ANNUAL 1977/78

Rugby League's fast growing library has been extended by the addition of a Rugby League Annual. Produced for the first time, the 62-page hard-back book is aimed at young readers and contains

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- 1 T. Thompson
- 2 W. Fawkes
- 3 P. Davies
- 4 G. Pritchard
- 5 S. Navaru
- 6 R. McConnell
- 7 M. Mason
- 8 A. N. Other
- 9 H. Allen
- 10 P. McLean
- 11 P. Kavanagh
- 12 M. Flynn
- 13 P. Hogan
- 14 J. Perry
- 15 D. Hadley

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BUTLINS 1977

The massive Butlins organisation have asked Rugby League to extend their successful 17-week coaching operation at their Filey Camp to Skegness and Pwllheli. National Coaches Laurie Gant and Albert Fearnley organised the daily coaching sessions on alternate weeks culminating in the "Boy of the Year" Award Week, attended by 26 young players from throughout the North of England, Lincolnshire, and the North East. John Fieldhouse (16) of Newton, Wigan, was chosen as "Boy of the Year" and received his star prize of two V.I.P. tickets for the 1978 Challenge Cup Final and accommodation for two; a Rugby League promotional kit; and a Mitre Sports package including track suit, boots, training shoes, holdall, and ball. The runner-up was Trevor Penrose (15) of Orchard Park Estate, Hull, who received an autographed ball, and third went to Steven Braithwaite (15) of Hill Crest, Whitehaven, who was presented with a Roger Millward International jersey. The "Young Player of the Year" was 10-year old Ian Rigby of Deeping-St. James, Lincolnshire, who received a leather bound Bradford Northern 1973 Wembley photo album.

The final week was staged as a promotional venture for Rugby League and daily visitors to the Filey Camp included Clive Sullivan M.B.E., Roger Millward, Billy Thompson, and the Leeds quartet of David Ward, Les Dyl, John Holmes, and Phil Cookson, who took the Rugby League Challenge Cup with them. The boys were also guests of Castleford R.L.F.C. for their home game with New Hunslet.

The four-month Filey venture was sponsored by Mitre Sports.

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AWARDS.

The Greenall Whitley/Sunday People October "Man of the Month" is Wigan's South African wingman Green Vigo. The coloured winger was a unanimous choice as the Rugby League personality to have made the most impact during October. His try scoring feats, including the magnificent John Player hat trick at Headingley, earned him £100 and an inscribed tankard.

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FIRST TEAM					"A" TEAM				
AUGUST 1977					AUGUST 1977				
20th Rochdale (L. Cup)	A		5	27	20th				
SEPTEMBER 1977					27th				
4th SWINTON	H		27	0	SEPTEMBER 1977				
11th Oldham	A		7	23	3rd Swinton	A	15	22	
18th LEIGH	H		20	10	10th OLDHAM	H			
25th Batley	A		20	7	17th Leigh	A	19	11	
29th LEIGH	H		6	10	24th Huyton	A	21	0	
OCTOBER 1977					OCTOBER 1977				
2nd HALIFAX	H		29	5	8th Warrington	A	17	10	
9th DONCASTER	H		25	8	10th Barrow Amateurs	H	47	0	
16th Huddersfield	A		13	15	15th HUYTON	H	28	12	
23rd Oldham	A		8	16	22nd Huyton	A	16	6	
30th YORK	H		16	3	29th Rochdale		3	6	
NOVEMBER 1977					NOVEMBER 1977				
6th Players No.6 2nd Round					5th Salford	A	12	15	
13th Swinton	A		15	10	12th SWINTON	H	11	10	
20th HUYTON	H		15	7	19th Workington	A	8	5	
27th Halifax	A		38	13	26th Widnes	A	3	32	
DECEMBER 1977					DECEMBER 1977				
4th OLDHAM	H				3rd Oldham	A			
11th Doncaster	A				10th WIGAN	H			
18th York	A				17th WARRINGTON	H			
27th WHITEHAVEN	H				24th				
JANUARY 1978					31st				
1st					JANUARY 1978				
8th BLACKPOOL	H				7th WIDNES	H			
15th Rochdale	A				14th ROCHDALE	H			
22nd					21st ST. HELENS	H			
29th Keighley	A				28th St. Helens	A			
FEBRUARY 1978					FEBRUARY 1978				
5th KEIGHLEY	H				4th SALFORD	H			
12th R.L.Cup 1st Round					11th				
19th Leigh	A				18th LEIGH	H			
26th R.L. Cup 2nd Round					25th WORKINGTON	H			
MARCH 1978					MARCH 1978				
5th HUDDERSFIELD	H				11th Wigan	A			
12th BATLEY	H				18th				
19th Huyton	A				25th				
26th					APRIL 1978				
27th Whitehaven	A				1st	A			
APRIL					8th				
2nd ROCHDALE	H				15th				
9th					All Matches at Home will Kick-off				
16th Blackpool	A				at 2.30p.m.				

Team Appearances

PLAYERS NAME	1st TEAM				"A" TEAM			
	Apps.	Gl.s.	Trs.	Total Points	Apps.	Gl.s.	Trs.	Total Points
T. Thompson	13		1	3				
P. Clegg	5		2	6	9		10	30
R. Nicholson	1							
R. McConnell	14		13	39				
I. Holland	12	1DG	2	7				
M. Mason	13		7	21				
F. Jones	4				9			
T. Dean	5	1DG		1				
S. Hogan	1							
J. Perry	10		1	3	1			
E. Szymala	9	26	2	58	1	3	1	9
H. Allan	10		2	6	3			
D. Secker	4				3			
M. Flynn	12							
P. Kavanagh	14		5	15				
G. Davies	5				7		1	3
P. Hogan	11	20	7	61				
D. Hadley	9		2	6	1			
K. Knight	2				5		1	3
K. O'Brien	6				1		1	3
K. Southward					11		3	9
E. Hill	2				5			
R. Cook					10		1	3
N. Gibson					9		2	6
A. Hughes					11			
P. McLean	6				3		1	3
S. Kirkby	4				7		4	12
W. Fawkes	8		3	9	3		3	9
G. Pritchard	2							
P. Davies	9				3		2	6
S. Navaru	2		1	3	3		2	6
D. Hill	3		1	3				
H. McCourt	8							
T. Wood					12		1	3
D. Elliott					4			
R. Chapples					9		2	6
S. Gibson					10		2	6
G. Worrall					11	37		74
R. Wardle					1			

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