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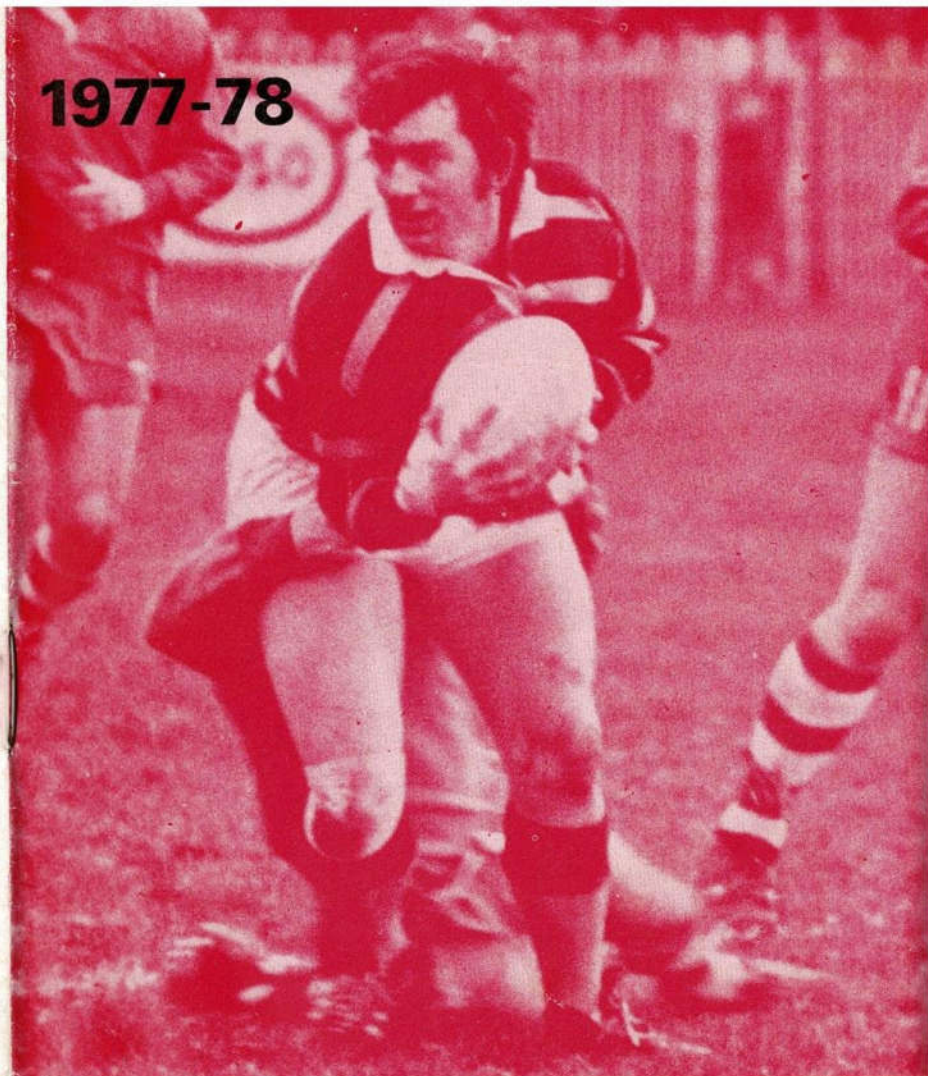
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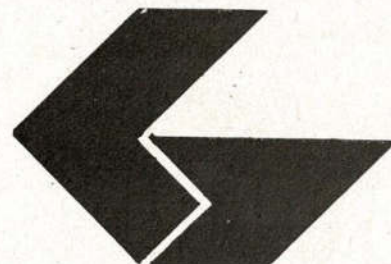
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FOX'S FARTOWN BEAT

I would like to extend a warm welcome once more to our friends from Oldham and wish them, as well as our own supporters, a prosperous New Year.

This will be a tough match for us and one we need to win to maintain our position in the top six of the Second Division.

The lads from the Watersheddings proved a handful for us in November when they came to Fartown in the second round of the John Player Competition.

Indeed, Oldham were winning with thirty minutes to go and we had David Jeanes sent off for a high tackle on livewire scrum half Alan Bates, since signed after a trial period.

We managed to stage a second half rally and ended up fairly comfortable 21-11 winners, but they certainly gave us a run for our money.

These notes were compiled before the Halifax games but we should still be in contention for promotion, as are our opponents today.

But with so many good teams in the lower division it is bound to be close at the end. Even with half the League programme completed it is still early days and anything could happen yet.

We had a disappointing result at Whitehaven three weeks ago though on that occasion we were without Tom Davies, Peter Cramp and myself through injury and Steve Lyons had 'flu.

At the time of writing most of the injuries were healing and I am hoping we can avoid another crop of them for we have not one of the strongest squads in the League.

I hope we can strengthen our pool of players because if we do gain promotion this season, it is not big enough for the First Division, where players are likely to receive more knocks.

We now have a new board of directors at Fartown and I am optimistic about the future. We will be trying today to start the new year as we mean to carry on — that is with a win, but it will not be easy.

NEIL FOX

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Today's Opponents — OLDHAM

By IAN LAYBOURN, Huddersfield Examiner

When Oldham came to Fartown in November it was for a John Player Competition match. Yet this league encounter will probably have as much importance for both sides.

Depending on the outcome of the Christmas games — and Oldham had another tough clash with Second Division leaders Rochdale — there can be very little separating the two teams in the top six.

At the time of writing the visitors were hoping to get a few of their injured players back to fitness, though one likely absentee is ex-Fartown forward Alan Forster, who moved to the Watersheddings in the deal which brought Glen Knight back to Huddersfield.

Alan, who was disappointed not to play at Fartown in the cup-tie, may have to see a specialist about his arm injury, which is more complicated than at first thought.

The full back berth is certain, bar injury, to be taken by Martin Murphy, who had a fine game against Huddersfield in November, while there is fierce competition for the threequarter spots.

Keith Jackson and goalkicker Uri Stondin were the wingers on that occasion, and Phil Larder, who sustained an injury early on, and Eddie Barton were the centres.

Coach Dave Cox, in his first season at Oldham, can also call on Brian Anglin, Geoff Munro and Huyton centre Tony Redford, who has been having trials.

When Cox arrived at the Watersheddings he brought with him former Dewsbury skipper Alan Bates, whose scrum-half qualities were proved in a distinguished career at Crown Flatt.

The stand-off position is far less open with John Paterson, Mick McCone and John Blair all competing for places.

Brian Hughes, Roger O'Mahoney and Peter Frodsham made up the front row on Oldham's visit two months ago though Frodsham lost his place to Fred Hall soon after that through injury.

Peter Jewitt could be joined in the second row by either Steve Herbert or Paul Starbuck while Leigh-based Tony Peters is a very capable loose forward.

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	G	T	Pts
FOX	54(1D)	4	115
BRANCH	—	18	48
LEATHLEY	—	7	21
WILSON	3	5	21
CYRUS	—	6	18
SHEPHERD	—	6	18
SENIOR	—	5	15
KNIGHT	—	4	12
ROWE	—	3	9
CLEGG	—	3	9
MULLANEY	—	3	9
JEANES	—	2	6
WROE	—	2	6
HOOSON	—	2	6
DAVIES	—	2	6
LYONS	—	1	3
HEPPLESTON	—	1	3
VAN BELLEN	—	1	3
NELMES	—	1	3
REDFEARN	1	—	2

'A' Team Matches

	G	T	Pts
REDFEARN	22	—	44
WILSON	14(2D)	2	36
ARMITAGE	8	1	19
DAVIES	—	5	15
MULLANEY	3	2	12
LEESE	—	4	12
RUDDOCK	—	4	12
MORTON	—	4	12
CLEGG	2	2	10
NELMES	—	3	9
JOHNSON	—	3	9
ROWE	—	2	6
VAN BELLEN	—	2	6
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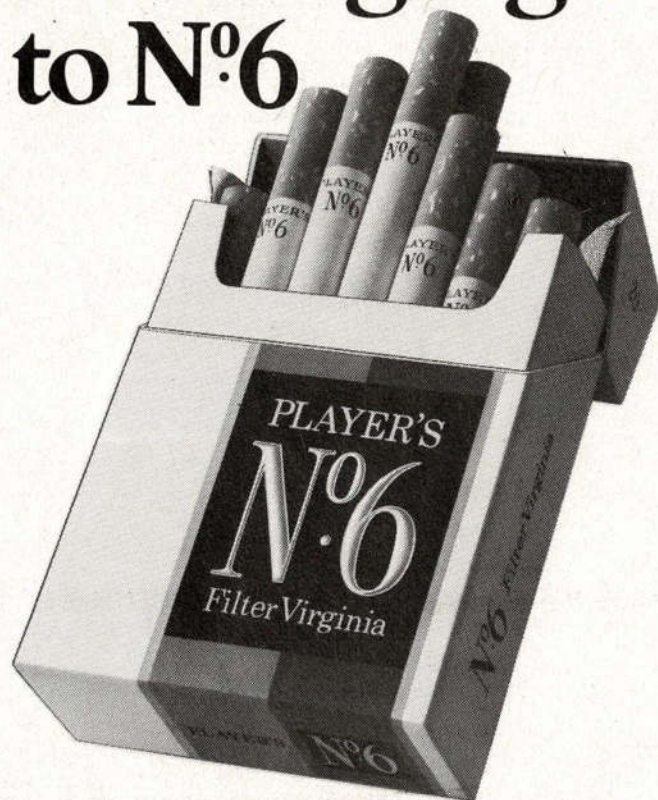
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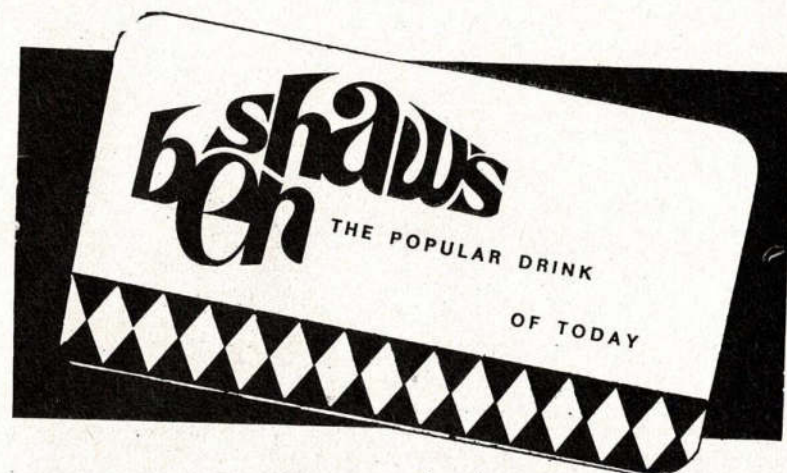
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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Northern Rugby Football League				Northern Rugby Football League			
		F	A			F	A
1977				1978			
August				January			
21 *YORK home 3-00	17	20		2 OLDHAM home 3-00	...	...	
Esso Y.C., 1st Round				8 BATLEY home 3-00	...	...	
30 *WIGAN home 7-30	18	22		15 Huyton away 2-30	...	...	
BBC2 Floodlit Trophy (prelim)				22			
September				29 Batley away 3-00	...	...	
4 LEIGH home 3-00	11	22		February			
11 Swinton away 3-00	27	13		5 BLACKPOOL home 3-00	...	...	
18 HUXTON home 3-00	44	0		12 *Challenge Cup, 1st Round			
25 Blackpool away 3-00	33	15		19 ROCHDALE home 3-00	...	...	
October				26 *Challenge Cup, 2nd Round			
2 KEIGHLEY home 3-00	18	10		March			
9 Leigh away 3-00	14	20		5 Barrow away 2-30	...	...	
16 BARROW home 3-00	15	13		12			
23 WHITEHAVEN home 3-00	33	13		19 SWINTON home 3-00	...	...	
John Player Comp., 1st Rd.				24 Keighley away 7-30	...	...	
30 DONCASTER home 3-00	44	10		27 Oldham away 3-00	...	...	
November				April			
6 OLDHAM home 3-00	21	11		1 *Challenge Cup, 1st semi-final			
John Player Comp., 2nd Rd.				2			
13 York away 2-30	14	0		8 *Challenge Cup, 2nd s-f			
19 BRADFORD N. home 2-30	0	11		9 Rochdale away 3-00	...	...	
John Player Comp., Qtr.-Final				16 YORK home 3-00	...	...	
20 WHITEHAVEN home 3-00	Postp'd			May			
December				13 Challenge Cup Final			
4 Doncaster away 2-30	31	8		20 Premiership Final			
10 Whitehaven away 3-00	5	9					
18							
26 Halifax away 3-00	...	...					
27 HALIFAX home 3-00	...	...					

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"A" TEAM FIXTURES

Yorkshire Senior Competition				Yorkshire Senior Competition			
		F	A			F	A
1977				1978			
August				January			
20 Featherstone R. away 3-00	15	28		7 Batley away 2-30	...	...	
27 BRAMLEY home 3-00	27	12		18 New Hunslet away 7-30	...	...	
September				28 BATLEY home 3-00	...	...	
3 Bramley away 3-00	25	40		February			
10 BRADFORD N. home 3-00	5	23		4 Leeds away 3-00	...	...	
17 Featherstone R. away 3-00	cancel			18 York away 3-00	...	...	
*YSC Comp., 1st Round				25 WAKEFIELD T. home 3-00	...	...	
24 HULL K.R. home 3-00	11	19		March			
30 Keighley away 7-30	21	13		4 HALIFAX home 3-00	...	...	
October				9 Wakefield T. away 7-30	...	...	
8 LEEDS home 3-00	22	15		18 FEATHERSTONE home 3-00	...	...	
15 DONCASTER home 3-00	42	0		25 KEIGHLEY home 3-00	...	...	
22 DEWSBURY home 3-00	16	20		31 Castleford away 7-30	...	...	
29 Doncaster away 3-00	22	10		April			
November				8 NEW HUNSLET home 3-00	...	...	
5 Bradford N. away 3-00	0	53		15 Hull K.R. away 2-30	...	...	
12 YORK home 3-00	14	14					
19 HULL home 3-00	Postp'd						
December							
3 Dewsbury away 2-30	12	9					
10 CASTLEFORD home 3-00	...	...					
24 Halifax away 2-30	...	...					
30 Hull away 7-30	...	...					

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