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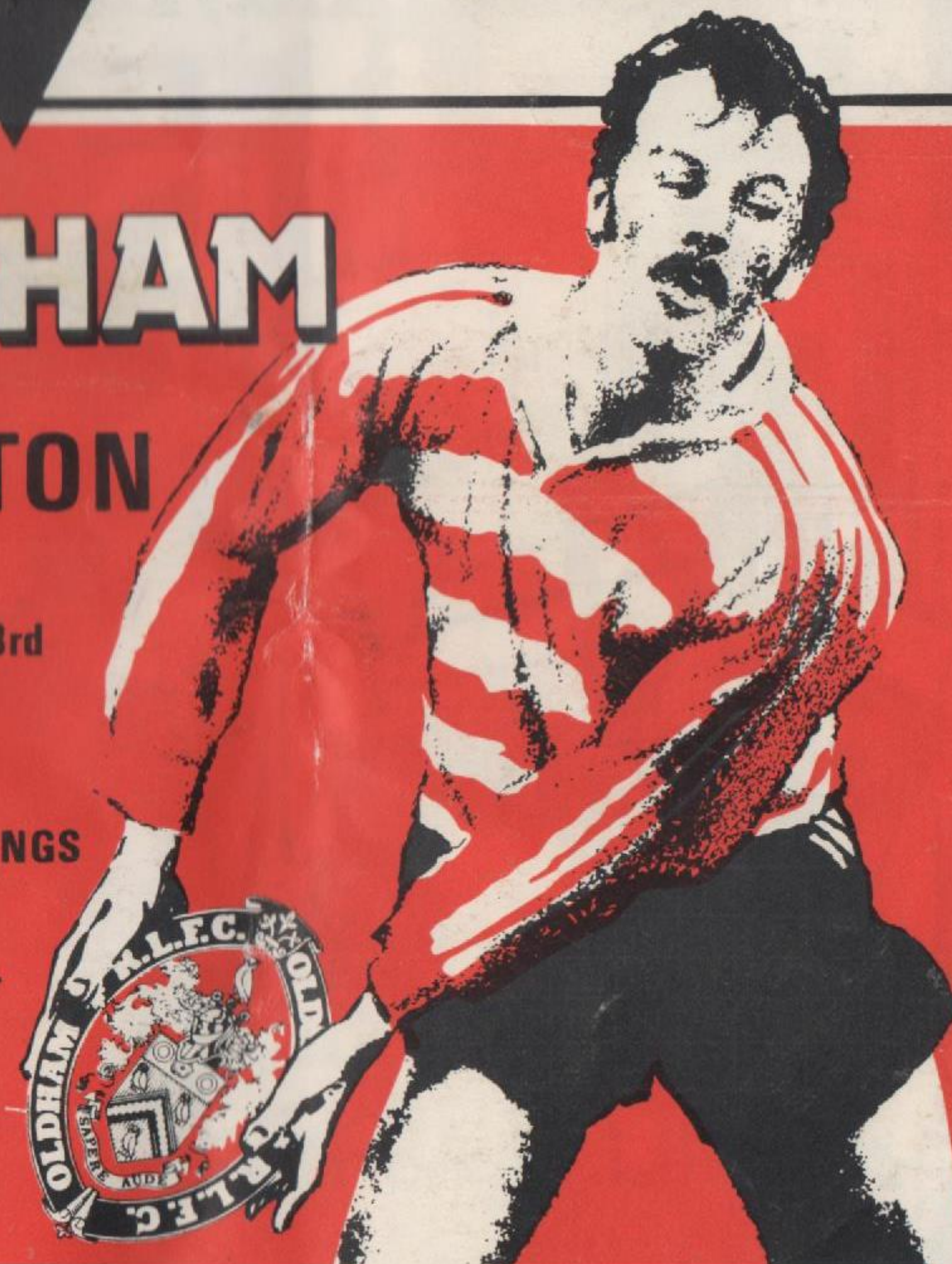
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### CLUB RECORDS

|                                 |                                                       |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Record Victory                  | 67-6 against Liverpool City April 59                  |
| Record defeat                   | 11-67 by Hull K.R. Sept. 78                           |
| Record attendance               | 28,000 v Huddersfield Feb 24th 1912                   |
| Record receipts                 | £9,100 v Wakefield 24th Feb. 1980                     |
| Record transfer fee paid        | £18,500 to Hunslet for Mick Parrish Sept. 1980        |
| Record transfer fee received    | £11,002: 10s from Workington for Ike Southward Jan 62 |
| Record try scorer               | Reg Farrar 49 tries 1921/22 season                    |
| Record goal scorer              | Bernard Ganley 224 goals 1957/58 season               |
| Record point scorer             | Bernard Ganley 28 pts v Liverpool City April 59       |
| First game                      | October 21 1876 v Stalybridge                         |
| Highest number of Points Scored | Bernard Ganley 2881                                   |
| Most Appearances                | Joe Ferguson 685                                      |
| Most Tries                      | Pre 1900 Jack Hirst 233 Since 1900 Alan Davies 182    |

### CLUB HONOURS

|                                             |                                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rugby League Championship Play-off winners: | 1909-10, 1910-11 and 1956-57                                                          |
| Runners-up:                                 | 1906-07, 1907-08, 1908-09, 1921-22 and 1954-55                                        |
| First Division Champions:                   | 1904-05                                                                               |
| Second Division Champions:                  | 1963-64                                                                               |
| Rugby League Challenge Cup winners:         | 1898-99, 1924-25, 1926-27                                                             |
| Runners-up:                                 | 1906-07, 1911-12, 1923-24 and 1925-26                                                 |
| Lancashire Cup winners:                     | 1907-08, 1910-11, 1913-14, 1919-20, 1924-25, 1933-24,<br>1956-57, 1957-58 and 1958-59 |
| Runners-up:                                 | 1908-09, 1911-12, 1918-19, 1921-22, 1954-55, 1966-67 and 1968-69                      |
| Lancashire Championship winners:            | 1907-08, 1909-10, 1921-22, 1956-57 and 1957-58                                        |
| Runners-up:                                 | 1908-09, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1919-20, 1923-24 and 1954-55                               |
| Lancashire Shield winners:                  | 1975-76 1979-80                                                                       |
| Colts Premiership Trophy:                   | 1979-80                                                                               |

## WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

BEFORE travelling to Huddersfield last Sunday, the Oldham team maintained its 100 per cent record in the Second Division with a 19-5 win against Dewsbury at Watersheddings.

It was not one of our best performances but reports from around the league suggest that all clubs are struggling somewhat with the new season's teething troubles caused by such things as adjusting to the new international laws and getting used to the stricter control by referees in the scrums.

Roger O'Mahoney, the Oldham hooker, and Steve Dufton, his Dewsbury counterpart, were dismissed near the end for alleged technical offences and will have their cases heard in Leeds tomorrow by the disciplinary committee.

All the signs are that tomorrow's meeting will be one of the busiest on record.

We struggled against Dewsbury until the last 20 minutes when we ran in tries by Ashley McEwen, Ray Ashton and Gareth Owen. Mick Parrish kicked another five goals, taking his season's total to 18, and Oldham finally finished up as comfortable winners after leading by only three points until the last quarter.

At that stage there was only one other unbeaten team in the Second Division — Salford — and one hopes that by tonight we are still in the happy position following last week-end's match at Huddersfield.

After their inauspicious start against Leeds, the Colts team earned a pleasing 29-21 triumph at Wakefield in their second match and maybe there will be some good times ahead now for Brian Gartland's boys.

The Oldham club has been catching the headlines off the pitch following transfer requests from Ray Ashton, Alan Platt and Bob Mordell.

The requests were considered deeply by club officials and the coaches last week and, after careful consideration of all the facts and implications, it was decided to grant the requests by the players concerned.

Alan Platt and Ray Ashton were thus transfer-listed at £60,000 each and Bob Mordell was transfer-listed at £35,000.

On the very night that the news "broke", another Oldham youngster, Paddy Kirwan, was making his debut for Lancashire in their match against Cumbria at Wigan.

Terry Flanagan was also in the squad, having been substitute for the county for their match against Yorkshire at Castleford the previous week.

Injury ruled Terry out of the Cumbria match but Paddy got his first taste of county football when he was called into the action 12 minutes from the end.

We congratulate both Oldham lads on their recognition for the county in this season's championship and trust that many more honours will come their way.

Don't forget that after tonight's game we are at home again on Sunday when we entertain Doncaster — a match which takes on added significance for two main reasons.

To start with, we have been drawn at home against the Dons in the first round of the Player's Trophy on October 18th and Sunday's game should give us an insight into what the cup-tie holds in store.

Secondly, Doncaster appear to be doing much better than usual this season, having already recorded home wins against Rochdale and Batley.

Moreover, they have in stand-off John Buckton a player who is regularly running in the tries and making quite a name for himself.

See you Sunday!

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## PERSONALITY PROFILE

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### GEOFF MUNRO



**Age:** 27 (2/11/53)  
**Born:** Oldham  
**Height:** 5ft 10ins  
**Weight:** 13 stones 7lbs.  
**Car:** Opel Ascona  
**School:** Breeze Hill  
**College/University:** Manchester Building College  
**Previous Club:** Fitton Hill  
**Favourite Players:** Alan Kellet and Bob Irvine  
**Favourite other teams:** Hull, Widnes  
**Most difficult opponent:** Workington winger last season (No. 5)  
**Most memorable match:** Oldham v Halifax 1979/80 season  
**Biggest disappointment:** Breaking leg at end of last season (v Wakefield)  
**Best country visited:** Spain  
**Favourite captain:** Frank Foster (a few weeks ago) – 20 years ago  
**Miscellaneous likes:** Playing, having a drink with the lads after when won, and Guinness and listening to Mike Sweeny on Radio Picadilly  
**Miscellaneous dislikes:** Losing on a Sunday then having to face work on Monday morning.  
**Favourite TV shows:** Benny Hill Show, and Coronation Street (Popeye)  
**Favourite singer:** Diana Ross  
**Favourite actor/actress:** (Adrian Alex), Barbara Winsor and John Cleese

**Favourite film:** Rollerball  
**Favourite comedians:** Benny Hill and Bobby Ball  
**Favourite L.P.:** Mostly Diana Ross and Supremes  
**Favourite single:** "Win, Place or Show, She; A Winner" – The Intruders (1976)  
**Favourite Group:** Carpenters  
**Favourite food:** Mother-in-laws potato pie  
**Best friend:** Bank manager  
**Biggest influence on career:** Harry Ingwood and George Worthington (Breeze Hill teachers), and Dad.  
**Biggest drag in rugby:** Losing and broken legs  
**International debut:** v Rochdale Hornets  
**Personal ambition:** To be successful in life  
**Rugby ambition:** To play at Wembley  
**Who I would most like to meet:** Ray Ashton's costume designer for the rugby drag queen contest

## TODAY'S VISITORS

### SWINTON R.L.F.C.



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R.L. Cup Winners 1899/1900, 1925/26, 1927/28.

Beaten Finalists 1926/27, 1931/32.

Lancashire League Winners 1924/25, 1927/28, 1928/29, 1930/31, 1960/61.

Lancashire War League Winners 1939/40.

Lancashire Cup Winners 1925/26, 1927/28, 1939/40, 1969/70.

Beaten Finalists 1910/11, 1923/24, 1931/32, 1960/61, 1961/62, 1962/63, 1964/65, 1972/73.

Western Division Championship Beaten Finalists 1963/64.

#### CLUB RECORDS

Attendance: 44,621, Wigan v Leigh (Lancashire Cup Final), 27th October, 1951.

Goals: 128 by A. Blan, 1960/61.

Tries: 42 by J. Stopford, 1963/64.

Points: 283 by A. Blan, 1960/61.

SWINTON come to Watersheddings tonight with an interesting-looking and highly-experienced side that will be going all out to put one over on their former bosses, Frank Myler and Peter Smethurst.

The Lions finished sixth in the Second Division last season with 17 wins and two draws from their 28 matches to finish three points behind fourth-placed Whitehaven.

It was during the close season that Myler and Smethurst left Station Road to come to Watersheddings whereupon Swinton filled their coaching vacancies by appointing former Leigh boss Tom Grainey as coach with Stan Gittins his assistant and Mike Peers, the former Warrington player, as "A" team player-coach.

In recent weeks Swinton have done some recruiting of new players as well.

They have gone to the Widnes-Warrington areas to snap up two players from the amateur ranks, stand-off Colin Mercer from Woolston and second-row forward Terry Clark, who had been on Warrington's books, from Simms Cross.

Their most recent captures from professional clubs are Steve Breheney from Rochdale Hornets and Les Bolton from Wigan.

Prop-forward Breheney moved to Station Road in an exchange deal for Kel Earl while half-back Bolton, a former Swinton player, returned to his old club with scrum-half Adrian Foster going the other way.

Bolton and Breheney made their debuts when Swinton picked up their first Second Division win against Doncaster after losing at home to Blackpool and then away to Hunslet.

The Lions won 26-3 after leading 21-3 at the interval and coach Grainey must have been well pleased especially at the performance in the first half.

The introduction of Breheney at open-side prop and Bolton at scrum-half, coupled with the presence at stand-off of Alan Fairhurst — an £8,000 capture from Leigh early this season — means that Swinton can now boast a very experienced pack and half-back pairing.

An interesting guide to tonight's match would be the result of the Carlisle-Swinton match last Sunday.

Several of the players who will probably be on duty tonight were signed by Swinton while Frank Myler was in charge, notably South African winger Green Vigo from Wigan, prop Dennis Ashcroft from Oldham, and centre Danny Wilson, the Welshman who once played two trial matches for Oldham.

With players up front like Breheney, Ashcroft, Grice, Highton and Peers and fast backs of the calibre of Vigo, Wilson and Alva Drummond, the Lions should be able to roar a bit!

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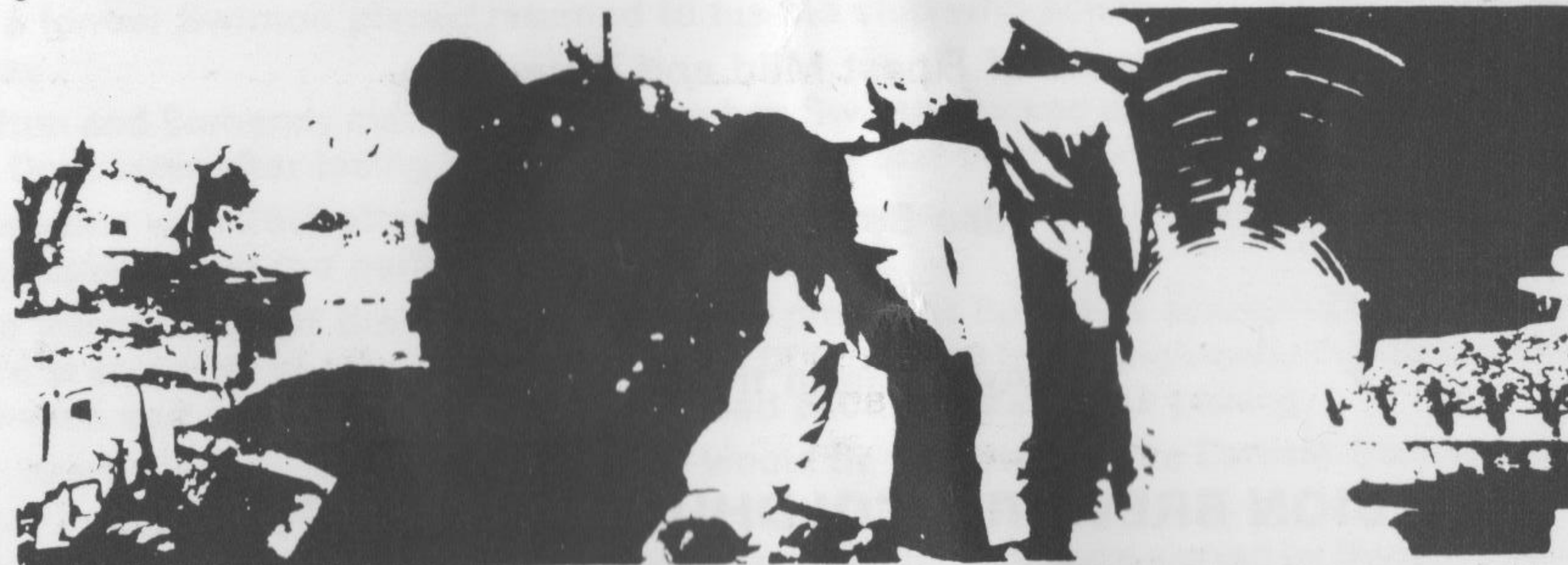
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SEATED: John Gorton, Danny Wilson, Green Vigo, Denis Ashcroft, Bob Bruen, John Mellor, Alva Drummond, Alan Fairhurst.

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## QUIZ TIME

THE first of our club quiz questions appear below. The first two correct entries will receive two free tickets for our next game. So come on all you budding Masterminds, let's have your answers addressed to the Pavilion, Watersheddings, Oldham.

1. Name the two Oldham players on the current register to have appeared in a Challenge Cup final squad at Wembley.
2. Which Club has won the Challenge Cup most times?
3. How many times have Oldham won the Lancashire Cup?
4. Has Martin Murphy ever won International Honours; if so, for whom and when?
5. Which was the only 2nd Division club to beat Oldham at Watersheddings in their last promotion season 1979/80?

## DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

with Franny Ward at Watersheddings

### £3,000 DRAW

Welcome to tonight's game and can I take this opportunity to invite everybody to our Super Draw which will be taking place this Saturday, September 26th. We are very pleased to have secured Mike Sweeney, of Piccadilly Radio 261 to pick "out of the hat" the lucky winner of £3,000. Mike will be doing the draw at 12 noon but the fun and games start at 11 o'clock with the Oldham Rugby League Roadshow. The Roadshow consists of disco games (for the young and old alike), Radio Mr. interviews, also in attendance will be players and officials from the Club and as a special preview treat the girls from the Supporters' Club rugby team will be doing their thing around the display area.

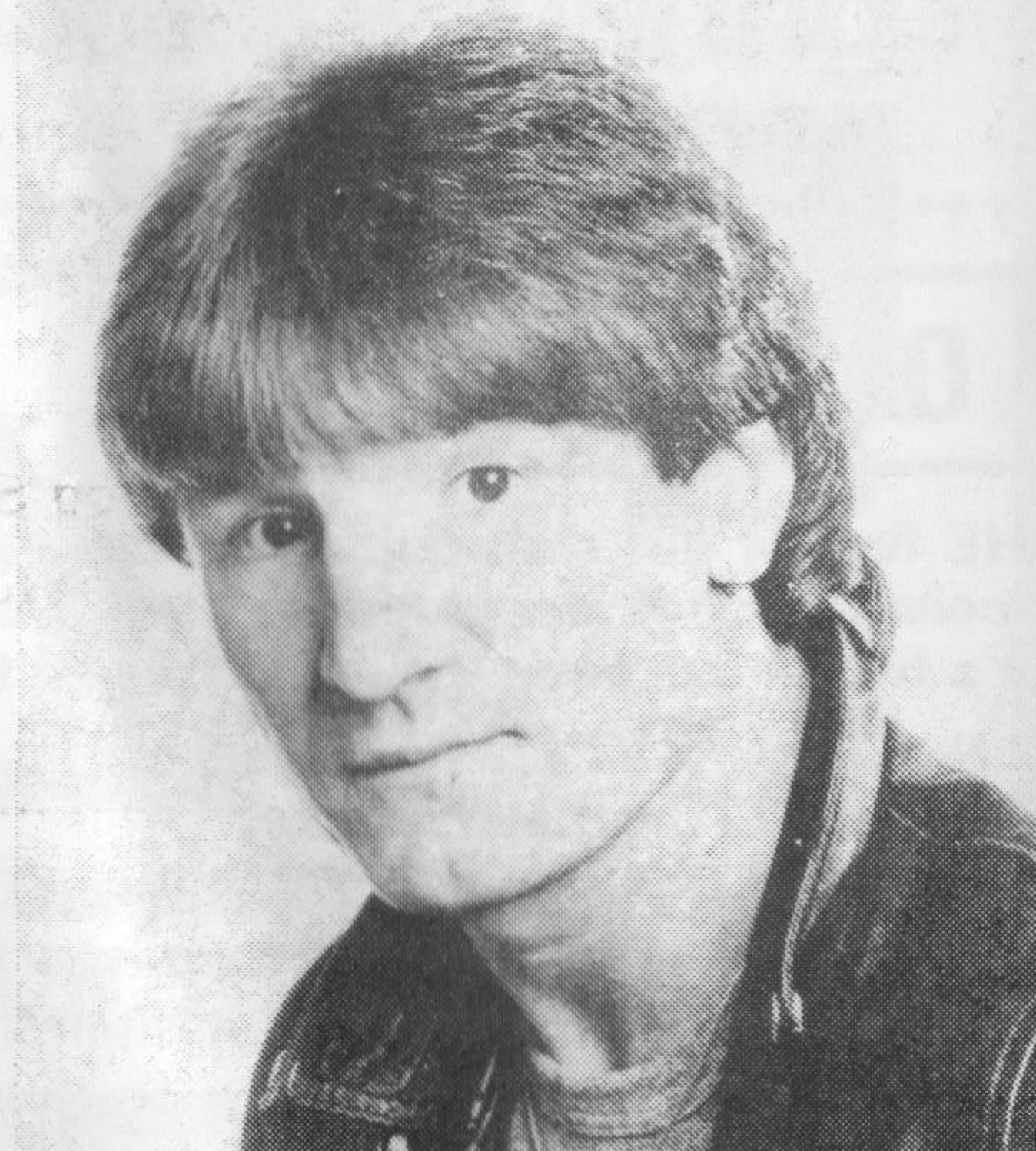
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### EARLY CLUB HISTORY REQUIRED

Local historian Tom Webb, who writes in our programme, requires details of Oldham R.L.F.C. matches played in the following seasons, 1900/1901, 1901/1902.

Tom, who is regarded as an expert in the world of Rugby League for history details is missing information of ten games around this time to complete his records. He would be most grateful to anyone who can help him with the necessary information. If you are able to oblige him please contact the Development Offices.

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ASHLEY McEWEN on the break in the match against Dewsbury.



ASHLEY McEWEN scores his try against Dewsbury.



ROGER O'MAHONEY looks for support in our win against Dewsbury at Watersheddings.



SPOT THE BALL! It appears to be on Brian Caffrey's back — an incident from the Dewsbury game.

*Photographs by courtesy of Oldham Evening Chronicle*

## BALL STEALING

by Brian Batty — Daily Mail

IF Rugby League is to avoid taking a backward step then it has to abolish completely the stealing of the ball by players.

Forget about the decision to fall in line with international rules — think of the game in this country.

This business of players being allowed to steal the ball brings more controversy and ill feeling than many rules put together.

To say that once a tackle has been completed no player shall take or attempt to take the ball from the tackled player does not eliminate the snags.

Certainly players are being shackled in their approach, worrying about whether they will be robbed of possession when they should be thinking of making a pass.

If we start to take the skill out of handling the game then it is going to suffer as a spectacle.

We should be doing everything to improve this aspect of the game not spoiling it.

But there is no doubt that the much criticised referees are on a hiding to nothing these days.

They are being asked to watch for so many things in a game that their workload has doubled in recent seasons.

Besides the tackle count, watching for forward passes and fouls, coping with dissent and cleaning up the scrums it is a wonder they are not wilting under the strain.

It is not a healthy position from my point of view and if scrapping ball stealing helps their cause then let's act now.

One referee told me recently: "It is getting to the point when with so many things to watch for in a game you no longer look forward to doing the job."

"I am sick of the way things have gone and if we do not get a better deal then I am prepared to think about packing it in."

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## A SHORT HISTORY OF SWINTON

by Tom Webb

A NOTICE in the Swinton Parish Magazine during 1867 announcing that the local cricket club would be forming a football club was the first intimation that the Swinton and Pendlebury Football Club was to come into being. The first game was played against the 46th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers, the local Territorial Army, or Terriers as we knew them. That was on January 2nd, 1868. In those days football was usually a mixture of soccer and rugby, sometimes one half being played under one set of rules and the other rules used in the second half. However by 1871 Swinton linked up with the Rugby Union.

In 1870 the club's headquarters were moved from the Bulls Head to the White Lion since when the club has been known as the Lions. For a few years the club made steady progress which reached its climax when Manchester the premier club were beaten on their own ground at Whalley Range by a try to nil.

In the club's Rugby Union days, four brothers named Farr played with the club, H.J., better known as "Buck" being the best known. W. Longshaw, the Dornings, Beswick, Joe Mills and Jimmy Valentine were also great stalwarts.

Jim Valentine was mentioned in the song written about an Oldham-Swinton game to the tune of "Two Little Girls in Blue". Some supporters will still remember it. It ran in one part:

"Jim Valentine got the ball lads  
And thought he'd nicely score,  
But Varley copped him  
And gently dropped him,  
And now he's on a happier shore".

Edward Beswick was first honoured by Lancashire in November 1879 and he went on to gain international honours. Jim Valentine played for Lancashire in 1884 and he went on to gain international representation.

When the Northern Union was formed in 1895 Swinton like their neighbours Salford stayed in the Rugby Union. The loss of all their best fixtures soon brought the Lions into the new body. By 1900 the club reached the final of the Challenge Cup and won the trophy by defeating Salford in the final.

It was in the mid 1920s that Swinton and Oldham dominated the Challenge Cup. Oldham appeared in four successive finals and Swinton in three. The year 1927/28 was the season in which Swinton won all four cups open to them, the Rugby League Challenge Cup, the Northern Rugby League championship, the Lancashire Cup and the Lancashire League. The Salford Royal Hospital Cup, then contested by the Lions, Salford, Broughton Rangers and Leigh made the number of trophies won that season, five, into a record for the game.

Some of the players will still be green in memory, Bill Reese, Bryn Evans, Jack Evans, Frank Evans, Hector Halsall, Frank Butters, Chris Brockbank, Jack Pearson, Miller Strong, Henry Blewer, Herbert Morris, Martin Hodgson, Dick Cracknell (senior) and Fred Beswick.

Almost half a century later the Lions were league champions for a couple of seasons when the two division scheme was temporarily introduced. Since then the club has declined somewhat, but there is a strong healthy support on which the club relies.

Recently at a Festival of Swinton Rugby, many old time supporters attended and there is every prospect of better days for the wearers of the blue jerseys who have been housed at Station Road since moving from Chorley Road away back in 1928/29.

## FLASHBACK

by courtesy of Tom Webb

How many of our supporters remember the corresponding day 5, 10, 15 years ago.

### FIVE YEARS AGO

Leigh 19, Oldham 13.

OLDHAM: Murphy; Elliott, Treasure, Wainwright, Lund; Blair, Paterson; Hughes, K. Taylor, I. Taylor, Welding, Flanagan, Peters. Kear for Welding.

LEIGH: Hogan; Davies, Stacey, Briggs, Walsh; Taylor, Stacey; Chisnall, Ashcroft, Fletcher, Rowley, Grimes, Boyd. Wood and Jones for Hogan and Sayer.

SCORERS: Oldham: Blair 2 goals, Elliott, Wainwright and Treasure 1 try each.

Leigh: Stacey 2 goals, Briggs 2 tries, Walsh, Sayer and Bond 1 try each.

Referee: K. Spencer. Attendance: 3,017.

### TEN YEARS AGO

Widnes 7, Oldham 19

OLDHAM: Murphy; Elliott, Larder, Buckley, Wilkinson; Kellett, Sayer; Wilson, K. Taylor, Irving, Churm, Alchin, Clark. Scahill and Owen for Kellett and Churm.

WIDNES: Adams; Prescott, McLaughlin, Bowden, Caydon; O'Neil, Ashton; Walsh, Elwell, Nelson, Nicholls, Kelly, Lowe. Hughes and Atherton for McLoughlin and Nelson.

SCORERS: Oldham: Larder 4 goals and 1 try, Kellett 1 goal, Irving and Clarke 1 try each.

Widnes: Adams 2 goals, Bowden try.

Referee: D. G. Kershaw. Attendance: 2,000.

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Halifax 23, Oldham 15

OLDHAM: Curry; Dolly, McLeod, McCormack, Simms; Warburton, Canning; Bott, K. Taylor, Wilson, Smethurst, Irving, Mooney.

HALIFAX: James, Jones, Dixon, Todd, Freeman; Robinson, Daley; Roberts, Kelly, Scroby, Fogerty, Renilson, Burnett.

SCORERS: Oldham: Curry 3 goals, Irving 2 tries, Wilson 1 try.

Halifax: James 4 goals and 1 try, Freeman 2 tries, Jones and Fogerty 1 try each.

Referee: J. Manley. Attendance 7,319.

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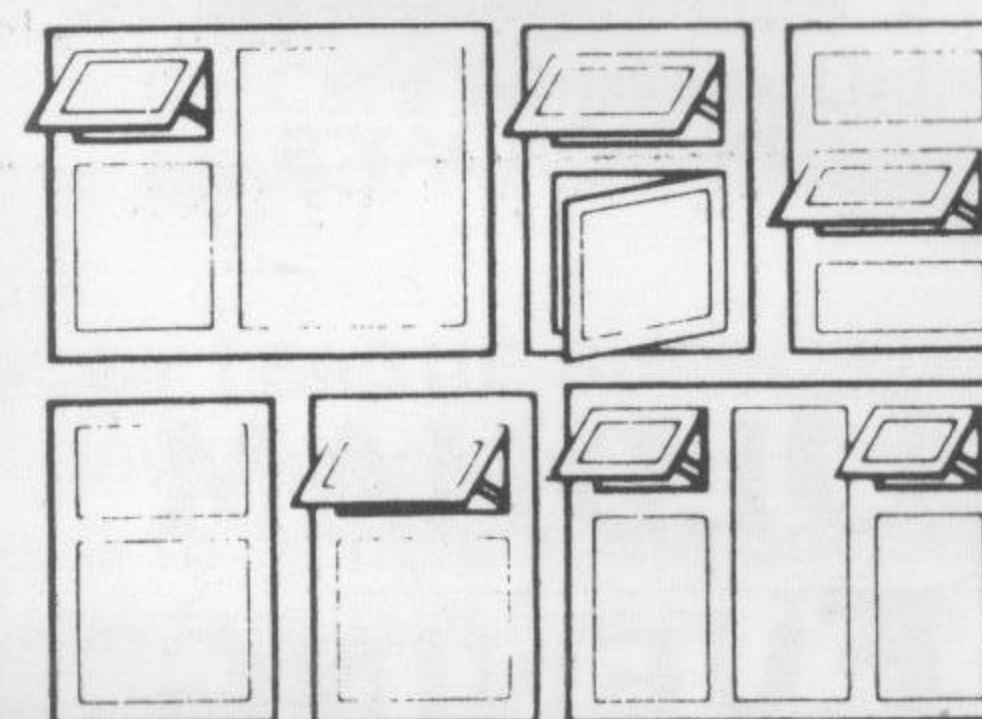
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## SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS

MANY people wish to know who are the Supporters' Club Committee. So starting with the launch of our brand new match day programme, we have pleasure in publishing our Committee list.

President, Mr. D. Blackburn  
Chairman, D. Pilkington  
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Secretary, T. Heywood  
Committee: Mrs. H. Heywood, Mrs. J. Pilkington,  
Mr. I. Pilkington, Mrs. L. Wolstencroft, Mrs. E. Crowther,  
Mr. C. Clarke, Mr. S. Chadderton, Mrs. L. Chadderton,  
Mr. B. Doleman.

So now there is no need for anybody not to be a member of Oldham R.L.F.C. Supporters' Club. Anyone, and that should read **EVERYONE** wishing to be a member please contact any of the committee at today's game at one of the canteens. Membership is £1 which includes a fabulous Supporter's Club diary.

### DANCE AND TUG-OF-WAR COMPETITION

We are hoping to enter a tug-of-war team in the above competition which is being held at the Cat's Whiskers, Oldham. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the team please contact the committee.

### RUGBY LEAGUE SUPPORTERS' COMPETITION

We are holding one of the heats of the "Mr. and Mrs. Rugby League" Competition. This is to be held in the Social Club on November 12th, 1981, at 8 p.m. the first prize is a holiday for two in France. There are two sets of questions, the first set of questions is on our own club, the second set of questions are on general Rugby League. So we need four couples, married or engaged to enter. Please contact the committee with your names. More details will follow in the near future.

### SOUVENIR SHOP

We have a brand new souvenir shop just at the side of the Hutchins Stand. We have for sale old and new matchday programmes, red and white rugby shirts in various sizes, red and white woollen scarves (£1.75), bob hats (£1.25), colt car stickers (45p), metal lapel badges (65p), blazer badges (£7.50), and just arrived, red O.R.L.F.C. sweaters prices £10 in sizes 34, 36, 38, 40. Supporters ties will be available in the very near future.

## SEASON TICKETS

Be sure of securing your place in the ground this season by buying a season ticket, season tickets are still on sale and are available from the Secretary's Office, prices as follows:-

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## IS BARLA GROWING TOO FAST?

by Alan Burke

Public Relations Officer, Oldham Amateur Rugby League

ALMOST a hundred new amateur Rugby League teams have yet again been formed for the current season, therefore further highlighting the tremendous growth which is currently being made by the game throughout the country. In the North West, both Bolton and Bury now host their own amateur sides, while several other areas are having their first taste of the code, including Scunthorpe, where their newly-created team have acquired the services of former World Heavyweight Championship contender Richard Dunn, who actually played regularly with Halifax Saint Mary's prior to his exploits in the boxing ring. In Oldham, Abbeyhills have entered the League along with reserve teams at Higginshaw and Shaw, while the greatest influx is at Wigan where the local league have received nine new teams. The game also continues its expansion into the South of England and into Scotland, as the British Amateur Rugby League Association strive to achieve their aim of making amateur Rugby League a totally national sport by 1995 – exactly one hundred years after the birth of the 13-a-side code.

With another 14 years to go before that date is reached, the current progress of BARLA would suggest that the target should be well within their capabilities. However, although officials of the Association have a deserved right to boast about their continued increase in membership, it is hoped that BARLA will not be merely satisfied with quantity to the detriment of quality. Whenever a new team is formed it is almost standard practice for them to attempt to attract experienced players from already established local clubs, in the hope of them taking charge of complete newcomers to the game. Such coaching by established players is naturally of great benefit to new teams and possibly even attracts more members to the clubs concerned. Unfortunately, the clubs from where the experienced players have gone are themselves then left with problems of finding replacements, and which quite often results in young players appearing in matches for which they are not totally prepared. Although the situation is then helping to attract more people to play the game, the general standard of play could easily decline, while a possible solution to the problem would be for BARLA to encourage prospective new players to join an established club instead of simply forming their own team.

In areas where Rugby League is not a regular weekend activity, one can not decry the formation of new teams, although the practice is somewhat questionable in regions where several teams are already in operation, and where a proportion of these are themselves often finding it difficult to sometimes raise a side. In Huddersfield, for example, two local sides were forced to resign from the league last year due to lack of support, while Deighton had to suspend their fixtures for a short while for similar reasons. However, despite this situation, the Huddersfield League had applications from five new teams for the 1981/82 campaign, although three of these have since withdrawn without playing a match, again due to a lack of membership. If all the prospective newcomers for these teams had instead joined a club already in existence and thus possibly formed a reserve team, the players themselves would still have been able to seek guidance from their senior colleagues while the strength of established sides would be maintained.

This coming Saturday brings the Second Round of the BARLA Lancashire-Cumbria Cup, in which three local teams are still involved. Saddleworth Rangers entertain Langworthy Juniors at Greenfield, while Saint Anne's travel to Warrington to face Woolston Rovers, and Waterhead are away to Hare and Hounds of St. Helens. On Sunday, Saint Anne's play hosts to Crosfields (Warrington) at Chamber Colliery, in their opening match of the County under-19s Cup.

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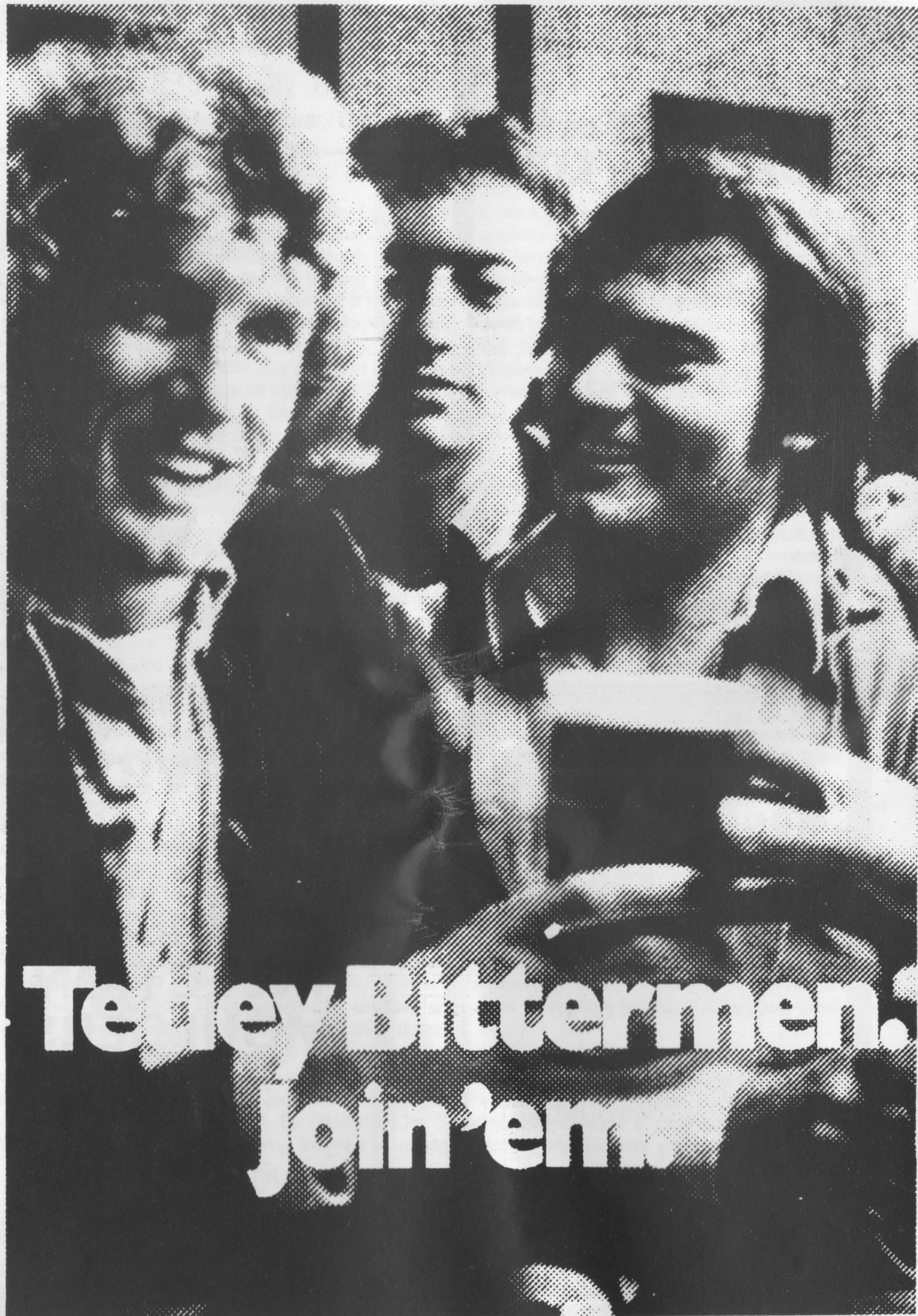
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| Aug Rochdale (Low Cup)                 | A 31-15 | 800   |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Aug St. Helens (Friendly)              | H 12-8  | 1,652 |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Aug Salford (Lancs Cup)                | H 7-17  | 2,915 |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Aug 30 Hunslet                         | H 24-16 | 2,007 |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Sept 6 Blackpool                       | A 16-6  | 1,900 |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Sept 13 Dewsbury                       | H 19-5  | 1,965 |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Sept 20 Huddersfield 3.30 pm           | A 37-4  | 1,935 |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Sept 23 Swinton 7.30 pm                | H       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Sept 27 Doncaster                      | H       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Oct 4 Halifax                          | A       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Oct 11 Keighley                        | H       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Oct 18 John Player Trophy (1)          | H       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Oct 25 Dewsbury 3.30 pm                | A       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Nov 1 John Player Trophy (2)           | A       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Nov 8 Carlisle                         | H       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Nov 15 Cardiff City                    | A       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Nov 22 Halifax                         | H       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Nov 29 Hunslet 2.30 pm                 | A       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Dec 6 Huyton                           | H       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Dec 13 Doncaster 2.30 pm               | A       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Dec 20 Workington Town                 | H       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Dec 26 Rochdale Hornets                | A       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| 1982                                   |         |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Jan 3 Salford                          | A       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Jan 10 Batley                          | H       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Jan 17 Bramley                         | A       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Jan 24 Huddersfield                    | H       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Feb 7 Cardiff City                     | H       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Feb 14 State Express Challenge Cup (1) | A       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Feb 21 Keighley 3.15 p.m.              | A       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Feb 28 State Express Challenge Cup (2) | A       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Mar 7 Workington Town                  | A       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Mar 14 Bramley                         | H       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Mar 21 Batley                          | H       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Mar 28 Blackpool Borough               | H       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Apr 4 Swinton                          | A       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Apr 9 Rochdale Hornets                 | H       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Apr 12 Salford                         | H       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Apr 18 Huyton                          | A       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |
| Apr 25 Carlisle                        | A       |       |           |         |           |            |           |           |           |              |              |           |            |          |             |             |            |             |          |         |         |           |              |            |            |           |            |

| RUGBY LEAGUE - Second Division |   |   |   |   |     |      |     |  |  |
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|                                | P | W | D | L | F   | A    | Pt  |  |  |
| Salford                        | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1   | 154  | 398 |  |  |
| Workington                     | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 114 | 338  |     |  |  |
| Oldham                         | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 96  | 318  |     |  |  |
| Keighley                       | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 68  | 386  |     |  |  |
| Halifax                        | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 52  | 346  |     |  |  |
| Carlisle                       | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 52  | 376  |     |  |  |
| Cardiff                        | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 86  | 854  |     |  |  |
| Hunslet                        | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 72  | 714  |     |  |  |
| Blackpool                      | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 47  | 624  |     |  |  |
| Doncaster                      | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 70  | 1344 |     |  |  |
| Rochdale                       | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 52  | 602  |     |  |  |
| Swinton                        | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 43  | 512  |     |  |  |
| Batley                         | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 45  | 562  |     |  |  |
| Huddersfield                   | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 22  | 652  |     |  |  |
| Bramley                        | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 43  | 1052 |     |  |  |
| Dewsbury                       | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 20  | 922  |     |  |  |
| Huyton                         | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 18  | 610  |     |  |  |

Up to and including Sunday, September 20th

| SCORERS        |                                                                                            |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| v. Rochdale    | Platt 4g, Ashton 1g, Platt 1T, O'Mahoney 1T, T. Kirwan 1T, Caffrey 1T, Parrish 1T, Ward 2T |
| v. St. Helens  | Ashton 1dg, Platt 1g, Caffrey 1T, Ward 1T, Ashton 1T                                       |
| v Salford      | Parrish 2g, Caffrey 1T                                                                     |
| v. Hunslet     | Parrish 6g, Kirwan 1T, Ward 1T, Hunter 1T, Nicholson 1T                                    |
| v Blackpool    | Parrish 5g, Hunter 1T, Worrall 1T                                                          |
| vDewsbury      | Parrish 5g, McEwen 1T, Ashton 1T, Owen 1T                                                  |
| v Huddersfield | Parrish 8g, Ashton 3T, Taylor 1T, Ward 1T, Worrall 1T, Kirwan 1T                           |

KEY: g. goal; dg. drop goal; T. try

| COLTS LEAGUE    |        |
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| A Sept. 2 Wed.  | Post   |
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| A Sept. 26 Sat. | 27-0   |
| H Oct. 3 Sat.   |        |
| A Oct. 10 Sat.  |        |
| H Oct. 17 Sat.  |        |
| H Oct. 24 Sat.  |        |
| A Oct. 31 Sat.  |        |
| H Nov. 7 Sat.   |        |
| A Nov. 14 Sat.  |        |
| H Nov. 21 Sat.  |        |
| A Nov. 28 Sat.  |        |
| H Dec. 5 Sat.   |        |
| A Dec. 12 Sat.  |        |
| H Dec. 19 Sat.  |        |
| A Jan. 2 Sat.   |        |
| H Jan. 9 Sat.   |        |
| A Jan. 16 Sat.  |        |
| H Jan. 23 Sat.  |        |
| A Jan. 30 Sat.  |        |
| H Feb. 6 Sat.   |        |
| A Feb. 13 Sat.  |        |
| H Feb. 20 Sat.  |        |
| A Feb. 27 Sat.  |        |
| H Mar. 6 Sat.   |        |
| A Mar. 13 Sat.  |        |
| H Mar. 20 Sat.  |        |
| A Mar. 27 Sat.  |        |
| H Apr. 10 Sat.  |        |

## SWINTON PEN PICTURES

**JOHN GORTON:** Turned down the opportunity of playing professional soccer to concentrate on RL. Played and scored in every game last season.

**PAUL MELLOR:** Signed from Langworthy last season a highly promising full back or out half.

**GREEN VIGO:** one of the true characters in modern day RL. Signed from Wigan last season. Prolific try scorer.

**DANNY WILSON:** Joined Swinton just over a year ago after representing Cardiff and Newport. Welsh RL International.

**GORDON GRAHAM:** An experienced centre or wing who joined the Lions from Salford in September 1979. Ex Sale RUFC.

**BOB BRUEN:** Made his Swinton debut in 1973 after joining them from Langworthy. A utility back who had short spell at Salford last season.

**ALVA DRUMMOND:** Brother of Leigh and Great Britain flyer Des. Is just as fast and was a consistent try scorer last term.

**ALAN FAIRHURST:** Joined Swinton from Leigh at the start of the season. A brilliant halfback and a useful goalkicker.

**LES BOLTON:** Rejoined Swinton from Wigan two weeks ago. A first class utility player of vast experience.

**JOHN MELLOR:** Older brother of full back Paul. A tenacious tackler whose workrate has to be seen to be believed. Ex Langworthy.

**KEVIN O'LOUGHLIN:** Signed from Wigan in 1977. A great utility player who has literally covered every playing position.

**STEVE BREHENY:** Signed from Rochdale Hornets two weeks ago, formerly with Wigan. A much respected prop forward.

**ALAN DERBYSHIRE:** Wigan born. Hooker or loose forward and one of the most consistent players at Station Road.

**DENIS ASHCROFT:** Rejoined Swinton last season after a short spell here at Watersheddings. Good ball handling prop. Captain.

**ALAN GRICE:** A much underrated forward, joined Swinton in October 1979. after giving nine great years to Salford.

**TOMMY HIGHTON:** Joined Swinton from Wigan as a full back in March 1975, Now a tough tackling forward of great experience.

**JOHN CLOUGH:** Although Dalton born, John signed from Wigan last season. One of the fastest forwards in the game.

**TONY COOPER:** Former captain of Wasps RUFC. Joined Swinton in March 1980. A great defensive player.

**MIKE PEERS:** Signed from Warrington, Mike is a fine utility forward and player coach to the Club's 'A' team.

**DARRYL PIERCE:** Joined Swinton from Australian club Manly Warringah a month ago. A strong running forward who has played more than 150 games for the Sydney based 'Sea Eagles'.

### MANAGEMENT TEAM

**TOM GRAINEY:** Club and County coach. A former Leigh full back whose playing career was cut short by injury. Now a highly rated coach in his own right after serving as assistant to Alex Murphy at Leigh and Warrington. Grainey later returned to Leigh taking them into the First Division and a potentially exciting future.

**STAN GITTINS:** Although Leigh born, Stan began his professional career at Batley where he gained Great Britain Under-24 honours at full back. He later joined Swinton but a succession of injuries curtailed a potentially brilliant career. However, Stan is now making his mark as assistant coach to Tom Grainey.

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