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NEXT MATCHES AT WATERSHEDDINGS

1st Team v Keighley, Sunday, 11th October, 3 p.m. kick-off
"A" Team v Whitehaven, Saturday, 3rd October, 3 p.m. kick-off
Colts v Barrow, Saturday, 3rd October, 3 p.m. kick-off



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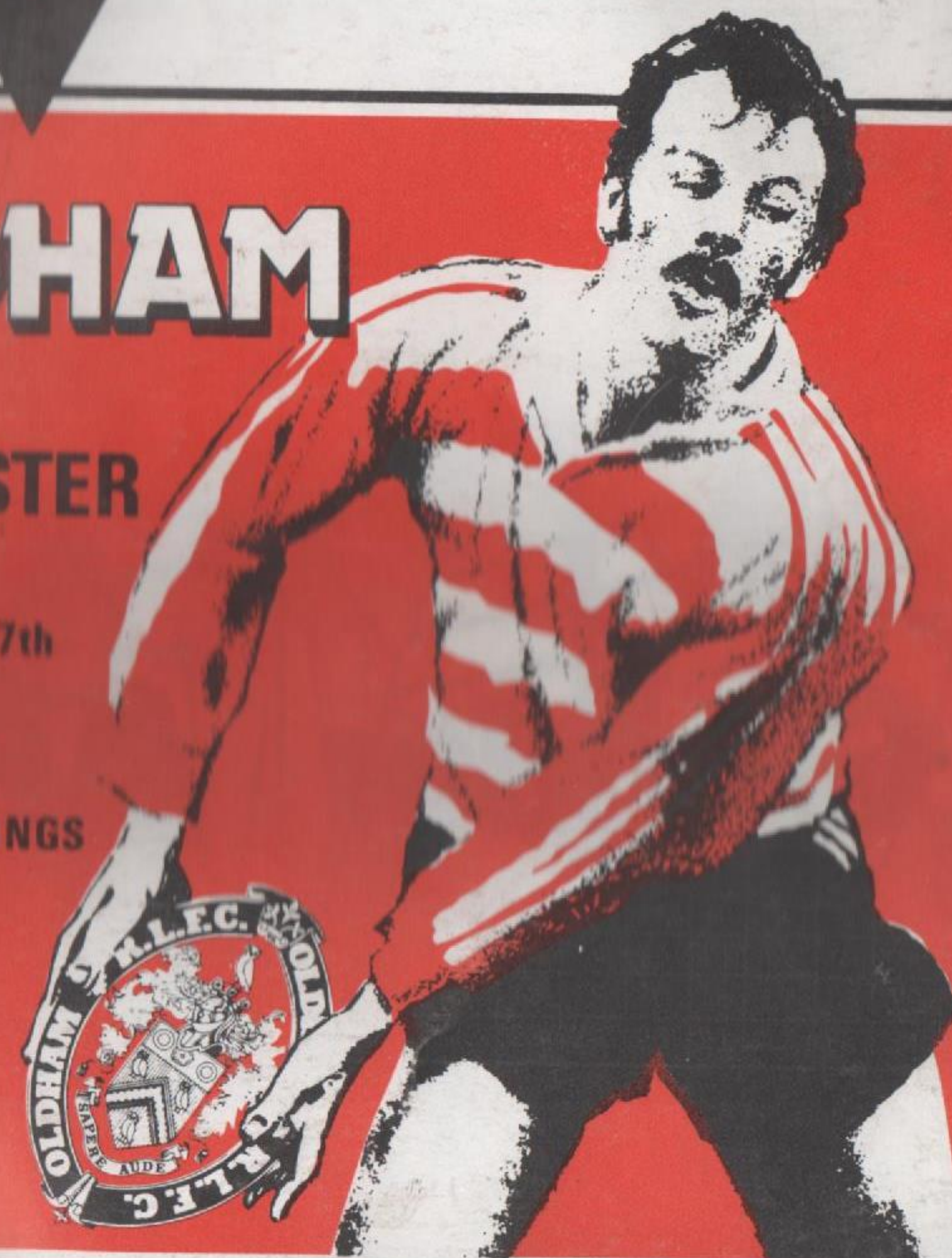
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CLUB RECORDS

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, 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

THE fans who travelled to Huddersfield last Sunday saw the Oldham team produce its best attacking display of the season to win 37-4 and record our biggest win on an opponents' ground since March, 1973, when we scored 55 points at Blackpool.

Mick Parrish kicked eight goals from nine shots and one of the highlights of the game was a hat-trick of tries by Ray Ashton, his third being a penalty try after he had been obstructed.

Other tries were scored by Alan Taylor, Phil Ward, Mick Worrall and Paddy Kirwan, who was in terrific form and captain of the side in the absence of the injured Terry Flanagan.

The triumph — our fourth consecutive win in the Second Division — was achieved without the opposition scoring a try for the third consecutive match.

It ought to have put the team — unchanged — in the right frame of mind for Wednesday's home game against Swinton, details of which will be reported in the next programme.

There were mixed fortunes last week-end for the "A" and Colts teams, the "A" team losing 22-6 at Barrow and the Colts beating York 27-0 at Watersheddings.

In the "A" team game, first-half tries were scored by Geoff Munro and Mick O'Rourke and Oldham led 6-4 at the interval before slipping to defeat in the second half.

Highlight of the Colts team's victory was a five-try display by scrum-half Alan Walker which enabled our under-19 side to record its second win in three matches played.

At the meeting of the committee on Tuesday night there was a written transfer request from prop-forward Gareth Owen and officials decided to place him on the transfer market at an asking price of £35,000.

In the past two weeks four players have now been similarly listed — Ray Ashton and Alan Platt at £60,000 and Bob Mordell and Gareth Owen at £35,000.

You may have read in the local Press that we are considering taking the team and supporters to Cardiff on Sunday, November 15th, on a special train, though this will largely depend on the amount of support we get from our supporters.

There are two main reasons — the cost to the club would be something like half that entailed in taking the team down to South Wales on the Saturday and stopping overnight and it would also enable many of our fans to make the trip.

What's more, the journey by train should not impede the performance on the field as we know from that glorious victory we enjoyed in the Challenge Cup at Hull some years ago.

Final details are not yet to hand but we plan to leave Mumps in time to arrive in Cardiff by 1 p.m. and we expect the cost to be around £8 per head.

As soon as we get details of departure times and expected times of arrival back in Oldham we will let you know.

In the meantime, if you like the idea of travelling to our first-ever match at Ninian Park, please drop in at the secretary's office as soon as possible to make a provisional booking.

It is vital that we get ideas of numbers as quickly as possible.

Next Sunday we hope for a big following of support for what should be one of our toughest matches in the Second Division — at Halifax.

After that we have two more home games — against Keighley on October 11th, followed by another visit from Doncaster the following Sunday in the first round of the Player's Trophy.

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PERSONALITY PROFILE

PADDY KIRWAN

Age: 20 (25/3/61)

Born: Oldham

Height: 5ft 6ins

Weight: 11st 4lbs

Car: None

School: St. Anselm's

College/University: U.M.I.S.T. — Civil Engineering

Previous club: Saddleworth Rangers

Favourite players: Keith Hepworth, ex Leeds and Castleford; Alex Murphy

Favourite other teams: St. Helens, Castleford

Most difficult opponent: Andy Gregory (Widnes), Steve Nash (Salford)

Most memorable match: Colts Premiership final v Leeds at Swinton.

Most memorable moment: Scoring for Great Britain Colts v France at Oldham, 1979

Biggest disappointment: Not being selected for BARLA Lancs. Youth Team

Best country visited: Greece

Favourite captain: Terry Flanagan

Miscellaneous likes: Eating out, travelling at home and abroad, seeing new places

Miscellaneous dislikes: Losing when playing well, biased Rugby Union supporters

Favourite TV shows: Soap, Happy Days, Fawlty Towers, Hectors House

Favourite singers: Niel Diamond, Johnny Patterson in the showers after the game

Favourite actor/actress: Clint Eastwood, Adrian Alexander

Favourite films: "Every which way but lose" and "Midnight Express"

Favourite comedian: Billy Connolly

Favourite L.P.: "Beatles Greatest Hits 1962-1970"

Favourite single: "Sweet Caroline" Niel Diamond



Favourite group: Beatles

Favourite food: T-bone steak with fried egg on top

Best friend: My wife Debra

Biggest influence on career: Brian Cartland, mother, father, Brian Whitworth (teacher who looked after town teams)

Biggest drag in Rugby: Being injured

International debut: 26th January, 1979, Great Britain Colts v France, at Perpignon

Personal ambition: To have a happy family and graduate from University

Rugby ambition: To play for Great Britain and to play at Wembley

Who would I most like to meet: Pope John Paul II.

TODAY'S VISITORS

DONCASTER R.L.F.C.

Founded 1951. Joined the Northern Rugby League in 1951.
 Ground: Tatters Field.
 Colours: White Jerseys with blue and Gold Bands, White Shorts.
 Doncaster have won no major honours.
CLUB RECORDS
 Attendance: 4,793 v Wakefield (League) 7th April, 1962.
 Goals: 89 T. Griffiths, 1951-52.
 Tries: 17 by Brian Wigglesworth, 1957/58.
 Points: 187 by T. Griffiths, 1951/52.

THE story of Doncaster is a story of a constant battle to keep the Rugby League flag flying in south Yorkshire and all concerned deserve the very highest of accolades for their valiant work behind the scenes.

Last season the Dons picked up five Second Division wins and finished third off the bottom above Blackpool and Huyton.

That was a big improvement on the previous season when they won only one of their 26 Second Division matches and finished bottom with only three points — seven fewer than Huyton, immediately above them.

This season there is already evidence at Tatters Field that the side might continue its improvement because the Dons have already won two matches at home against Rochdale Hornets and against Batley.

On the opening day of the season they shook Rochdale rigid with a 28-11 victory in which their man-of-the-moment, stand-off John Buckton raced in for no fewer than four tries.

They crashed 59-13 at Salford in the next match but then kept the impetus going with a 15-13 win at Tatters Field over Batley which, for a time, took them to fourth position in the league.

Since then they have lost 26-3 at Swinton and 25-11 at home to Workington but, nevertheless, they have made quite a pleasing start.

Stand-off Buckton has been certainly catching the headlines with his try-scoring feats and he is now second in the league's scoring charts with eight touchdowns this season — only one fewer than Workington centre John Jones.

His failure to score against Workington last Sunday ended his try-scoring run of nine consecutive matches, only one short of the League record since the reintroduction of two divisions in 1973.

His sequence began with Doncaster's only try at Wigan on March 29th, 1981, and accounted for 17 of Doncaster's 25 League tries in this period when they have won only two matches.

His sequence was as follows — 1-2-2-1-3-4-1-2-1, quite an achievement.

The record of most number of consecutive try-scoring feats thus stays with Roger Millward, who scored in Hull KR's last ten Division Two matches in 1974-75 for a total of 15 tries.

Malcolm Branch of Huddersfield also had a Second Division try-scoring sequence of nine matches in 1977-8 and the First Division record is one of eight matches shared by David Smith of Wakefield and Les Jones of St. Helens.

Buckton will certainly be a man to watch today and the match takes on added significance, of course, as the Dons are also our opponents in the first round of the Player's Trophy.

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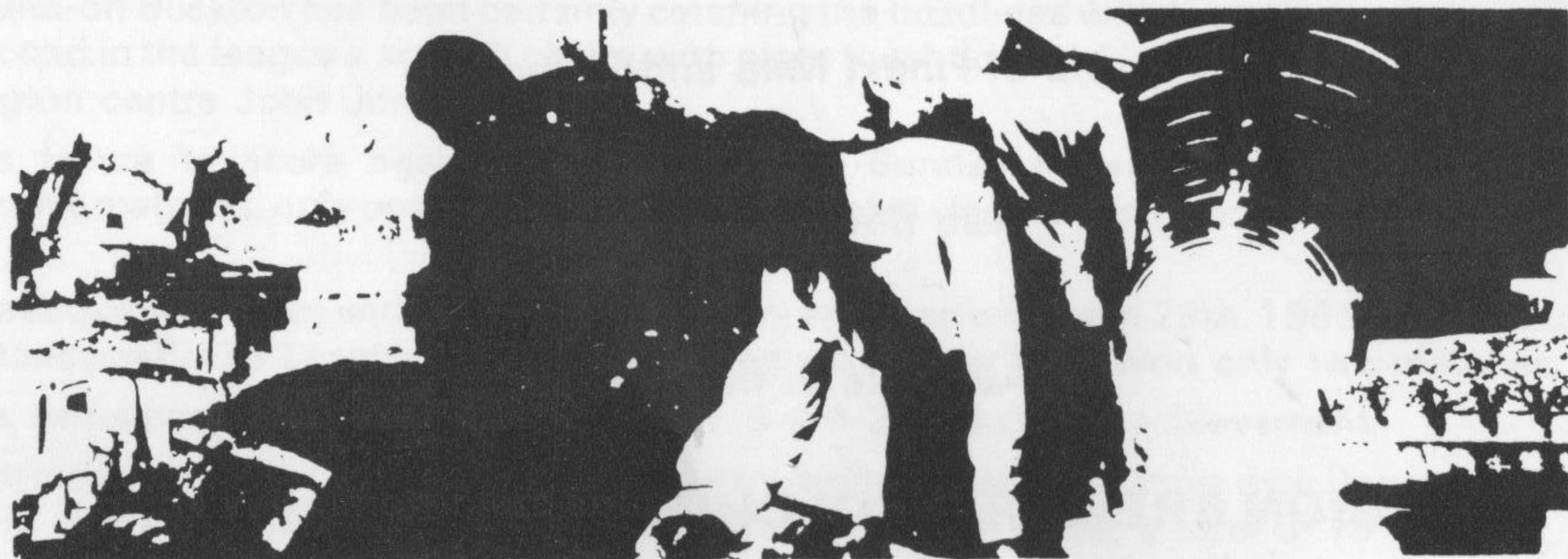
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Stand-off RAY ASHTON heads for the line to score the first of his three tries at Huddersfield

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DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

with Franny Ward at Watersheddings

CONGRATULATIONS to the lucky winner of our first £3,000 Jackpot Draw which was held yesterday in Oldham Market Place. I would also like to thank the players and officials from the club who turned up and gave a helping hand, and last but not least the girls from the rugby team who "tackled" the situation without any problems at all.

Lottery Agents' Night

The Agents' Evening will be held at the Social Club on Friday, 4th December, which should put everybody into practice for Christmas. The night will consist of cabaret, disco, raffle and a few other surprises, so if you are not already an agent for selling our lottery tickets then please contact me at the Development Offices on 061-620 4870.

Recent Lottery Winners

The winner of the £3,000 Jackpot Draw will be announced at today's game and also the lucky agent who will receive the £300 commission for selling the winning ticket.

The winner of the £50 agents' draw for August will be announced at today's game and many congratulations to the lucky winner; this is another incentive for people to sell our lottery tickets.

Matchday Lottery Ticket Sellers

You will by now be familiar with our two girls, Beverley and Sheena, in red bibs, who walk round the ground before kick-off and at half-time selling our lottery tickets. We still require additional people, male/female, who would like to sell tickets on match days. If you would like to try it out please contact me and I will make the necessary arrangements.

Sponsorship

Sponsorship plays a vital part in keeping the club's finances ticking over and we have the best facilities available for local or national companies to advertise their products at our home games. Anybody interested in sponsorship of any kind will you please contact me at the Development Offices and I will gladly explain the various forms of sponsorship.

Supporters' Club

Many thanks to the Supporters' Club for sponsoring the match for the Swinton game. Any individual or family who would like to do the same can contact me and I will tell you which games have not already got matchball sponsors.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS

President: Mr. D. Blackburn
Chairman: D. Pilkington
Vice-chairman: Miss A. Collinge
Treasurer: Mrs. A. Doleman
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.

Anyone wishing to become a member of the Supporters' Club should contact any of the above named persons. Membership only £1 which includes a fabulous Supporters' Club diary.

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.

STOP PRESS

Saturday, November 7th, Joint Lottery Agents and Supporters' Club Social Evening at the Supporters' Club, consisting of small bonfire and firework display, pie and peas refreshments and the Miss Oldham Rugby League Football Queen Competition will also be held.

HALLOWE'EN DANCE

Saturday, 31st October — Franny Fran has been dusted down, revamped, and along with Joe Warburton will be doing the disco and entertainment for the dance. Admission £1; 50p for anyone dressed for the occasion as a witch, warlock, vampire, etc.

COMPETITION

Here is Section Three of our competition. The first correct entry drawn will receive free admittance to the next home match. All entries to be sent to the Social Club by Monday, 5th October, 1981.

SECTION THREE — FULL WIGAN TEAM

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| 1. Lancastrian but not a wanderer. | 8. To be Frank. A pit lad. |
| 2. Fifty in a cardboard box. | 9. Could have played for Wigan during the mixed up years. |
| 3. Found in the A38 from Saltash to Newton Abbot. | 10. Though not a flyer or a Russian you will find him in a cute MIG. |
| 4. Embers before the common ground. | 11. The navy drop a vowel and are accompanied by sonny ex wife. |
| 5. Like 6. Another strong boy, perhaps. | 12. Glider fed the goalkicker. |
| 6. Strong boy could be from New England. | 13. A good chuckle before one hundred at darts. |
| 7. Rugby ground with a crossing. | |

Correct solution will appear in the Keighley match programme.

The solution to our Supporters' Club Competition No. 2 is as follows:

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| 1. Glyn Moses. | 7. Alex Murphy. |
| 2. Austin Rhodes. | 8. Alan Prescott. |
| 3. Doug Greenall (Green)(all). | 9. Tommy Harris (Hull). |
| 4. Ken LArge. | 10. Ken Traill (Bradford Northern). |
| 5. Tom Van Vollenhoven (Anag). | 11. Peter Ramsden (Huddersfield). |
| 6. Tommy Bishop. | 12. George Parsons. |
| | 13. Vin Karalius (Anag). |

COACHES TO HALIFAX

Detail of coaches going to the Halifax game can be obtained from the Canteen, Social Club or any member of the committee.

DETAILS OF HALIFAX AWAY MATCH

Kick-off 3 p.m. Ground: Thrum Hall. Railway Station: Halifax. Bus Routes: Nos. 529, 511, 513 from Halifax Bus Station. Facilities: Licensed Bar open match days, Refreshment Kiosks.

OLDHAM RUGBY LEAGUE LADIES' FOOTBALL TEAM 1981/82



NEXT Sunday, 4th October, the Oldham Rugby Ladies' team take on Huddersfield Ladies team in a game which should be very exciting. The ladies have already played Huddersfield this season at Watersheddings but lost the fixture 16-6, the girls captain, Teresa Winterbottom tells me: "We were not match fit when we played Huddersfield the last time, but under the careful guidance of team manager Alice Collinge, coach Joe Warburton, we have now got the adrenalin flowing and we will prove to be a pretty handful." I could not put the words better myself, anyway we wish the girls all the best for next week and let's hope that they record a similar victory to our lads win at Huddersfield last Sunday. Anyone interested in going to the game which kicks off on Sunday morning should contact the team manager Alice for details.

BACK ROW (left to right): Paul Collinge, assistant coach; Joe Warburton (coach).
MIDDLE ROW (left to right): Alice Collinge (manager), Sarah Tolson, Kath Dowd, Anne Doleman, Suzanne Gluvons, Melanie Hilton, Sue Pullen, Leslie Warburton, Lara Hunt.
FRONT ROW (left to right): Jackie Warburton, Dawn Riley, Teresa Winterbottom (captain), Dawn Williams, Jean Warburton.



FOOTNOTE: Battered or bruised the girls will be continuing their journey to see the lads play at Halifax in the afternoon.

BBC TV COVERAGE

Brian Batty

THE BBC's decision to insist on early kick-off times for televised games this season is causing a great deal of concern for clubs and officials.

It seems the BBC plan to show highlights and scrap the screening of second halves live as in the past.

I must admit I was one of those in favour of the move to show highlights and not the second half live when they staged the Tuesday night Floodlit Competition.

We got so many games decided by half-time that often the second half was a waste of viewing time and gave the BBC nothing to offer the fans.

So showing the edited highlights at least provided a more satisfying coverage in my view although I did hear quite a lot of people protest at the decision.

And there could be a lot of people disappointed that they are going to miss out on seeing second half displays and have to settle for highlights.

Afternoon games are totally different of course to night matches and kicking off at 2.15 or thereabouts is not a healthy situation in my view.

I know clubs are compensated financially for kick-off times being brought forward but this is still secondary to the fact that we want the fans on the terraces and in the stands.

We need crowds and the resulting atmosphere as well as the cash they bring and it is going to be interesting to see how these kick-off times affect not only the attendance at county finals but the John Player ties.

The BBC are seeking the extra time in preparing the edited highlights but this is not going down well with clubs.

We all appreciate that the game needs television now, particularly to attract the sponsors but there has to be a happy medium.

I hope I am proved wrong but I feel it is a backward step and we need to be nearer three o'clock than two for all afternoon games.

TRY THIS QUIZ

1. Who holds the Rochdale Hornets record for most points in a season?
2. Which team did Oldham beat in the Challenge Cup first round tie in 1980?
3. From which club did Oldham sign Bob Blackwood and in what year?
4. What nationality is the Swinton winger Green Vigo?
5. Who is the only prop forward to score more than 100 times?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26

A SHORT HISTORY OF DONCASTER

by Tom Webb

THE Doncaster club was formed in 1947 when Mr. Hiram Holden, a prime mover in the foundation of the club said that one third of the population in the Doncaster district were Rugby League minded. At a meeting at the Red Lion Hotel it was decided that the club would be formed into a limited company with a capital of £20,000 with £10,000 paid up in ten shilling shares, the other £10,000 worth of ten shilling shares to be held in reserve. This did not materialise entirely but the seed had been planted for the proposed Doncaster club.

By December 1950 there was a move to form a Supporters' Club and the club's first trial game was held in private at the Greyhound Stadium on December 23rd. Supporters' Clubs were formed in Harworth, Rossington, Thorne and Woodlands.

Ten enthusiasts signed forms consenting to act as directors and to hold 50 qualifying shares at ten shillings per share. This was announced at a meeting which also announced that the company would require a minimum of £6,000 in order to function.

The club's prospectus told that eight junior clubs were operating, these being Askern, Bullcroft, Briggs Social, Yorkshire Main, Thorne Colliery, Harworth, Hatfield and Pilkingtons' Recreation.

The club was given 35 days in which to raise the £6,000. On April 23rd which was the deadline, the club had raised £5,400 at 10 p.m. Half an hour later it was still £500 short. At 10.45 £400 was needed and at 11 o'clock just over £200. At that stage two boys, Tony and Bob Lawood of Bawtry Road, Doncaster, each gave a pound. John Williamson one of the directors said "That is a sprig of luck to us".

At 11.25 p.m. the club announced that the £6,000 had been raised with 25 minutes to spare. A week later Doncaster along with Cardiff were admitted to membership of the Northern Rugby Football League.

The first year was most successful on the playing field and the Dons finished 11th of the 31 clubs. Tyssul Griffiths the full back and former Hunslet star kicked 89 goals, George Norbury scored 14 tries, Eric Cooper 10, Thomas Leslie Williams 9 and John Heritage 8 with another 13 players scoring tries for the club. Gareth Price the player-manager was delighted with his charges. Harry Dagnan who had worn the red and white of Oldham made an odd appearance and in the 1952-53 season Jim Tynan, another old friend, played 31 first team games for the Dons.

There was never sufficient support for the club and after having to leave the Greyhound Stadium after the first two seasons the club took some pasture land at Bentley and has survived ever since, in spite of financial troubles that would have daunted the boldest.

George Pflaster was signed from Retford where the local Grammar School had played Rugby League. He is now interested in forming a club in his native town. A few years ago he broke an arm playing against Oldham and a collection at a game at Watersheddings was taken on his behalf.

The Rugby League game is being established more firmly in South Yorkshire and it is due to the dedication of the Doncaster enthusiasts that the game is spreading in the area.

FLASHBACK

by courtesy of Tom Webb

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

FIVE YEARS AGO

OLDHAM 23, WIGAN 20

OLDHAM: Murphy; Elliott, Jackson, Wainwright, Lund; Blair, Treasure; Hughes, K. Taylor, I. Taylor, Welding, Herbert, Reynolds. Barton for Treasure, Owen for Welding.

WIGAN: Fairburn; Hornby, O'Loughlin, Francis, Davies; Coyle, Nulty; Doran, Aspinall, Irving, Gregory, Blackwood, Karalius. Tatlor for Coyle, Hollingsworth for Gregory.

SCORERS: Oldham: Blair 4 goals and a try, Elliott 2 tries, Lund and Owen 1 try each.

Wigan: Fairburn 4 goals, Hornby, Blackwood, Gregory and Francis 1 try each.

Referee: T. Beaumont. Attendance: 2,818.

TEN YEARS AGO

OLDHAM 16, ROCHDALE HORNETS 14 (Floodlit Competition)

OLDHAM: Murphy; Elliott, Larder, Hill, Hodgkinson; Kellett, Sayer; Wilson, K. Taylor, Ogden, Alchin, Churm, Reynolds. Buckley and Bonser for Churm and Kellett.

ROCHDALE HORNETS: Chamberlain; Worrell, Machin, Crellin, Brelsford; Aspinall, Rabbitt; Birchall, Clarke, Cooke, Sheffield, K. Flanagan, Hodgkinson. Hammond and Delooze for Rabbitt and Flanagan.

SCORERS: Oldham: Larder 5 goals, Elliott and Hill 1 try each.

Rochdale Hornets: Chamberlain 4 goals, Worrell and Crellin 1 try each.

Referee: E. Lawrinson. Attendance: 1,366.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

BLACKPOOL BOROUGH 5, OLDHAM 15 (Lancashire Cup semi-final)

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

BLACKPOOL BOROUGH: McCarrick; Olson, Ince, Gee, Holmes; Fairhurst, Sullivan; Ducie, Dickens, Whitworth, Dufty, Seddon, Winstanley. Belshaw for Ducie.

SCORERS: Oldham: Curry 3 goals, Taylor, Warburton and McCormack 1 try each.

Blackpool Borough: McCarrick goal, Seddon try.

Referee: E. Clay. Attendance: 2,500

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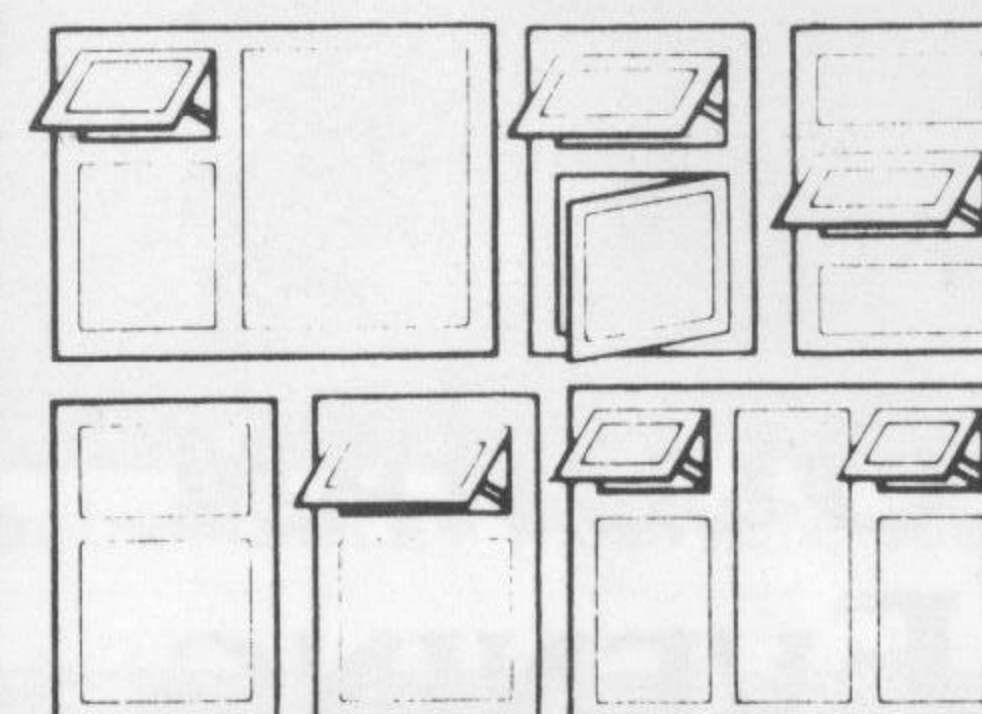
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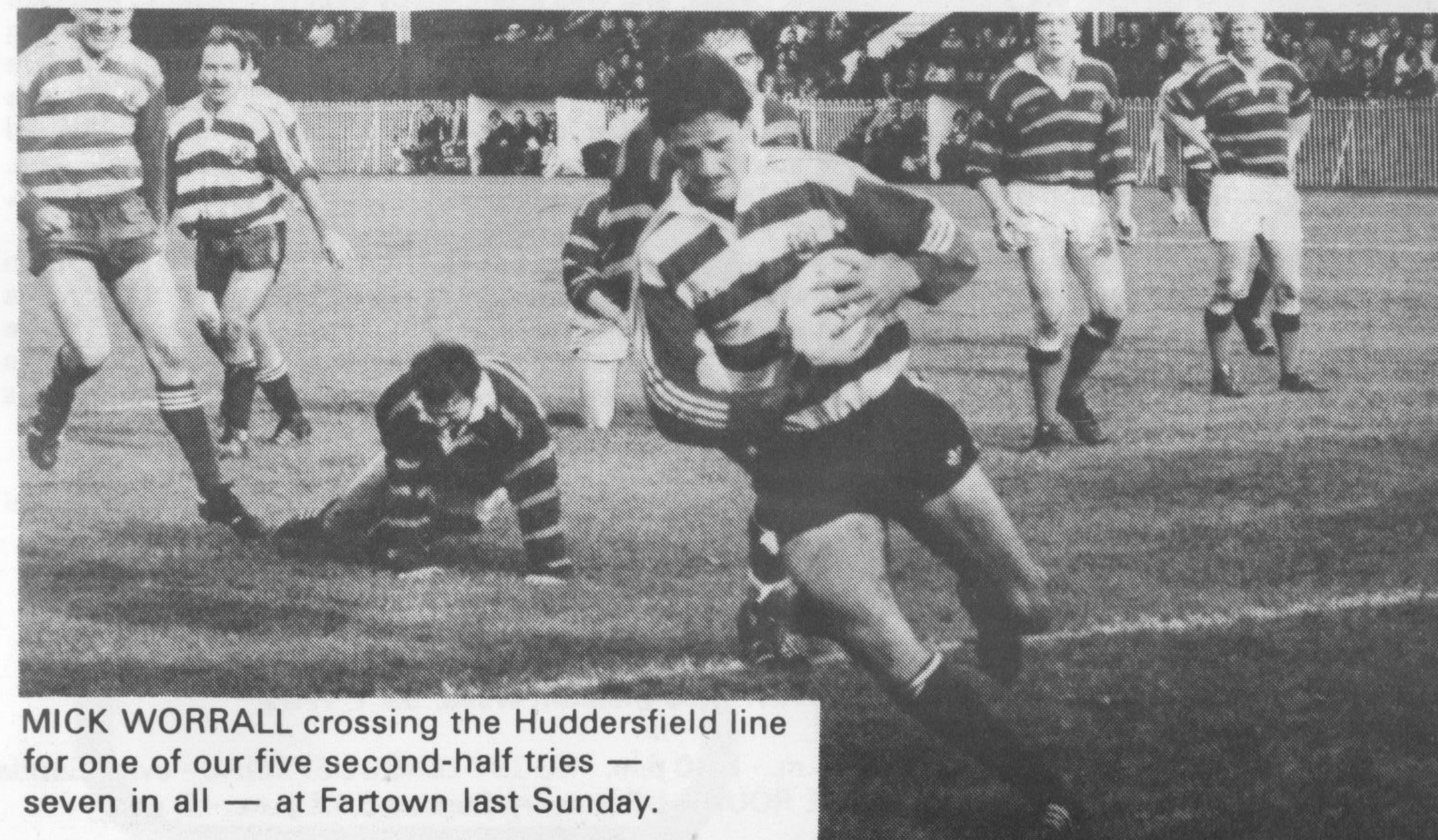
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ACTION FROM HUDDERSFIELD GAME



Centre ASHLEY McEWEN, seen here in action, enjoyed a stunning first-half in our 37-4 win at Huddersfield.



MICK WORRALL crossing the Huddersfield line for one of our five second-half tries — seven in all — at Fartown last Sunday.

Photographs by courtesy of Oldham Evening Chronicle

LOCAL AMATEURS AIM FOR TOUR PLACES

by Alan Burke,
Public Relations Officer, Oldham Amateur Rugby League

OLDHAM, last season's runners-up in the BARLA open-age Inter-League competition, begin their challenge for the 1981/82 title next weekend when they play their first match in what has become a new-styled tournament. In recent years, selectors at both County and International level have often been criticised for their non-attendance at top matches, especially Inter-League fixtures, thus causing local-league officials throughout the country to complain that certain players have not been given a chance to impress and thus have missed out on representative honours.

The new season has already become of great importance to all amateur Rugby League players as they strive to attain a place on the Great Britain International team, who will be visiting Papua New Guinea next Summer. Naturally, BARLA are wanting to send their strongest possible team and have thus changed the format of the Inter-League competition to ensure that no talent is overlooked. Previously the event had been staged purely on a knockout basis, thus giving some players only one chance to impress the selectors, as representative sides are chosen only from local town-team squads. This season, however, the competition is to be played on a group basis, thus giving each town team at least three games in which players can show their skill. The groups themselves have been regionalised — Oldham having been given matches against Leigh, Manchester and Rochdale — with the winners of each group then going forward to the quarter-finals, which will revert to the 'sudden-death' situation.

Following the Inter-League matches, the three County Championship teams will be selected, and from these will be chosen the Great Britain side to play France and the International squad to visit the Southern Hemisphere. Twelve months later the BARLA youth team will be going 'down under', thus causing the Association to already make advance plans for the tour as the Great Britain under-19s attempt to achieve their first ever success against a team from Australia or New Zealand. The build-up for both of the forthcoming tours went a stage further recently when a two day physical fitness seminar was held at Carnegie College, Leeds, and was attended by over fifty leading amateur coaches and trainers drawn from district leagues throughout Great Britain, with Oldham being strongly represented. BARLA officials were obviously delighted with the response, which is indicative of the enthusiasm shown for these major tours, and which are being supported and grant aided by the Sports Council. Carnegie has proved to be an ideal centre for previous BARLA International squad training sessions, with the amateurs having used its excellent facilities to good use for several years. Indeed, since the formation of BARLA in 1973, the open-age team have lost one International fixture.

By bringing local league coaches together for fitness courses, BARLA hope that they will then use the knowledge when preparing their own Inter-League sides, as it is essential that the players selected for the various town teams should keep themselves in top class condition if they wish to be considered for the future tours. BARLA have stressed that the current standard of fitness in Australia is far superior to that attained by players in this country, and therefore it is up to the British players themselves to show equal dedication in that aspect of the game.

Oldham's opening Inter-League game next Saturday will be away to Rochdale, with the local team then entertaining Manchester on October 17th, and visiting Leigh on October 31st.

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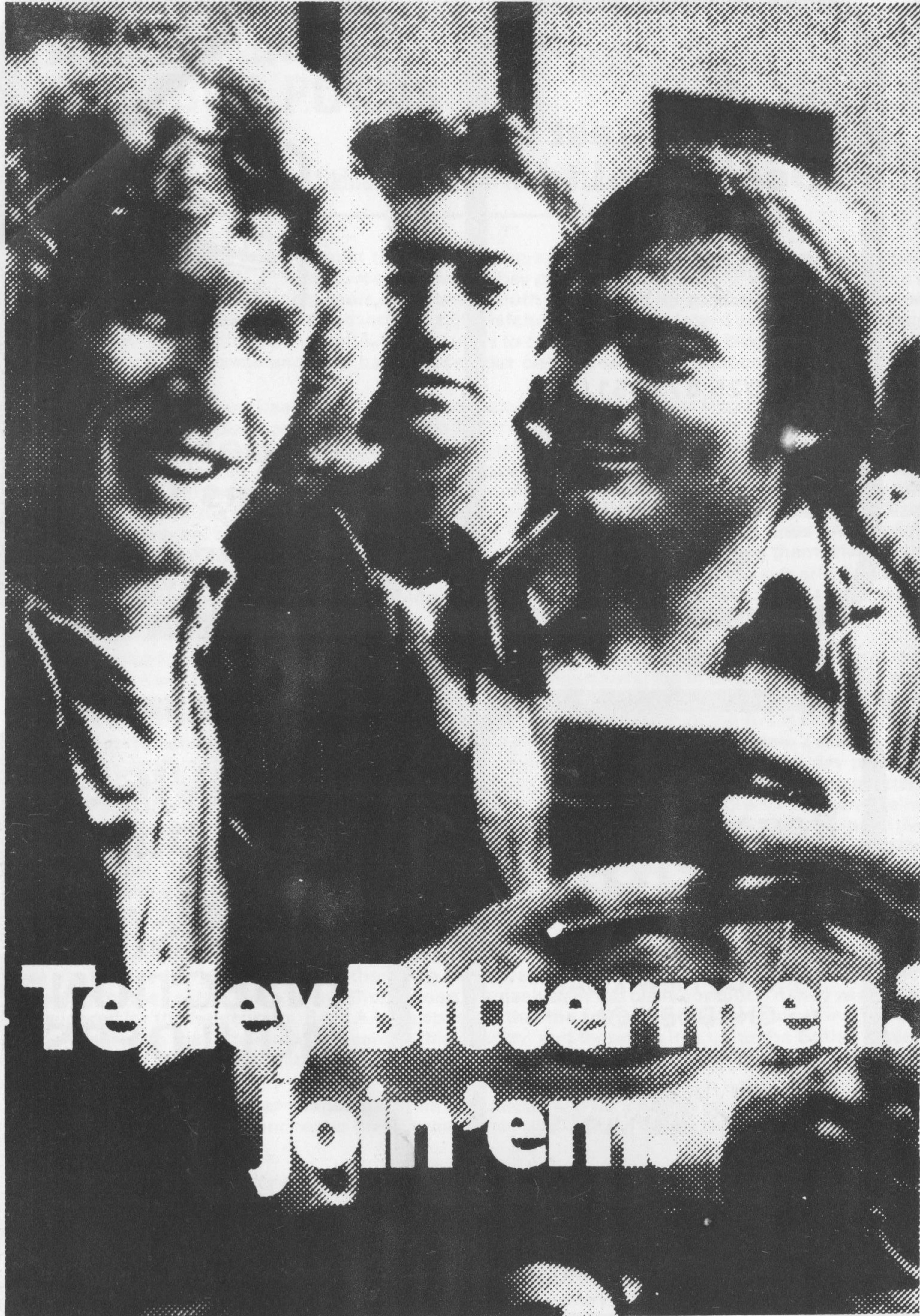
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Aug Rochdale (Low Cup)	A	31-15	800	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19					
Aug St. Helen's (Friendly)	H	12-8	1,652	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	14	10	12	16	13		11			9	15	17	18			
Aug Salford (Lancs Cup)	H	7-17	2,915	1	5	3	4	2	6	7	8	9	10	15		13						14	11	12			
Aug 30 Hunslet	H	24-16	2,007	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		15	13						14	11	12			
Sept 6 Blackpool	A	16-6	1,900	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		15	13							1	12		11	14	
Sept 13 Dewsbury	H	19-5	1,965	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				13		15				8	1	12		11	3	12
Sept 20 Huddersfield 3.30 pm	A	37-4	1,935	2	14	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					11				1	12		13	3	15	
Sept 23 Swinton 7.30 pm	H	10-7	2,142	2	14	4	5	6	7	8	9	10						11				1	12		13	3	15
Sept 27 Doncaster	H																										
Oct 4 Halifax	A																										
Oct 11 Keighley	H																										
Oct 18 John Player Trophy (1)																											
Oct 25 Dewsbury 3.30 pm	A																										
Nov 1 John Player Trophy (2)																											
Nov 8 Carlisle	H																										
Nov 15 Cardiff City	A																										
Nov 22 Halifax	H																										
Nov 29 Hunslet 2.30 pm	A																										
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Dec 26 Rochdale Hornets	A																										
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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)																											
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Mar 7 Workington Town	A																										
Mar 14 Bramley	H																										
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COLTS AND "A" TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS

COLTS LEAGUE

H	Aug. 29 Sat.	Hull KR	3.00pm	Post
A	Sept. 2 Wed.	Halifax		Post
H	Sept. 5 Sat.	Leeds	3.00pm	17-38
A	Sept. 12 Sat.	Wakefield T.	3.00pm	29-21
H	Sept. 19 Sat.	York	3.00pm	27-0
A	Sept. 26th Sat.	Bramley	3.00pm	
H	Oct. 3 Sat.	Barrow	3.00pm	
A	Oct. 10 Sat.	Hull KR	3.00pm	
H	Oct. 17 Sat.	Leigh	3.00pm	
H	Oct. 24 Sat.	Hunslet	3.00pm	
A	Oct. 31 Sat.	St. Helens	3.00pm	
H	Nov. 7 Sat.	Castleford	3.00pm	
A	Nov. 14 Sat.	Bradford N.	2.30pm	
H	Nov. 21 Sat.	Featherstone	2.30pm	
A	Nov. 28 Sat.	Salford	2.30pm	
H	Dec. 5 Sat.	Bradford N.	2.30pm	
A	Dec. 12 Sat.	Hunslet	2.30pm	
H	Dec. 19 Sat.	Salford	2.30pm	
A	Jan. 2 Sat.	Featherstone R.	2.30pm	
H	Jan. 9 Sat.	Bramley	2.30pm	
A	Jan. 16 Sat.	Leigh	2.30pm	
H	Jan. 23 Sat.	Hull	3.00pm	
A	Jan. 30 Sat.	Leeds	3.00pm	
H	Feb. 6 Sat.	Wakefield T.	3.00pm	
	Feb. 13 Sat.	Colts Challenge Cup		
H	Feb. 20 Sat.	St. Helens	3.00pm	
	Feb. 27 Sat.	Colts Challenge Cup		
A	Mar. 6 Sat.	York	3.00pm	
A	Mar. 13 Sat.	Castleford	3.00pm	
H	Mar. 20 Sat.	Halifax	3.00pm	
A	Mar. 27 Sat.	Barrow	3.00pm	
A	Apr. 10 Sat.	Hull	3.00pm	

"A" TEAM

H	Aug. 6 Thurs	Wigan	7.30pm	17-11
H	Aug. 13 Thurs.	Oldham A.	7.30pm	0-4
A	Aug. 20 Thurs.	Swinton	7.30pm	15-25
H	Aug. 29 Sat.	Workington	3.00pm	43-16
H	Sept. 3 Thurs	Blackpool	7.30pm	24-9
A	Sept. 19 Sat.	Barrow	2.30pm	6-24
H	Sept. 24 Thurs	Warrington	7.30pm	
H	Oct. 3 Sat.	Whitehaven	3.00pm	
A	Oct. 9 Fri.	Rochdale H.	7.30pm	
A	Oct. 24 Sat.	Lancs. Shield	2.30pm	
A	Oct. 29 Thurs.	Leigh	7.30pm	
A	Nov. 4 Wed.	Wigan	7.30pm	
A	Nov. 13 Fri.	Widnes	7.30pm	
A	Nov. 18 Wed.	Salford	7.30pm	
H	Nov. 26 Thurs	St. Helens	7.30pm	
H	Dec. 3 Thurs.	Widnes	7.30pm	
A	Dec. 19 Sat.	Workington	2.30pm	
A	Jan. 8 Fri.	Warrington	7.30pm	
H	Jan. 14 Thurs	Swinton	7.30pm	
A	Jan. 23 Sat.	St. Helens	7.30pm	
H	Feb. 13 Sat.	Barrow	3.00pm	
H	Feb. 18 Thurs.	Salford	7.30pm	
A	Feb. 27 Sat.	Whitehaven	3.00pm	
H	Mar. 4 Thurs.	Leigh	7.30pm	
H	Mar. 13 Sat.	Rochdale H.	7.30pm	
A	Mar. 27 Sat.	Blackpool	3.00pm	

WERE YOU RIGHT?

ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS SET ON PAGE 16

1. Graham Starkey — 235 in 1966-7.
2. Dewsbury.
3. Workington Town in 1979.
4. South African.
5. Colin Forsyth.

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