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NEXT MATCHES AT WATERSHEDDINGS

1st Team v Doncaster (1st round John Player Trophy) Sunday,
18th October, 3 p.m. kick-off.

Colts v Leigh, Saturday, 17th October, 3 p.m. kick-off

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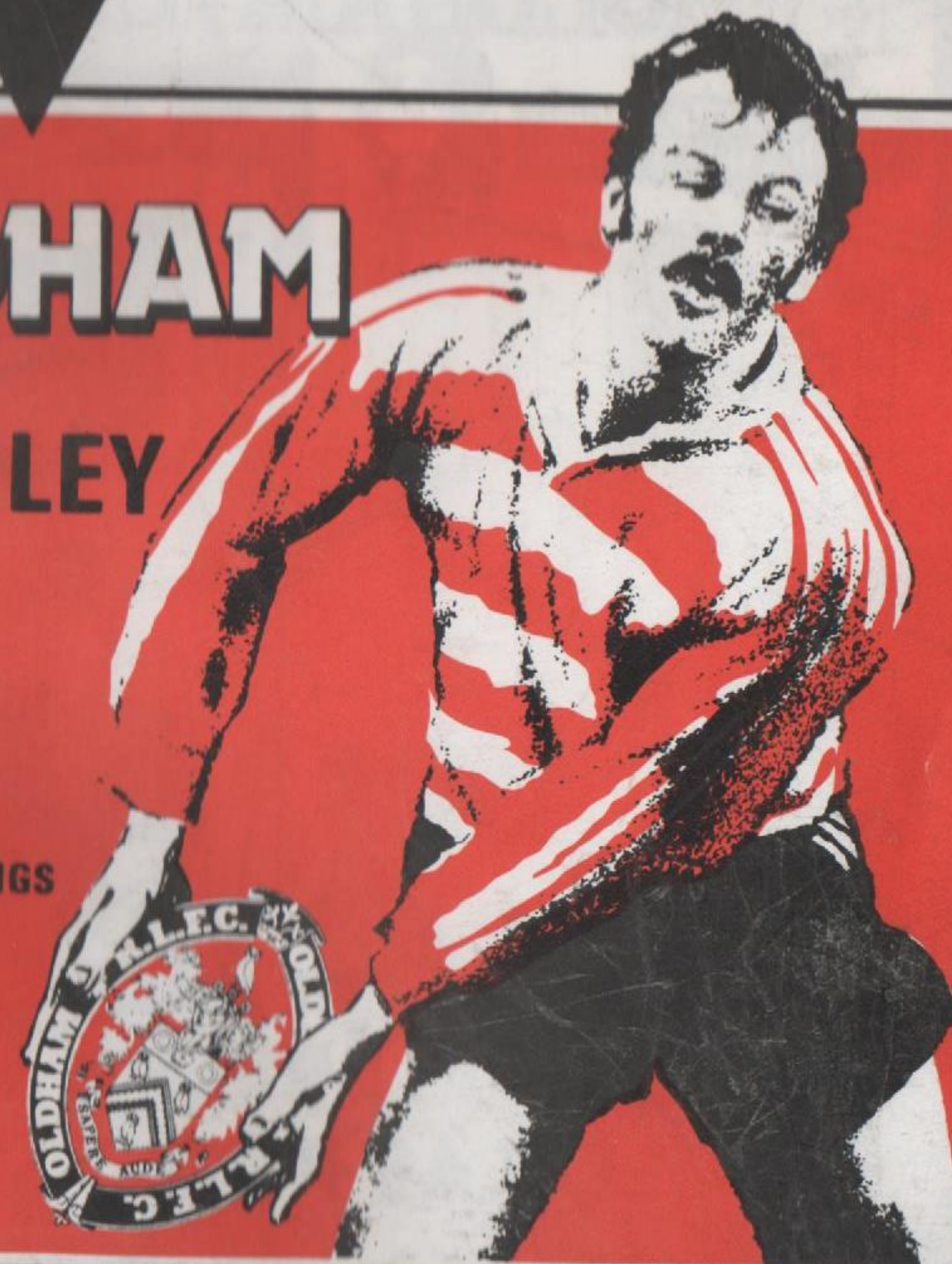
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CLUB RECORDS

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 points v Liverpool City April 59
First game	October 21st, 1876 v Stalybridge
Highest number of points scored	Bernard Ganley 2,881
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, 1933-34
	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 and 1979-80
Colts Premiership Trophy:	1979-80

WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

CONGRATULATIONS to all concerned – especially the coaching staff and players – on our selection as Daily Mirror-Shopacheck Second Division team of the month for September!

Announcement of the honour bestowed upon the Oldham club was made in the Daily Mirror on Friday of last week and within a week of our sixth consecutive Second Division win against Doncaster which came on the day Salford were losing to Batley and thus gave us a two-point lead at the top of the table.

It was our second home victory within a few days because Swinton were here in mid-week and we won 10-7 with Mick Parrish landing three goals, Ray Ashton dropping a goal and Paddy Kirwan scoring a first-half try.

The Lions gave us a few frights but, well though Doncaster played in spasms, they conceded 20 points as our attack opened up in the later stages and in the end we finished comfortable winners.

This time Parrish kicked seven goals to take his tally for the season to 36 and climb into fourth place in the goalkicking charts.

We scored a total of eight tries with Paddy Kirwan leading the way with a hat-trick and Brian Caffery, Mick Parrish, Ray Ashton, Alan Taylor and Steve Herbert also crossing the Doncaster line.

Within a few minutes of the game ending we had learned that Salford had slipped up at Batley and we knew we were two points clear at the top for the first time this season.

The award of the Daily Mirror-Shopacheck citation and £200 as Second Division team of the month – due to be presented today – was icing on the cake.

It is the second time the Oldham club has been thus honoured because we won the same award in December, 1979, when we were last in the Second Division.

The "A" team had a disappointing home defeat by Warrington, upon whom they had hoped to inflict their first defeat of the season. It was not to be. Alan Platt kicked four goals but we were unable to score a try and the Wires won 16-8.

However, the "A" team made amends in their next match, beating Whitehaven at Watersheddings 22-10 with five goals by Platt and two tries each for Dennis O'Neill and Mick O'Rourke.

It was Dennis's first match after breaking his jaw in a practice match before the season started and we wish him much better luck during the remainder of the campaign.

Since the publication of our last programme the Colts have had two more games – and have still not been beaten since their first outing of the season. They drew 4-4 at home against Bramley on a shocking afternoon and then followed up with a 42-14 win over Barrow.

Two goals by Paul Lowndes provided the points against Bramley while tries by Stephen Dobb (4), Anthony Callagan (2), Les Chadwick (2) and Paul Lowndes (2), plus six goals by Chadwick, accounted for the points against Barrow.

The Colts have now lost 17-38 to Leeds, won 29-21 at Wakefield, beaten York 27-0 at home, drawn 4-4 with Bramley and beaten Barrow 42-14 – not bad for a side that was expected to struggle this season.

One of the major items of Oldham news off the field was the transfer-listing at his own request last week of Ashley McEwen at £35,000.

Another was the decision of the committee to increase minimum admission price to the ground from £1.30 to £1.50.

The committee stress that the price for pensioners and boys remains the same and is not subject to an increase which they believe is absolutely unavoidable in these harsh times.

Second Division gates and Second Division admission prices do not come anywhere near meeting the overheads of a club and a team that has designs on getting back into the top flight at the first attempt.

Moreover, it is vital that we explore every avenue for bringing in revenue and, to that end, we hope our fans will give us as much support as possible next Sunday at Watersheddings when we are at home again – to Doncaster – in the first round of the Player's Trophy.

Don't forget, too, that we are hopeful of running a train to Cardiff on Sunday, November 15, and if you have not done so already please let us have notice of your interest while you are at the ground today.

Our fine run of six consecutive Second Division victories came to an end at Halifax last Sunday when the home side beat us 15-9 in a game watched by nearly 4,600 fans.

Mick Parrish kicked three goals from three shots and Terry Flanagan got our try after Paddy Kirwan had worked the short side of a scrum near the Halifax posts.

Geoff Munro played his first senior game of the season after breaking his ankle last April but damaged the other ankle just before half-time and had to retire.

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PERSONALITY PROFILE

ADRIAN ALEXANDER

Age: 26 (24/2/55)

Born: Yes.

Height: 6ft 3in.

Weight: 16 stones.

Car: Ford Cortina Estate.

School: Thames Valley Grammar.

College/University: Pass.

Previous club: Harliquins.

Favourite players: Glenn Hoddle, Billy Harris, Roger O'Mahoney.

Favourite other teams: Tottenham Hotspur, Fulham, Leeds.

Most difficult opponent: Harrison (Leeds).

Most memorable match: England v Japan (Union) Under-23, 1977.

Biggest disappointment: Roger Halstead's column.

Best country visited: Hawaii.

Favourite captain: Chris Ralston (Middlesex).

Miscellaneous likes: Soccer, drinking, politics, films.

Miscellaneous dislikes: Boring people telling me about old days.

Favourite TV shows: Coronation Street, Never The Twain, Question Time, Mork and Mindy.

Favourite singers: David Bowie, Brian Ferry, Boz Scaggs.

Favourite actor/actress: Humphrey Bogart, Danny La Rue.

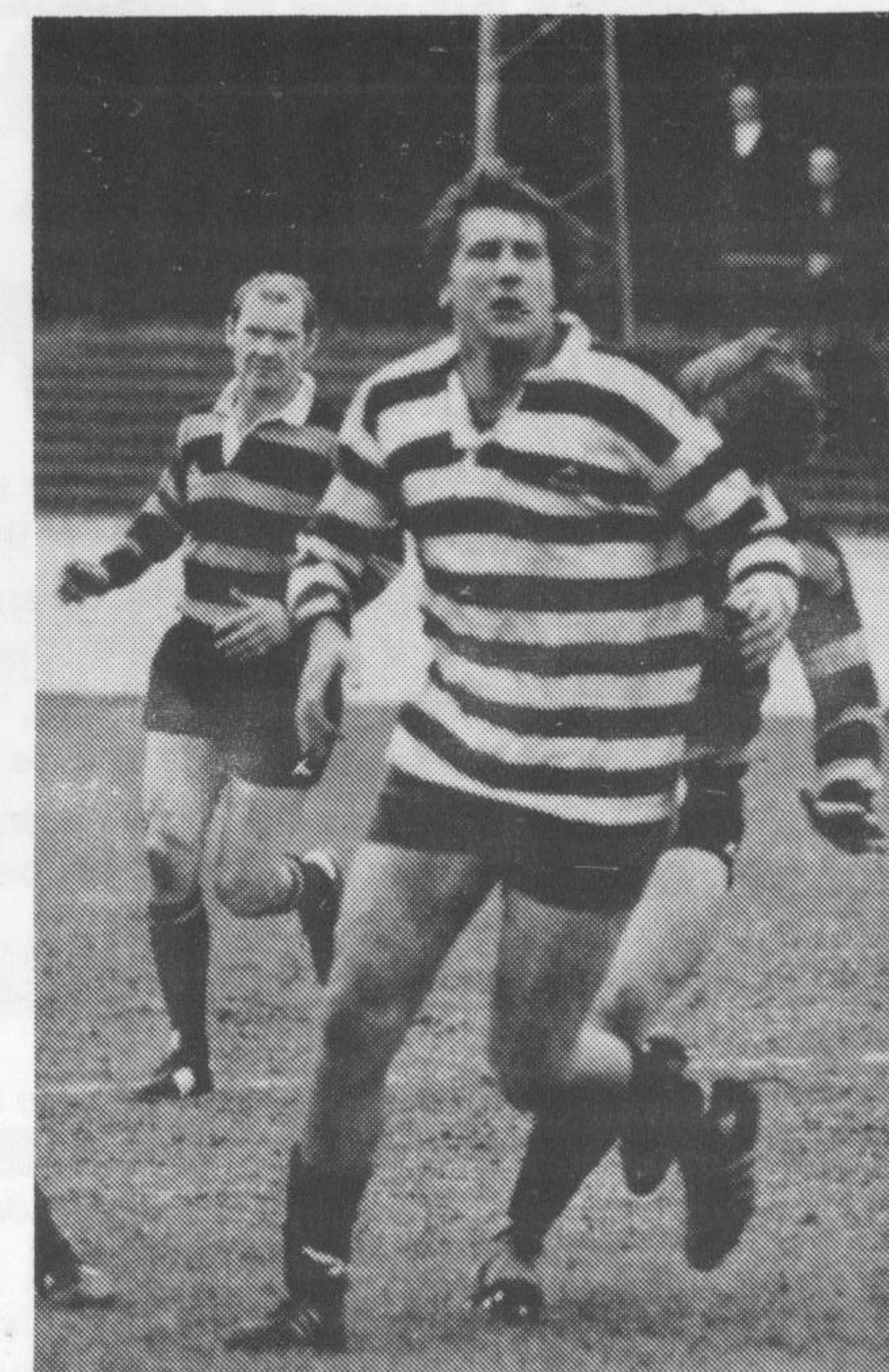
Favourite films: "Clockwork Orange", "If", "Casablanca".

Favourite comedians: Peter Cooke and Dudley Moore, Max Miller.

Favourite L.P.: "Ziggy" - David Bowie.

Favourite single: "Lido Shuffle" - Boz Scaggs.

Favourite group: Bad Manners.



Favourite food: Peas, pudding and chips with gravy.

Best friend: Carol.

Biggest influence on career: E. W. Kriton (All Blacks).

Biggest drag in rugby: Brian Lockwood.

International debut: England v Japan, 1977.

Personal ambition: To have a nice day (every day).

Rugby ambition: To win Second Division Championship with Oldham this year.

Who would I most like to meet: Ray Hatton, Frank Myler, Peter Smethurst.

TODAY'S VISITORS

KEIGHLEY R.L.F.C.

Founded in 1876. Joined the Northern Union in 1900.
 Ground: Lawkholme Lane.
 Colours: White Jerseys with Scarlet Red and Emerald Green 'V'. White Shorts.
 Division Two Champions: 1902-03.
 R.L. Cup Beaten Finalists: 1936-37.
 Yorkshire Cup Beaten Finalists: 1943-44, 1951-52.
CLUB RECORDS
 Attendance: 14,500 v Halifax (Rugby League Challenge Cup) 3rd March, 1951.
 Goals: 155 by B. Jefferson 1973-74.
 Tries: 30 by J. Sherburn 1934-35.
 Points: 331 by B. Jefferson 1973-74.

KEIGHLEY come to Watersheddings today after making a bright start to the season, highlighted by their 36-8 trouncing of newcomers Cardiff on the second Sunday of the League season.

They lost 12-10 at Huddersfield on the opening day but thrilled their supporters and made the whole league sit up with their result against the Welshmen only seven days later.

"We thrashed them," said coach Bak Diabira, "though to be realistic they were a disappointment. I know it was only their second game in the league but we expected a few more fireworks from them."

Since then Keighley have won 12-9 at Bramley, 10-9 at Rochdale and 14-11 at home to Blackpool Borough to creep into the top four behind Oldham, Salford and Workington.

Following their win by 18-9 against Dewsbury at Crown Flatt last week-end they were due to tackle Huddersfield at home on Wednesday when they would be looking to avenge their defeat at Fartown.

An interesting point about the Keighley side is that two ex-Oldham players have been operating together at half-back – Norman Brelsford and Colin North.

Brelsford joined Keighley from Blackpool during the close season and, though a recognised winger, is doing a useful job at No. 6.

Oldham fans will recall that Norman actually played for Borough at stand-off last season when we won 11-2 at Borough Park in February in the first round of the Challenge Cup.

Many fans will take the view that Colin North played his best game for Oldham at scrum-half and he is apparently turning in some splendid performances for Keighley in the No. 7 jersey.

A comparative newcomer to the Lawkholme Lane scene is big prop George Ballantyne, who has moved from Castleford on a month's loan.

Ballantyne made an impressive debut against Blackpool and Keighley could well be trying to sign him permanently before his loan period expires.

Left-wing Graham Beal, Keighley's goalkicker, has scored in nearly 30 consecutive matches while hooker Dean Raistrick is well known as the former Salford, Bradford and Halifax No. 9, now in his second spell at Lawkholme Lane.

With Diabira now having retired as a player to concentrate on his coaching career, the side will be led on the field by skipper Alan Clarkson, the blind-side prop.

Last season, when Keighley finished half-way up the Second Division, they conceded 501 points and only Hunslet (530), Doncaster (562) and Huyton (796) had more points scored against them.

This season they must have improved their defence considerably because they conceded only 49 points in their opening five Second Division matches.

They have also made a habit of playing right to the final whistle and, in fact, beat Bramley, Rochdale and Blackpool in the last ten minutes.

Barring injuries, Keighley could be one of the surprise packets of the season and Oldham must guard against treating them too lightly today if they wish to preserve their 100 per cent Second Division record at Watersheddings.

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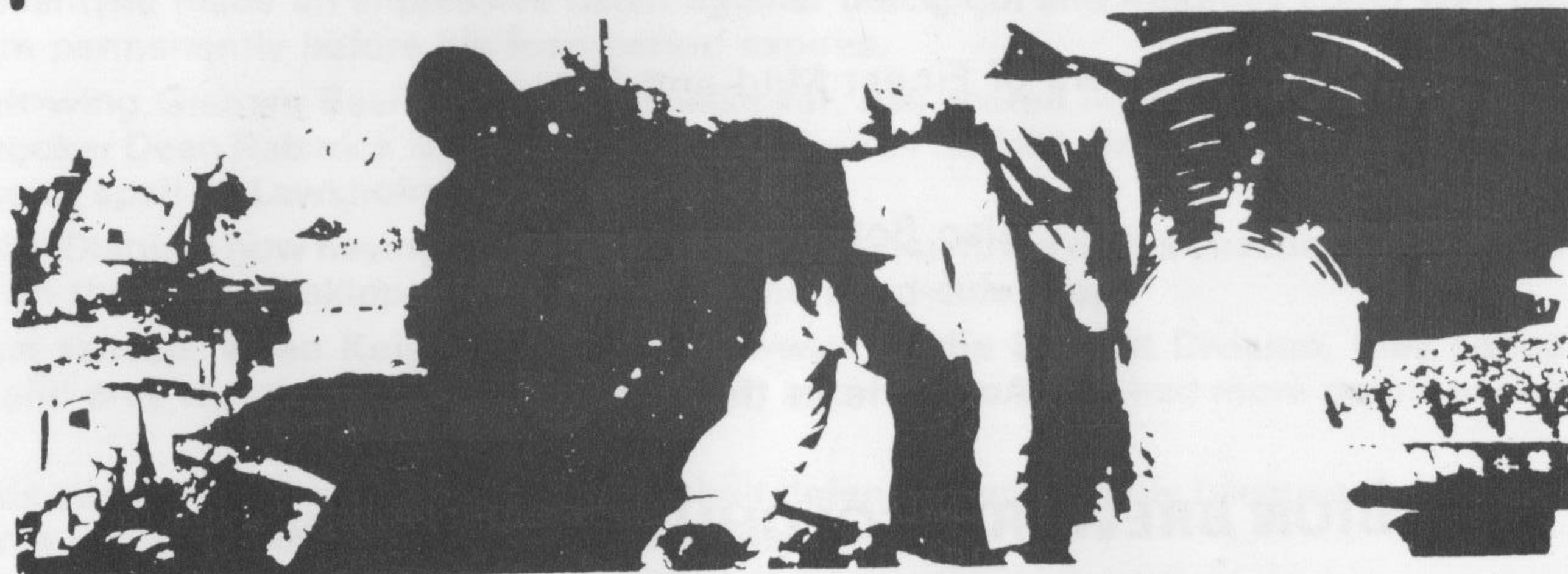
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Quartz Hair Designs for allowing our Rugby Queen Miss Julie Ogden to attend the draw.

Oldham M.B.C. for allowing us to stage the draw in the Market area of the town centre.

All the Market Traders and Shopkeepers in the area for putting up with us for the two hours.

Piccadilly Radio and Mike Sweeney.

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Mr. M. Ward and Mr. C. Ward.

Geoff Munro, Ray Ashton, Bob Mordell, Joe Warburton.

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And last but not least the girls from the O.R.L.F.C. Ladies' Rugby Team for putting on a brave smile and getting into the swing of things on a really wet and miserable day.

THANK YOU (and once again I thank you)

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DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

with Franny Ward at Watersheddings

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Miss Alice Brennan with her winning ticket as she receives the £3,000 jackpot prize from Oldham Rugby League Club's commercial manager, Mr. Franny Ward.

£300 COMMISSION TO BE WON

Mrs. F. Burke who sold the winning ticket to Miss A. Brennan receives £300 commission for selling the winning ticket. She will also receive her commission cheque along with the winner at 2.50 p.m. today.

If you would like to earn yourself extra money by selling our lottery tickets please contact me at the Development Offices for details.

LOTTERY AGENTS' NIGHT

The first of our Agents' Nights Out will take place prior to Christmas on Friday, 4th December, starting at 7.30 p.m. The night will consist of cabaret, disco, raffle and a special agents Christmas Draw.

SPECIAL NIGHT OUT

On Saturday, 7th November, we are organising along with the Supporters' Club a Night Out for all the family. The fun starts at 6.30 p.m. with a small fireworks display on the car-park. From 7.15 until 8 p.m. there will be games for the children. After a short interval the 1981-82 Miss O.R.L.F.C. Supporters' Club Queen competition will take place. Singapore, the top Manchester cabaret band have been booked, and this will be followed by a mixed disco. The night promises to be a very special night and demand for tickets will exceed availability, so please be sure of obtaining your tickets as soon as possible. Tickets can be obtained from Secretary's Office, Development Office, and from the Supporters' Club.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS

President: Mr. D. Blackburn
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Vice-chairman: Miss A. Collinge
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Secretary: T. Heywood.

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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.

SPECIAL NIGHT OUT

Agents and Supporters' Club, Social Night, Saturday, 7th November, 1981, at the O.R.L.F.C. Social Club, to commence at 6.30 p.m. with a firework display on the car park, followed by a short interval whereby crazy games will be organised for both young and old. At 8.45 p.m. the 1981-82 Miss O.R.L.F.C. Supporters' Club Queen competition followed by a disco with music for all ages, dancing until midnight. Pie and peas on sale. Tickets £1.00. Free raffle.

HALLOWE'EN AND FANCY DRESS DANCE

A Hallowe'en and Fancy Dress Dance will be held on Saturday, October 31st, in the Social Club, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Admission £1.00; if in Fancy Dress 50p. Supper will be on sale at a small charge.

COMPETITION

This week's competition is a little different. We want you to pick a full side, from full back to loose forward, of ex-Oldham players who have appeared at Wembley in R.L. Challenge Cup Finals since 1955, either before or after they wore the Oldham jersey. Just two points though, firstly, we want each player in the position he played at Wembley, i.e. Right Centre or Openside Prop, etc., and secondly he must have been chosen in that position at the kick-off and NOT substituted.

Have a try, there are numerous players to choose from.

The first all correct (or nearest correct) entry drawn will receive free admittance to the next home match. All entries to be sent to the Social Club by Monday, October !!!!!.

Correct solution to our Supporters' Club Competition No. 3 is as follows:

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| 1. Dave Bolton | 7. Frank Pitchford |
| 2. Frank Carlton - CAR(L)TON Roman Numeral | 8. Frank Collier |
| 3. Eric Ashton - Salt(ash to N)ewton | 9. Bill Sayer (anag) |
| 4. Ernie Ashcroft | 10. Brian McTigue (anag) |
| 5. Mick Sullivan - John L. Sullivan | 11. Geoff Fletcher - Fleet cher |
| 6. Billy Boston - Boston strong boy | 12. Laurie Gilfedder (anag) |
| | 13. Doug Laughton - Laugh) (Ton) |

COACH TO DEWSBURY

Sunday, October 25th, coach to leave at 2 p.m. Prices: Member £1.50; junior member £1.00; non-member £1.70; junior non-member £1.20.

DETAILS OF DEWSBURY AWAY MATCH

Kick-off 3.30 p.m. Ground: Crown Flatt. Railway Station: Wellington Road, Dewsbury. Bus Routes: From bus station - Dewsbury to Leeds, Pudsey, Morley and Shaw Cross. Facilities: Two licensed bars open before and after match. Catering facilities on match days.

THE CAMERA CATCHES THE ACTION DURING THE HALIFAX GAME



Terry Flanagan scores the try that put Oldham back into the game at Halifax.



Ashley McEwen breaks away towards the Halifax line at the height of the Oldham fightback in the second-half.



Billy Harris falls to a strong tackle at Halifax.



Mick Parrish is hauled down just short of the Halifax line by three defenders.

Photograph by courtesy of Oldham Evening Chronicle.

HUMBERSIDE MAGIC

IF the first part of the season has proved anything it is that the boom on Humberside continues and across the Pennines it is Leigh bringing back lost fans to the game.

With clubs like Castleford, Wakefield Trinity and Featherstone Rovers looking on enviously the two Hull clubs keep the crowds rolling up regularly.

It seems the sky is the limit at the moment as far as Hull are concerned for the Boulevard is again enjoying a bonanza with its attendances.

With the pitch in such sparkling shape the welcome from the season's biggest crowd of 16,157 for Kiwi stars James Leuluai and Dane O'Hara proved an exciting spectacle.

Countryman Gary Kemble had already made himself at home and with the two new Test men quickly finding their feet, Hull's enterprise looks like paying off handsomely.

I understand that to land the Kiwi wing partnership of Leuluai and O'Hara it has cost the Hull club around £35,000 which is good business.

When you look around the League and see the crazy prices being asked for players then it is not surprising that clubs are looking beyond the home market.

Hull are hopeful that their Kiwi pair will stay longer than their present three-year contracts and finish their careers with them.

It would seem safe to assume that Kemble will be keen to extend his stay after making such an impressive start in the full back role.

An with Ian Potter costing them £50,000 Leigh are clearly determined to recapture the great days of the early seventies.

With Widnes, St. Helens, Hull K.R. and Bradford Northern determined to challenge the prospect of a fierce struggle for John Player honours is looming.

Brian Batty

TRY THIS QUIZ

1. Which professional clubs has David Eckersley played for in his career?
2. Which referee officiated at the 1974 Challenge Cup Final at Wembley between Warrington and Featherstone Rovers?
3. How many Second Division victories did Doncaster chalk up in the 1979-80 season?
4. What is the record attendance ever recorded at a Challenge Cup Final?
5. What is the name of Whitehaven's ground?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26

A SHORT HISTORY OF KEIGHLEY

by Tom Webb

THE Keighley club commenced activities in 1876 and for many years was only a second class Rugby Union club. Some 20 years later Keighley were in the Yorkshire Rugby Union Second Competition winning 20 games, losing two and drawing two scoring 272 against 56 to top the table. That was in 1896-97 a year after the leading clubs in Yorkshire had joined the Northern Union.

By April 1900 the club had reached the top of the Yorkshire Rugby Union and decided to make the plunge into Northern Union football. The first game was with Manningham (which later became the Bradford City soccer club) on April 14th, 1900, when Manningham won by five points to two, Harry Mayers the English international half back dropping a goal and thus scoring the club's first points in the new code.

The club were then playing at Lawkholme Lane, having occupied the ground since 1885. It was one of the most primitive grounds used for rugby with an open stand on the Stockbridge side and the other three sides completely undeveloped.

Cricket was deemed to be more important than football at the time although since then the Rugby League game has taken the ascendancy. The first team to appear at Lawkholme was Liversedge and they had triumphed over the Airedale side by two tries and three minor points to one try.

In season 1900-01 Keighley were admitted to the West Division of the Yorkshire Second Competition of the Northern Union. The club finished second to Heckmondwike, just heading Sowerby Bridge on points average.

When fourteen leading clubs formed the Northern Rugby League in 1901-02, the Yorkshire Senior Competition was left with a shortage of clubs so Keighley, along with Normanton, York, Dewsbury, Goole and Heckmondwike were admitted.

Surprisingly Keighley finished third to Leeds and Manningham and just one place ahead of Wakefield Trinity. The club had justified its promotion beyond all doubt.

The following season the Northern Rugby League established a second division and to the delight of their supporters Keighley were the first second division champions. Alas, the triumph was shortlived as the club finished next to the bottom in the first division the following season and along with Huddersfield dropped back into the lower grade. In the last season of two division football Keighley were fourth and so were automatically included in the one division format.

Because of the lack of amenities teams stripped in the town and two waggonettes left the King's Arms in the town centre about a quarter of an hour before kick-off, the referee and touch judges sharing a cab.

In the club's Diamond Jubilee year the club achieved something that has been denied to Oldham, an appearance in the Cup Final at Wembley. In the first round Hunslet were defeated at Parkside by 5-2, Broughton Rangers were ousted at Lawkholme in the second round by 11-5 and Liverpool Stanley, then a strong club were defeated on Merseyside by 7-2. After a pointless draw, Wakefield Trinity were overcome in the semi-final by 7-2. Unfortunately the artistry of Shannon and McCue helped Widnes to win the Cup Final by 18-5.

FLASHBACK

by courtesy of Tom Webb

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

FIVE YEARS AGO

OLDHAM 33, BARROW 0

OLDHAM: Murphy; Elliott, Jackson, Wainwright, Lund; Blair, Treasure; Owen, K. Taylor, I. Taylor, Welding, Herbert, Reynolds. Barton and Ramshaw for Blair and Welding.
 BARROW: Thompson; Clegg, Knight, Nicholson, Fawkes; McConnell, Gooding; Shaw, A. N. Other, Wardle, Flynn, Hughes, Hadley. Clough for Flynn.
 SCORERS: Oldham: Blair 4 goals, Wainwright 2 goals and 2 tries, Lund 2 tries, Murphy, Treasure and Reynolds 1 try each.
 Referee: R. Moore. Attendance: 2,069.

TEN YEARS AGO

WIGAN 28, OLDHAM 13

OLDHAM: Murphy; Elliott, Larder, Buckley, Hodgkinson; C. Hill, Davies; Wilson, K. Taylor, Bonser, Irving, Daley, Clark. Scahill and Reynolds for Buckley and Taylor.
 WIGAN: Tyrer; Wright, Francis, D. Hill, Fuller; A. N. Other, Ayres; Hogan, Hollingsworth, Fletcher, Ashurst, Ashcroft, O'Loughlin.
 SCORERS: Oldham: Larder 2 goals and 1 try, Elliott and Davies 1 try each.
 Wigan: Tyrer 5 goals and 1 try, Ashurst, Fuller, A. N. Other, Francis and Wright 1 try each.
 Referee: H. F. Mason. Attendance: 6,455.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

OLDHAM 12, ROCHDALE HORNETS 7

OLDHAM: McLeod; Dolly, McCormack, Holroyd, Simms; Warburton, Canning; Wilson, K. Taylor, Fletcher, Smethurst, Irving, Mooney.
 ROCHDALE HORNETS: Chamberlain; Ratu, Crocker, Price, Pratt; Starkey, Miller; Payne, Ashcroft, Owen, Parr, Toga, Noon.
 SCORERS: Oldham: Warburton 2 goals and 1 try, Taylor 1 goal, Dolly 1 try.
 Rochdale Hornets: Starkey 2 goals, Owen 1 try.
 Referee: G. T. Schofield. Attendance: 6,685.

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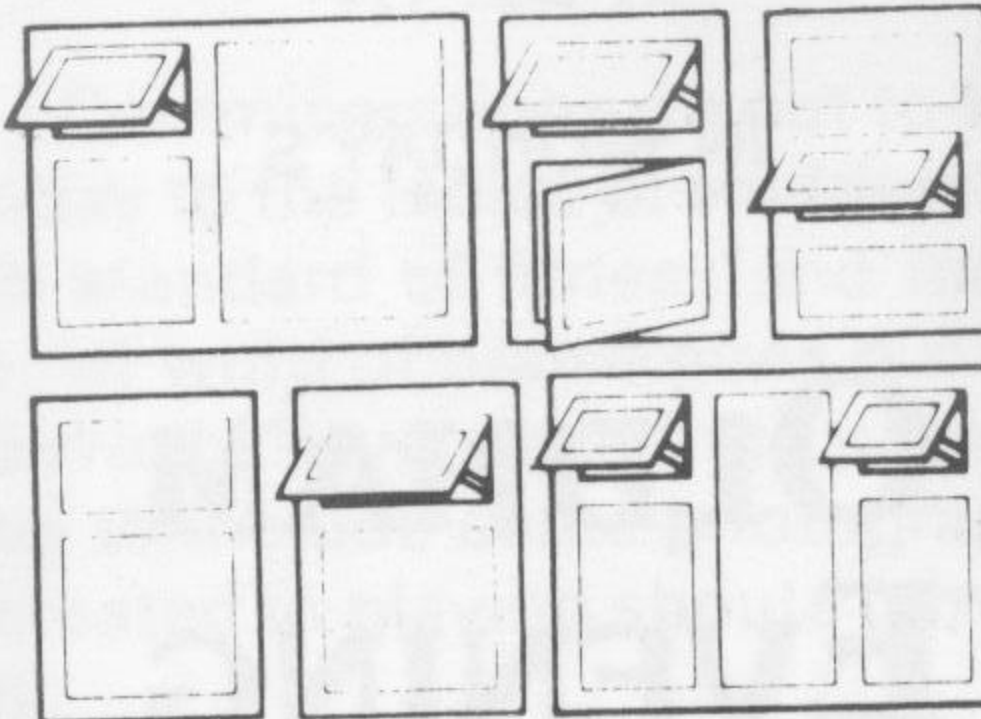
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THE club are hoping to book a special train for our game against newcomers Cardiff City R.L.F.C. on Sunday, November 15th. It is important that we know the numbers of supporters who would like to travel with the team and officials for this historic game in the club's history. Any supporter wishing to travel on the train should give his name into the Secretary's Office after today's game or as soon as possible this coming week..



LADIES' RUGBY TEAM

Commiserations go out to the members of the ladies rugby team who lost by 9-6 last Sunday to the ladies of Huddersfield Rugby Club. The girls displayed excellent skills and a high standard of fitness and made Huddersfield fight all the way to the final whistle. A special word of praise goes out to young Patsy who got trodden many times in the scrum and would have stayed the pace for the full match but for her badly bruised right foot. We hope to include some photographs of the game for the next programme. Any lady who is interested in playing should turn up for training on Monday and Wednesday nights at 6.30 p.m.



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HAS THE SUMMIT BEEN REACHED?

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

FOLLOWING the extensive revival of Rugby League in Oldham over the past few seasons, several people at the grass roots level of the game are now wondering whether the interest in the 13-a-side code locally is steadily beginning to decline, as some amateur youth teams struggle to field a full side each Sunday, and while the town's school teams are unable to find enough interested teachers to organise the out-of-school activities.

Supporters of the Oldham professional team might say that the local Rugby League revival began only a few seasons ago when the club's lottery was launched, while followers of the amateur code would point to the formation of the British Amateur Rugby League Association in 1973 as the major step forward. Both of these events naturally contributed a great deal to the increase of interest in Rugby League locally, although it was probably in the Oldham schools where the initial seeds were sown for the revival. Setting an example which was later to be copied by several other school and amateur organisations throughout the country, parents and teachers of rugby-loving youngsters formed a committee and eventually organised annual matches against the youth players of the Catlan club from Perpignan in France.

After many years of struggling to attain any form of respectability, the local schools found that more young boys than ever before were wanting to play Rugby League and thus give themselves a chance of a visit to the Continent. Such was the intense competition among the town's youngsters that many more schools took to the code for the first time, with Oldham eventually becoming one of the leading areas for schools' Rugby League. The annual matches against Catalan proved a great success, with the early Oldham teams including many players who are now showing terrific promise in the senior game. A highly competent professional side could now be fielded from players who appeared in those Oldham schools' teams, including Des Foy (Widnes), Martin Foy (Wigan), Nicky Kiss (Wigan), Terry Flanagan (Oldham), and Paddy Kirwan (Oldham), while many more have gained top amateur honours.

Last season, however, the French mysteriously pulled out of the venture, with several local followers of schools' rugby claiming that Oldham had become too successful for their own good, and that after dominating the early exchanges, Catalan had steadily become increasingly depressed as their youngsters were increasingly becoming second-best to the ever improving Oldhamers. The withdrawal of the tours has been reflected in the fact that this season's schools teams have become slightly less organised, with parents actually taking over the coaching of the town team sides, while this apparent lack of interest has also reduced the number of prospective players.

Amateur teams have also been hit by this reduction of young players, with several youth teams regularly pleading for extra support, while should this situation continue it could eventually progress into the professional ranks.

Local supporters should arrive early for next Sunday's game at Watersheddings when Oldham entertain Doncaster in the First Round of the Player's No. 6 Trophy. As a curtain-raiser, local amateurs Saint Anne's will face Eastmoor (Wakefield) in the opening round of the John Player Amateur Sevens competition (2.30 p.m.)

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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	4-4
H	Oct. 3 Sat.	Barrow	3.00pm	42-14
A	Oct. 10 Sat.	Hull KR	3.00pm	
H	Oct. 17 Sat.	Leigh	3.00pm	
A	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	
A	Feb. 13 Sat.	Colts Challenge Cup		
H	Feb. 20 Sat.	St. Helens	3.00pm	
A	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	16-8
H	Oct. 3 Sat.	Whitehaven	3.00pm	22-10
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	
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ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS SET ON PAGE 16

1. Leigh, St. Helens, Widnes and Fulham.
2. Sam Shepherd.
3. One — against Huyton 6-3 plus one draw against Rochdale 30-30
4. 102,569 at the Warrington v Halifax replay at Odsal in 1954. Warrington won 8-4 after the teams had drawn 4-4 at Wembley.
5. Recreation Ground.

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