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WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

THOSE fans who travelled to Cardiff last Sunday were treated to a magnificent first-half display by the Oldham side, who produced their best football of the season to turn around with a 25-2 lead.

It really was terrific, attacking rugby with every man playing his part and Cardiff, to their credit, emerging for the second-half to hit back splendidly and thus play their part in providing a great match not only for their own fans but for about eight coach loads of Oldhamers who made the trip.

Many also went by car and skipper Terry Flanagan on behalf of the club and team, would like to take this opportunity of thanking what he described as the "red army" for going all that way to lend their support.

Two nights previously, at Salford, our chief rivals in the Second Division title race, Carlisle, won well to go back to the top but our victory on our first trip to Ninian Park restored Oldham in top position by virtue of a better points difference.

Today we welcome the officials, players and supporters of the Cardiff club on their first visit to Watersheddings – and we hope they will be given a real Oldham welcome as they bid to establish our game in the Union hot-bed of South Wales.

Life down there cannot be easy and Cardiff deserve all the assistance they can get from League folk in the north.

We especially welcome today three of our former players in Arthur Daley, Ken Gwilliam and Chris O'Brien. We feel sure they will get a real welcome on their return to Watersheddings.

Welcome, too, to those former Union players who will be playing here for the first time – players like Steve Fenwick, Tommy David, Paul Ringer and Lyn Hallett.

We hope they enjoy their first visit to Watersheddings – but not too much, naturally. Cardiff played some splendid football in the second-half at Ninian Park.

They scored three tries in 13 minutes and became only the third Second Division side, behind Halifax and Carlisle, to score three tries against us. Moreover, they might easily have had three more.

Next Sunday, of course, sees us embark on the Challenge Cup campaign once again. We go to Swinton, not one of our happiest hunting grounds in the past, and the more support we get down at Station Road the better it will be for our players.

Swinton will not need motivating for this one and a hard, exciting cup-tie is in prospect between two sides who traditionally are great rivals.

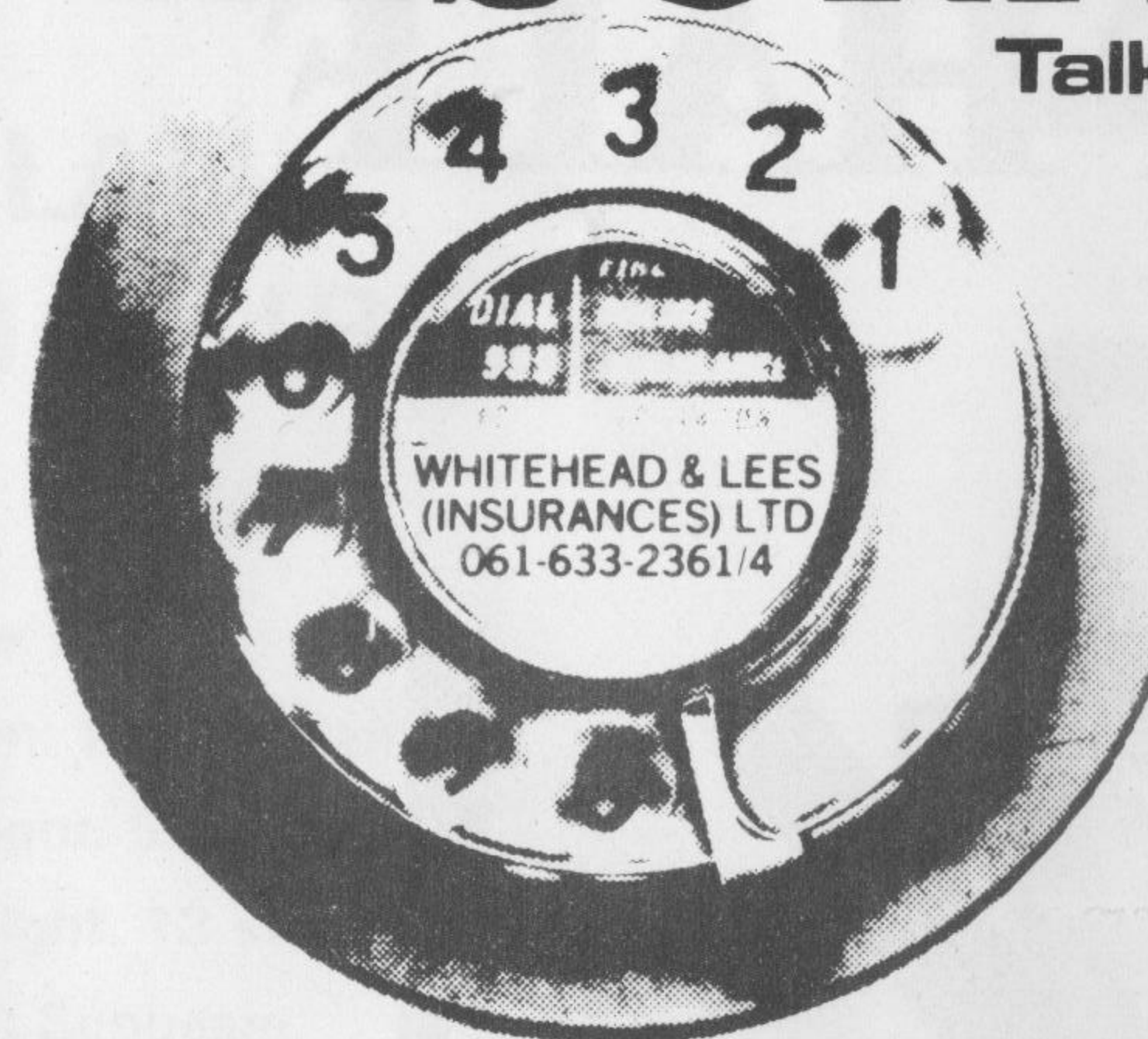
All the more so this time because of the obvious connections of Frank Myler and Peter Smethurst, who were at Swinton before they came here last summer, and players David Nicholson and Alan Taylor, whom we bought from Station Road.

Since our last home game we have reluctantly transfer-listed Adrian Alexander at £28,000 because the player has returned south to live in the London area. This is a pity because he was playing better than at any time in his professional career but it was the opinion of coach and committee that commuting from London would not work out satisfactorily.

Bob Mordell's fee has been increased from £25,000 to £35,000 and Clive Hunter has been listed at £12,000 at his own request but three players have been taken off the list, Ray Ashton, Alan Platt and Phil Ward.

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PERSONALITY PROFILE

ALAN McCURRIE

Age: 28.

Born: Whitehaven.

Height: 5ft. 9in.

Weight: 13 stone.

Car: Sunbeam.

School: Overend.

College/University: Whitehaven.

Previous clubs: Whitehaven and Wakefield.

Favourite players: A. Agar, W. Ashurst, T. Skerrett.

Favourite other team: Whitehaven.

Most difficult opponent: Kevin Taylor.

Most memorable match: 1979 Challenge Cup Final.

Biggest disappointment: Losing Cup Final.

Best country visited: Cumbrian.

Favourite TV shows: Fawlty Towers and

Miscellaneous likes: Tetley Bitter.

Miscellaneous dislikes: Losing.

Favourite TV shows: Fawtry Towers and Little House on the Prairie.

Favourite singer: Stevie Wonder.

Favourite actor/actress: Robert Redford.

Favourite film: "The Sting".



Favourite comedians: Cannon and Ball and Wakefield committee.

Favourite LP: Highway (Free).

Favourite single: What Becomes of the Broken Hearted.

Favourite group: Free.

Favourite food: Curry, steak.

Best friend: Several.

Biggest influence on career: Money.

Biggest drag in rugby: Losing money.

International debut: Cardiff last week.

Personal ambition: To be rich and happy.

Rugby ambition: To win Challenge Cup and to play for Great Britain.

Who I would most like to meet: No-one in particular.

BLUE DRAGONS — PEN PICTURES

BACKS

PAUL WOODS: Height 5' 8". Weight 13st. 7 lb. Former Tredegar and Pontypool Rugby Union player. Turned professional for Widnes in 1976. Moved to Rochdale and Hull. Versatile and uncompromising player who has been capped 10 times for the Welsh Rugby League team.

DUNCAN SCOTT: Height 5' 11". Weight 14st. Started in Rugby League as a schoolboy in 1975. Made 30 appearances with St. Helens for the club and gained English Schoolboy International honours. Moved to Leigh in 1979 and made over 40 appearances for them.

TONY GARRITTY: Height 5' 9". Weight 12st. 8lbs. Very fast and elusive player who had over 40 appearances for Leigh.

STEVE FENWICK: Height 5' 10". Weight 12st. 8lbs. Appeared 30 times in the Welsh Rugby Union International team and was a British Lion in 1977. Holds the record for the number of points scored in one season (i.e. 38). Captained the Welsh Rugby Union International side last season. Prolific goal kicker — scored 267 points for Bridgend in the season 1980/81.

GORDON PRITCHARD: Height 5' 10". Weight 13st. 3lbs. Turned professional for Leeds in 1975. Transferred to Bradford Northern and played in their back row. Was subsequently transferred to Huddersfield as a youth was on the Cardiff City soccer books for a while.

MIKE MARSHALL: Height 5' 11". Weight 14st. 7lbs. A former Welsh Rugby Union Youth International and played for two years for Cardiff. Mike turned professional for York in 1974 and made over 100 first team appearances as a tough and uncompromising winger.

ROBERT FLEAY: Height 5' 10½". Weight 12st. 10lbs. A Welsh Rugby Union Schoolboy International and played Rugby Union for Aberavon for two and a half seasons. Turned professional with Swinton Rugby League Club and played 150 consecutive first team games for them. A strong running wing with a good defensive ability.

DAVID JONES: Height 6'. Weight 13st. 7lbs. Former Rugby Union Secondary Schoolboy International who played for Aberavon and Maesteg before turning professional with Halifax. A strong and resourceful centre, was capped three times for the Welsh Rugby League International team.

CHRIS O'BRIEN: Height 5' 10". Weight 12st. 10lbs. Played for Fairwater Rugby Union Club before signing for Oldham in 1971. A fast, strong utility player who can play in any position behind the scrum. Made over 150 first team appearances whilst with Oldham.

GLENN FRANCE: Height 5' 8". Weight 12st. English Rugby League Schoolboy International, formerly with Warrington.

DAVID JENKINS: Height 5' 8". Weight 15st. Former Swansea and Neath Rugby Union player, who achieved Wales 'B' International honours. Turned professional for Widnes in 1975 and was then transferred and played with Rochdale Hornets as a strong running wing and centre.

KEN GWILLIAM. Height 5' 8". Weight 12st. 3lbs. Signed for Salford in 1967 and played in the Rugby League Cup final two years later in the Salford v Castleford match. Played for St. Helens and Oldham.

FORWARDS

ALAN BAILEY: Height 6'. Weight 15st. 7lbs. Played with Wigan for five years then moved to Rochdale. A determined and talented open-side prop forward.

TONY KARALIUS: Height 5' 10". Weight 13st. 5lbs. A most experienced player who made many first team appearances with Widnes and St. Helens, Wigan and Fulham. Has played in three Rugby League Cup Finals at Wembley and has been capped for Great Britain.

GEORGE NICHOLLS: Height 6'. Weight 14st. 5lbs. Turned professional with Widnes Rugby League Football Club, then transferred to St. Helens. Captained the first team on 40 occasions making two appearances in Wembley Cup Finals and holds 40 caps as a Great Britain International.

CHRIS SELDON: Height 6' 2". Weight 14st. 10lbs. A former Pontypridd and Welsh Schoolboy Rugby Union International. Chris turned professional for St. Helens in 1979. He has two Welsh International Rugby League caps and is a Wales 'B' international.

PETER ROWE: Height 6'. Weight 14st. 7lbs. A former Welsh Rugby Union Youth International (at fly-half). Peter played Rugby Union with Swansea before turning professional with Wigan. He was with Wigan for seven years and subsequently represented Blackpool and Huddersfield. He has 11 Welsh Rugby League caps and represented Wales in the World Cup in 1975.

PAUL RINGER: Height 6' 1". Weight 14st. Played Rugby Union for Leicester, Ebbw Vale, Llanelli and British Universities. Paul has eight caps for Wales and was regarded by many as being unlucky not to have been included in the Lions Tour of 1979/80. A ferocious tackler, he is a highly mobile player and good handler of the ball.

MIKE NICHOLAS: Height 5' 9½". Weight 15st. 5lbs. A former Rugby Union player with Aberavon, Mike turned professional with Warrington. He made over 200 first team appearances for the club, was a Cup Finalist in the Rugby League Cup Final in 1974 and 1975. He scored the winning try to give Warrington victory in 1974. He was selected to represent the British Lions on their tour of Australia in 1974 but could not go because of injury. He was representative in the 1975 World Cup in Australia.

TOMMY DAVID: Height 6'. Weight 15st. 9lbs. Formerly a Rugby Union player with Pontypridd and Llanelli. Tommy gained representative honours for the Barbarians, Wales and the British Lions over the years. He is a powerful and dedicated player, holding six caps for Welsh Rugby Union and should adapt quickly to the professional code.

ARTHUR DALY: Height 6' 1". Weight 14st. 5lbs. Started his professional career with Oldham then moved to Huyton and was captain of Leigh R.L.F.C. A strong running second row forward, he is a determined player with a great deal of flair.

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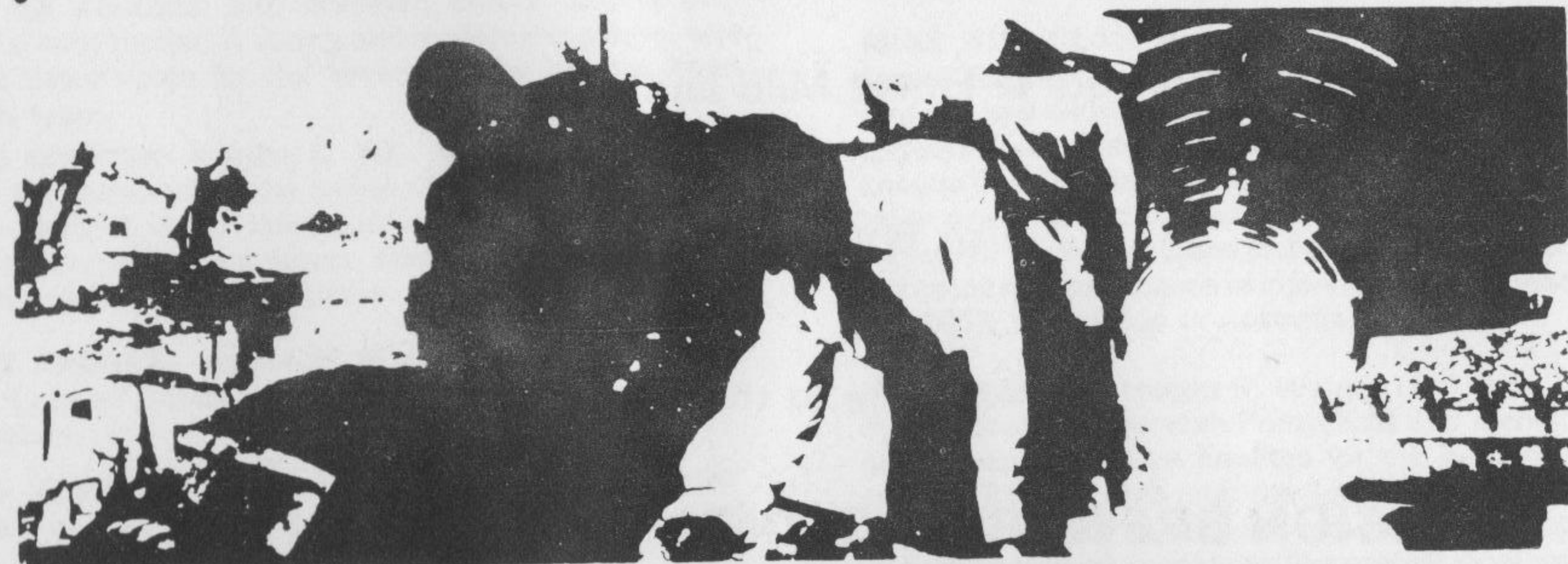
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DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

with Franny Ward at Watersheddings

TODAY is a sad occasion for me, as you may have read in the local press I am leaving the club and taking up the position of Commercial Manager with Blackpool Football Club. I started working for the club back in August when I was transferred from the "Latics". I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people, the Chairman, Mr R. Hatton, for his guidance and advice; Mr. E. Buckley for giving me the chance with Oldham Rugby League Football Club; the other members of the committee; the players for their help in the various promotions we have organised especially Geoff Munro, Ashley McEwen, Terry Flanagan, Bob Mordell, Martin Murphy the mainstays of the Lightning Lottery Quiz Nights. The following people deserve the gold star award for their help and assistance. Mr. R. Halsted, Miss Teresa Winterbottom, Miss Suzanne Givvons, Miss Dawn Riley, Miss Lynne Fleming, Miss Alice Collinge, Mr. Terry Conroy, Mr. Norman Edourdes, Mr. Jon Owen, Mr. Joe Warburton. There are many more and if I have not mentioned you please forgive me but I will always be grateful for your help.

O.R.L.F.C. ROADSHOW QUIZ NIGHT

The next of the Quiz Nights takes place at the Royton Cricket Club next Wednesday, February 10th. The Royton team will be captained by Mr. Nigel Tench and the O.R.L.F.C's by Mr. Paul Lovett, so a "battle royale" is a certainty. The quiz starts at 9 p.m. and everyone is invited to come along and join in the fun.

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ANOTHER FIRST FOR THE LIGHTNING LOTTERY

Did you hear the one about the Rugby League club that sponsored a soccer team? No, well that's what our Development Association have done. Every Thursday night our team plays in the "Latics" five-a-side league and at present after three games we are unbeaten, winning two games and sharing the points in the other. Spectator accommodation is available and admission is free, so why not come along and give us your support. Any sporting association interested in Rugby League sponsorship please contact the Development Offices for details.



Back row (left to right): Dave Burgess, Norman Edourdes, Bernard McDermott. Front row: Mike Burgess, Franny Ward, Jon Owen.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS

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Coach to Swinton

Coach to Swinton for first round Challenge Cup game on Sunday, February 14th, to leave Social Club at 1.45 p.m. Prices £1.40 adult members, 90p junior members, adult non-members £1.60, £1.10 junior non-members.

Forthcoming Events

The Player of the Year Dance will be held on Saturday, May 22nd. Voting papers will be going out to Supporters' Club members in the near future.

A Pan Demonstration will be held in the Social Club on Tuesday, February 16th, at 8 p.m. So come along all you lady members.

A sweater will be presented to Jimmy Swain this Sunday on being picked for Great Britain Colts. Sweaters have already been presented to the other three players selected.

The ladies' rugby team train on Monday nights. Any ladies who are interested please meet at the club at 7 p.m.

ACTION FROM THE GAME AT CARDIFF

Photographs by courtesy of
Oldham Evening Chronicle

Ashley McEwen touches down after a break from the scrum.



Brian Hogan just short — but first he got out a pass to Alan McCurrie to score.

In goes Ray Ashton for another Oldham try at Ninian Park.



CLAMPDOWN EASED?

by Brian Batty (Daily Mail)

HAS the big clampdown on scrummaging eased up as the second half of the season gets well into its stride?

That is the question many officials and players are asking themselves as League programmes return to normal after the big freeze up.

Or is it perhaps a little early to tell? I thought the signs recently suggested that referees are no longer cracking down as hard as they had done during the first part of the season.

There has not been, we know, the concerted effort anyway that the league had been hoping for from referees in this direction which led to several likely meetings between these officials.

So the game goes on the quite honestly it seems we are possibly back to square one in respect of the scrums and can look on with envy at the way they maintain a reasonable standard in Rugby Union.

But at least the League insist they will persevere in trying to rid the game of this deep rooted problem.

I wonder whether it will finish up a bit like the situation that has developed over the play-the-ball.

So many players have introduced their own methods and style of playing the ball that referees would never have a whistle out of their mouths if they started cracking down.

So we could have no complaints really when our Under 24 internationals fell foul of a French official in the recent clash at Headingley.

He was quite within his rights to hand out the penalties as our players failed to play the ball properly.

I felt the Frenchman gave a refreshingly fair display after all the trouble we have had in the past with his countrymen over here and at home.

I hope this is a pointer to the future and that the French have come to their senses for there are enough off-the-field snags without having to cope with more in the middle in these clashes.

A SHORT HISTORY OF RUGBY LEAGUE IN SOUTH WALES

by Tom Webb

AWAY back in our Northern Union days two clubs in the Principality joined our ranks. That was in season 1907-08 and the two clubs were Ebbw Vale and Merthyr Tydfil. This honest approach to professionalism was in sharp contrast to some of the payments made to "amateurs" in cash or kind. Many players who had moved North to join our clubs freely admitted that some of the perquisites they had received for playing Rugby were not inconsiderable, but that was three quarters of a century ago.

In 1908-09 four other clubs, Aberdare, Barry, Mid-Rhondda and Treherbert brought the number of Welsh Northern Union clubs to six. The first three only lasted one year and Treherbert for two seasons. Merthyr gave up at the end of 1910-11 and Ebbw Vale at the end of 1911-12.

A new set up at Ebbw Vale asked to be allowed to take over the club's place in the Northern League but other clubs not wanting to pay the train fares to South Wales refused to accept the application. Up to about 1920 or so, efforts were made to establish a place for an Ebbw Vale club in the league but the Northern Clubs, on financial grounds, refused all applications.

Even so we had a Welsh League in operation for one season and some junior clubs were formed, although I have only records of two such teams. The Northern Union Official Guides for the period gave not details of amateur clubs in South Wales.

Interest was still alive in the Valleys and in 1926-27 Pontypridd entered the Northern Rugby Football League. Unfortunately the industrial depression killed the club early in the following season. However, John Leake who was one of the Welsh Commissioners of our game made tremendous advances in establishing the game at amateur level.

In 1928-29 the Glamorgan League and Pontypridd and District League had 14 listed clubs in the Official Guide and a season later there were still 11 clubs noted. However, the Welsh Rugby Union decided to grant amnesties to all who had been connected with Rugby League football and the players reverted to Rugby Union.

About this time a new club was projected at Cardiff and the Northern League accepted them into membership before the start of the season, the club found itself unable to make a start. That was during 1928.

In 1951-52 a Cardiff club was formed and played one season. It was an ill-fated attempt and set the game back in South Wales for many years. We had a thriving Welsh League which contained Cardiff, Amman Valley, Ystradgynlais, Neath, Llanelli, Bridgend, Cardiff Dockers and Blaina while there was interest in Skewen, Pontardulais and other towns and villages. After some four or five years the league and its clubs disbanded.

Swansea University was the next club to start up in South Wales and it is now a power in the Universities and Colleges Rugby League. When the other Universities in Wales take up the game we shall make real progress. In 1981-82 we give a big welcome to Cardiff City, Dave Watkins and his fellow enthusiasts.

APOLOGY

In the notes for the Huddersfield programme, I inadvertently said the battle of "Spion Kop". This should read, "Rorke's Drift". (I must have been watching Liverpool on the television when I penned the notes.) Sorry. Thanks to Mr. Alan Butterworth of Shaw for drawing attention to the slip. I have at least four different accounts of the Rorke's Drift match, so my mind must have been wandering.

FLASHBACK

by courtesy of Tom Webb

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

FIVE YEARS AGO

HULL KINGSTON ROVERS 35, OLDHAM 5 (First Division)

HULL K.R.: Leighton; Dunn (3 tries), Smith, Watson, Sullivan (2 tries); Agar (2 goals and 1 try), Millward (2 goals and 1 try); Millington (try), Heslop, Holdstock, Rose, Hughes, Casey. Hartley (try) substituted for Millward, Lowe for Hughes.

OLDHAM: Murphy; Elliott (try), Hill, Knight, O'Brien; Whittle, Treasure; Ramshaw, O'Mahoney, Kear, K. Flanagan, Herbert (goal), Brown. Paterson for Murphy, Starbuck for Flanagan.

Referee: J. Entwistle (Salford). Attendance: 5,037.

TEN YEARS AGO

OLDHAM 15, BRAMLEY 12

OLDHAM: Murphy; Hodgkinson (try); Larder (3 goals), Collins, Siddall; Kellett, Davies; Wilson, K. Taylor, Foster, Daley, Churm (2 tries), Reynolds. Substitutes: Hill and Walker.

BRAMLEY: Dewhurst (3 goals); Goodchild, Sampson, Smith, Austin; Hughes, Astbury; McCurley (try), Price, Cheshire (try), Craker, Idle, Welford. Substitutes: Toohey and Payne for Astbury.

Referee: R. Jackson (Halifax). Attendance: 1,198.

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HUDDERSFIELD: Ford (goal); Hagan, Tomlinson, Todd, Senior; Blackett, Loxton; Heppleston, Close, Anderson (try), Dobson, Valentine, Hepworth. Davies (goal) for Close.

OLDHAM: Curry (3 goals); Buckley, Shelton, Smethurst, Dolly; Donovan, Canning (try); Bott, K. Taylor, Wilson, Mooney, Irving (try), Parker.

Referee: D. T. H. Davies (Pendlebury). Attendance: 8,377.

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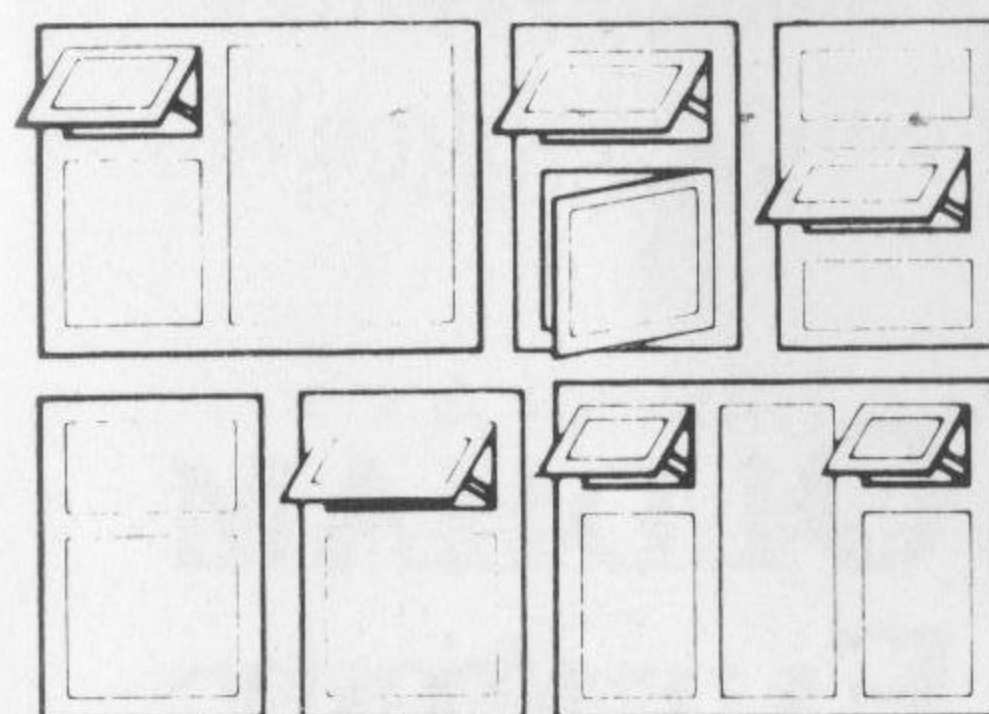
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RUGBY LEAGUE — 99% AMATEUR

by Alan Burke

Public Relation Officer, Oldham Amateur Rugby League

TO the majority of people not regularly concerned with the game of Rugby League the thirteen-a-side code is possibly still considered to be an entirely professional sport. However, unlike the highly-paid soccer players, the members of a senior Rugby League team are only part-time professionals and are required to make their living from other employment throughout the week, while thousands of players turn out each weekend throughout the season as amateurs. Indeed, only 33 clubs play the game professionally, while there are approaching a thousand amateur sides.

The amateur side of Rugby League is governed by the British Amateur Rugby League Association, more commonly known as BARLA, which was formed in 1973 and which has since gone from strength to strength with many new teams being formed regularly in areas previously untouched. The expansion at youth level has been particularly pleasing to BARLA officials, with strongly contested Championships in both the London area and in Scotland, while today's visitors to Watersheddings, Cardiff City, have also inaugurated youth Rugby League in the Valleys. The Welsh youngsters entertained one of our local sides, Higginshaw, in a curtain-raiser to last Sunday's professional game at Ninian Park, and certainly left a good impression as well as raising hopes for even further expansion in the region.

Until 1973, amateur Rugby League was declining rapidly with less than two hundred teams involved, while youth rugby was almost non-existent. The formation of BARLA immediately brought a rapid improvement in the organisation of the amateur game, which ultimately encouraged more people to give their support as both players and officials, and with the extra competition naturally producing a higher standard of play. Due to the progress made, BARLA has already been able to send two touring teams from these shores to the Southern Hemisphere, with further visits also arranged for the end of the current season, and in 1983. The Great Britain youth team toured Australia and New Zealand in 1977, with the open-age amateur International side visiting Papua New Guinea the following year. The Papuans repaid the visit two years ago, while the British senior team will once again be travelling to the Pacific Islands later this year, with the BARLA under-19s going "down-under" at the end of next season.

One drawback, however, has been the insistence of the Rugby Football Union not to allow any Rugby League players to try their hand at the 15-a-side game. The RFU maintain a rule not to allow anyone who has received payment for playing rugby to attempt their code, although until recently this rule was even extended to those who had played any form of Rugby League, even as a genuine amateur. One of the main aims of BARLA was to breakdown this "barrier" and thus allow players to compete at both games without fear of discrimination. With the ban removed, Rugby Union players wishing to attempt Rugby League could do so, and then return to play the Union code without disqualification.

Recently, however, the RFU have slightly relaxed their ban, allowing a transfer system to operate between their clubs and amateur Rugby League teams. Although obviously seeing this as a step in the right direction, BARLA are still aiming to provide a free passage for players between Rugby Union and Amateur Rugby League, and which can surely only be of benefit for both codes.

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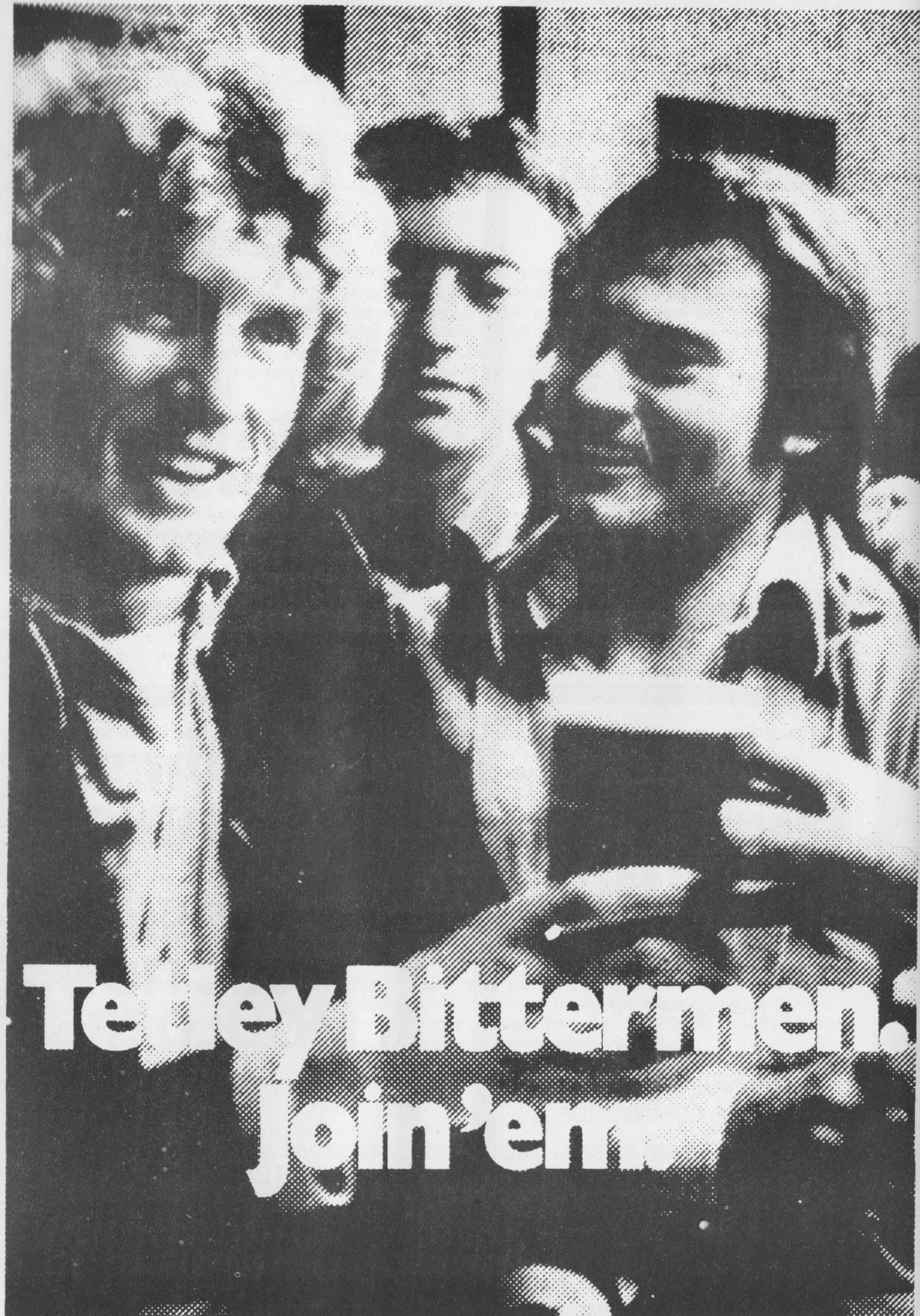
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Aug Rochdale (Law Cup)	A 31-15	800	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19												
Aug St. Helen's (Friendly)	H 12-8	1,652	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	14	12	16	13		11				9	15	17	18									
Aug Salford (Lancs Cup)	H 7-17	2,915	1	5	3	4	2	6	7	8	9	15		13							14	11	12									
Aug 30 Hunslet	H 24-16	2,007	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		15	13							14	11	12									
Sept 6 Blackpool	A 16-6	1,900	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			15	13							1	12										
Sept 13 Dewsbury	H 19-5	1,965	2			4	5	6	7		9			13		15				8	1	12										
Sept 20 Huddersfield 3.30 pm	A 37-4	1,935	2	14	4	5	6	7	8	9					11						1	12										
Sept 23 Swinton 7.30 pm	H 10-7	2,142	2	14	4	5	6	7	8	9					11						1	12										
Sept 27 Doncaster	H 38-10	1,806		5	4	2	6	7	8	9				13		15					1	12										
Oct 4 Halifax	A 9-15	4,598	1			4	5	6	7	14	9		15	13		8						11										
Oct 11 Keighley	H 21-12	2,243	1			4	5		7	8	9	15		13							6	11										
Oct 18 Doncaster JPT(1)	H 21- 7	1,894	1			4	5	14	7	8	9			13							6	11										
Oct 25 Dewsbury 3.30 pm	A 17-12	1,329	1	14	4	5	6	7	8	9			12	13																		
Nov 1 Huddersfield JPT(2)	H 13-0	2,284	1			4	5	6	7	8			15	13						9	14	10										
Nov 8 Carlisle	H 7-22	2,554	1			4	3	14	7	8			15	13																		
Nov 15 Leeds JPT(3)	H 14-5	3,846	1	14	4	3			7	8			11	15	13																	
Nov 22 Halifax	H 11-5	3,604	1	14	4	3			7	8			11	15	13																	
Nov 28 Hull JPT(SF)	A 6-22	11,400	1	14	4	3			7	8			11	15	13																	
Dec 6 Huyton	H 33-3	1,775	15	2		4	3	14	7	10		12		13						9	1	11										
Dec 13 Doncaster 2.30 pm	A																															
Dec 20 Workington Town	H																															
Dec 26 Rochdale Hornets	A																															
Jan 3 Salford	A 17- 7	3,612	2			4	3	14	7	10		11		13																		
Jan 10 Batley	H 17- 9	2,743	5			4	3	14	7	10		12	15	13																		
Jan 17 Bramley	A																															
Jan 24 Huddersfield	H 28- 6	2,211	5			4	3	7	14	10		12	15	13																		
Jan 31 Cardiff City	A 33-15	1,677	5			4	3	7	14			12		13																		
Feb 7 Cardiff City	H																															
Feb 14 State Express Challenge Cup (1)																																
Feb 21 Keighley 3.15 p.m.	A																															
Feb 28 State Express Challenge Cup (2)																																
Mar 7 Workington Town	A																															
Mar 14 Bramley	H																															
Mar 21 Batley	A																															
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																															

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TABLE, SCORERS AND FIXTURES

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.
v Dewsbury	Parrish 5g, McEwen 1T, Ashton 1T, Owen 1T.
v Huddersfield	Parrish 8g, Ashton 3T, Taylor 1T, Ward 1T, Worrall 1T, Kirwan 1T.
v Swinton	Parrish 3g, Ashton 1dg, Kirwan 1 T.
v. Doncaster	Parrish 7g 1T, Taylor 1T, Caffrey 1T, Ashton 1T, Kirwan 3T, Herbert 1T.
v Halifax	Parrish 3g, Flanagan 1T.
v Keighley	Parrish 3g, Goodway 1T, Flanagan 1T, Nicholson 1T, Murphy 1T, McEwen 1T.
v Doncaster	Parrish 3g, Parrish 2T, Taylor 1T, Alexander 2T.
v Dewsbury	Parrish 4g, Platt 1T, Kirwan 1T, Flanagan 1T
v Huddersfield	Parrish 2g, Caffery 1T, Goodway 1T, Nicholson 1T
v Carlisle	Parrish 2g, Murphy 1T.
v Leeds	Parrish 4g, Flanagan 1T, Nicholson 1T.
v Halifax	Parrish 2g, Kirwan 1T, Murphy 1T, Platt 1 dg.
v Hull	Parrish 1T, McEwen 1T.
v Salford	Parrish 4g, Nicholson 1T, McCurrie 1T, Ashton 1T.
v Huyton	Parrish 6g, 1T, Ward 3T, O'Neill 1T, Caffrey 1T, Munro 1T.
v. Batley	Parrish 4g, Flanagan 1T, Ward 1T, Alexander 1T.
v Cardiff	Parrish 7g 1T, Ward 1T, McEwen 1T, Ashton 1T, McCurrie 1T, Worrall 1T, Flanagan 1T.
KEY: g, goal; dg, drop goal; T, try	

RUGBY LEAGUE - Second Division							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Oldham	16	14	0	2	337	154	28
Carlisle	16	14	0	2	280	119	28
Workington	17	13	0	4	375	122	26
Keighley	18	11	0	7	297	207	22
Halifax	15	11	0	4	234	153	22
Salford	17	10	0	7	361	198	20
Hunslet	16	10	0	6	257	245	20
Cardiff	15	10	0	5	269	274	20
Swinton	16	8	0	8	219	177	16
Huddersfield	18	7	1	10	185	273	15
Rochdale	16	6	0	10	147	209	12
Bramley	19	6	0	13	199	304	12
Batley	18	6	0	12	208	315	12
Dewsbury	17	6	0	11	127	244	12
Blackpool	17	4	0	13	159	255	8
Doncaster	16	3	1	12	174	379	7
Huyton	13	0	0	13	91	291	0
Up to and including Sunday, January 31 st							

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
H 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	15-29
H Oct. 17 Sat.	Leigh	3.00pm	33-12
H Oct. 24 Sat.	Hunslet	3.00pm	16- 7
A Oct. 31 Sat.	St. Helens	3.00pm	14-12
H Nov. 7 Sat.	Castleford	3.00pm	15-23
A Nov. 14 Sat.	Bradford N.	2.30pm	7-23
H Nov. 21 Sat.	Featherstone	2.30pm	17- 3
A Nov. 28 Sat.	Salford	2.30pm	P
H Dec. 5 Sat.	Bradford N.	2.30pm	16-11
A Dec. 12 Sat.	Hunslet	2.30pm	
H Dec. 19 Sat.	Salford	2.30pm	
A Jan. 2 Sat.	Featherstone R.	2.30pm	
A Jan. 9 Sat.	Bramley	2.30pm	
A Jan. 16 Sat.	Leigh	2.30pm	
H Jan. 23 Sat.	Hull	3.00pm	2-35
A Jan. 30 Sat.	Leeds	3.00pm	5-28
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	16- 8
H Oct. 3 Sat.	Whitehaven	3.00pm	22-10
A Oct. 9 Fri.	Rochdale H.	7.30pm	14- 8
A Oct. 24 Sat.	Lancs. Shield	2.30pm	5-11
A Oct. 29 Thurs.	Leigh	7.30pm	20- 9
A Nov. 4 Wed.	Wigan	7.30pm	16-14
A Nov. 13 Fri.	Widnes	7.30pm	16-27
A Nov. 18 Wed.	Salford	7.30pm	17- 6
H Nov. 26 Thurs	St. Helens	7.30pm	9- 8
H Dec. 3 Thurs.	Widnes	7.30pm	27-13
A Dec. 19 Sat.	Workington	2.30pm	5-21
A Jan. 8 Fri.	Warrington	7.30pm	
H Jan. 14 Thurs	Swinton	7.30pm	
A Jan. 29 Sat.	St. Helens	7.30pm	8-12
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	

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