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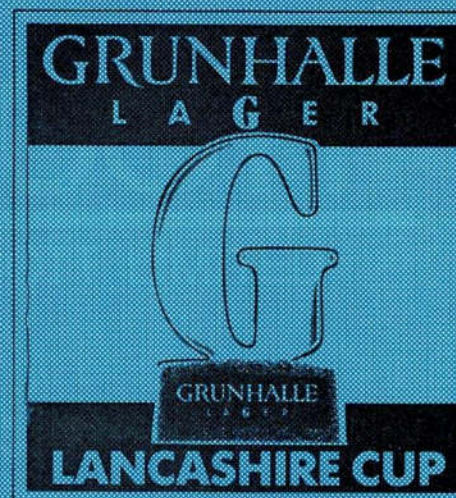
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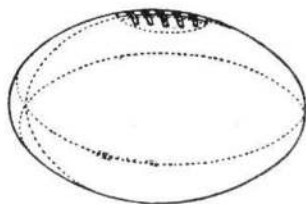
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TODAY WE GIVE A WARM WELCOME to Oldham who many supporters recall we triumphed over for our first ever trophy success the Lancashire Cup 12 - 2 in 1954/55 season.

Oldham are bidding to climb back into the First Division under Tony Barrow but lost a vital game at Halifax last week before 8,000 plus spectators.

The last time we met Oldham at Craven Park was on 13th December, 1987 and Barrow won 18 - 14 before a crowd of 22,244.

After last weeks game I spoke to Leeds International Garry Schofield and he tells me that Chris Johns will be a great asset to the team when he arrives, Schofield says that Johns has had a great season Down Under. Although we went down 32 - 10 Schofield said that there was plenty of effort from the Barrow players only pace being the difference between the two sides.



Paddy McAteer (Editor)

Next week we face a difficult trip away to Sheffield Eagles who have had an encouraging start almost topping Saint Helens, before wrecking Featherstone away 37 - 12.

At the time of going to press it is not known where the game will be played as safety measures have closed down the Owlerton Stadium.

Wigan is our next home game unless we are successful today and are drawn at home in the Second Round.

Tickets will be available shortly for the Daily Mirror Road Show in aid of Steve Tickle's benefit which will be staged at the United Club on Wednesday October 25th.

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SANDRA'S PAGE

Today's article takes a look at one of Barrow's most popular players - Eddie "Smiler" Szymala.

Eddie signed for Barrow R.L.F.C. in the 1973/74 season from Barrow Island A.R.L.F.C. and immediately made a big impression on the professional scene. Throughout the 12 years that Eddie played for Barrow, he represented Great Britain U24's (twice), both against France in 1976, England against France in 1979 and full Great Britain caps (twice) again against France in 1981. On a lighter note, he also came 3rd in the Cumbria R.L. Superstars in 1983. Eddie gained a Division Two Championship medal in 1983/84, and a John Player Trophy runners-up medal in 1980/81. He was also awarded Barrow's Young Player of the Year award early in his career.

Many opposing players feared Eddie on the field because of his aggressive style of play - this sometimes gained him a 'bad boy' image. This image often rebounded against him, causing him to come into conflict with many a referee. (it's rumoured that Eddie and Fred Lindop were not blood brothers!). He was in fact sent off 14 times in his career. In contrast to this, Eddie was one of the most respected players in the game, and was a real character both on and off the pitch (sadly something which is all too frequent with the modern game).

During his time at Barrow, Eddie's score sheet read as follows:-

	Tries	Goals	Points
1973/74	-	-	-
1974/75	-	-	-
1975/76	-	-	-
1976/77	4	23	58
1977/78	4	43	98
1978/79	3	2	13
1979/80	8	-	24
1980/81	1	-	3
1981/82	6	-	18
1982/83	8	-	24
1983/84	5	-	20
		TOTAL	258

Unfortunately, an ankle injury put paid to Eddie's rugby career, and nowadays he puts all his spare time into his other favourite sport - body building, winning a number of major titles:

- 1983 - Cumbria's Strongest Man
- 1985 - Open Cumbria
- 1987 - Under 90Kg. (U.K.)
- 1988 - West Coast

Maintaining this standard means he has to spend several nights of the week training at the Furness Health Studio.

Another sport that Eddie has just been introduced to is roller skating, which he says helps to improve his physique and build up his strength and stamina.

Eddie still nurses a deep interest in the game and hopes one day to be able to return to the game in some role. I'm sure all the supporters will look forward to this!



RUGBY LEAGUE FOOD A REVIEW

OUT - TO - LUNCH

One of the first questions a committed R.L. follower asks when entering a stadium is "Where's the Food?" Visitors to Craven Park are, doubtless overwhelmed by the stunningly high quality Hot Pot on offer. Our Out-to-Lunch experience has led to second-to-none knowledge of the culinary delights on offer East and West of the Pennines. Here then are some extracts from Egon Wrennie's Rugby Grub Guide:

Warrington:

Be prepared for pies of such substance and grimness, that hardened West Cumbrians have been known to spontaneously weep at the sight of one. The philosophy behind their baking of a meat and potato pie seems to be to just throw in the ingredients and see what happens. A bite into the pie reveals a mound of terrified grey meat, quivering behind a mound of potato as grim and forbidding as a Western Fell. Not for the faint hearted.

Bramley:

A desert of Westlars at the last visit. One fondly remembers the famed Bramley Pie; it is all too easy to become moist-eyed when recalling the benevolent aged gentlefolk as they served up a pork pie swathed in a green cloak of mushy peas. Now, alas, heartburn and anguish are the only results when submitting to the dubious "pleasure" of the fast food wagon.

Wigan:

Terrible chips and other junk food. It really is no wonder that Wiganers are such a dissatisfied pack of whingers, when they can't even rustle up a decent pie.

Runcorn:

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Oldham:

Even Oldham fans don't like Oldham pies. Their only function would seem to be as missiles to throw at away supporters. If attempting to return discarded crusts to their former owners, care must be taken to avoid hitting the main stand, it may collapse under the strain.

Leigh:

Can't remember, - too drunk.

It is with these suggestions in mind that we are now compiling an Official Out-to-Lunch R.L. Good Grub Guide. We hope to provide a Trophy to the most popular items of foodstuff in the Rugby League. Categories will be as follows:- Best Pie Award; Best Soup; Best Bap/Barmcake, etc. We also intend to provide a special "Heartburn" Award to the most unappetising delicacies. Nominations from supporters from other teams will be gratefully received. Please send your nominations to:

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Onto today's game against Oldham. This should be an excellent game between two teams of similar standards (i.e. teams known as yo-yo's) the one big difference between the two teams is that Barrow have played at Wembley and this should be a real confidence booster.

The last time Barrow played Oldham in a Division One match, Barrow, already doomed to Division 2 beat Oldham, thus relegating them also. This was a bit of a blow to "The Out to Lunch Bunch" because if we had let Oldham Win, Leeds would have been relegated instead, resulting in an extra trip to "The Skinners Arms" the next season. This is the best Ale House in the world and we'll be there on October 8th for the Bradford game.

Any way best of luck to both teams, especially Barrow, and may you all have a good day.

HALF-TIME MONSTER QUIZ!!

- 1) Who captained Barrow against Leigh at the start of this season.
- 2) At which club did Brian Smith coach Rod Reddy.
- 3) Which other club did Rod Reddy play for, now coached by Craig Young.
- 4) Which author recently wrote "At the George".
- 5) How many countries are represented on R.L. International board meetings.
- 6) Which amateur club did Andy Whittle play for before signing for Barrow.
- 7) Who was voted Barrow R.L.F.C. Player of the Year last season.
- 8) Who plays at Tattersfield.
- 9) Where do Warrington play.
- 10) Which club are nicknamed "the Gallant Youths".
- 11) Name the last English Club to sign a French R.L. International player.
- 12) Where would you find "Owlerton".
- 13) How many professional R.L. clubs are there.
- 14) Who is the R.L. correspondent in the "SUN".
- 15) Who plays their home games at "Monks Cross".
- 16) Before the introduction of the 4 points per try rule, how many points was a try.
- 17) Who is the Chairman of Leigh.
- 18) Who coaches Dewsbury.
- 19) Where do Hunslet play their home games.
- 20) Who scored the controversial game drawing try for New Zealand in the final Test of the series when the last series was played.
- 21) Who is editor of "Open Rugby".
- 22) Who is R.L. writer for the Guardian.
- 23) Name three Barrow players that are ex-BARLA Internationals.
- 24) Name two Barrow players that were nicknamed "Smiler".
- 25) Name the three Australian signings made by Leeds this season.
- 26) Who presents "Scrumdown".
- 27) Which former radio commentator has recently been announced as a player with Wakefield
- 28) From which Amateur club did Neil Shaw turn professional with Barrow.
- 29) The "Today" newspaper has a column by which R.L. personality.
- 30) Which daily paper does Alex Murphy write in.
- 31) Who was Barrow's leading try scorer last season.
- 32) Which player was nicknamed "Wild bull of the pampas"
- 33) How many teams are there in the Sydney Competition.
- 34) Name Rochdale's new home.
- 35) Barrow centre Tony Kay was signed from which local Amateur Club.
- 36) Who were the last two brothers to play for Barrow.
- 37) Which Amateur team did Steve McGuire play for.
- 38) How many ex-Barrow players now play for Carlisle.
- 39) From which R.U. Club did Barrow sign Steve Tickle.
- 40) Who was Barrow's top Try Scorer in 1985/86.

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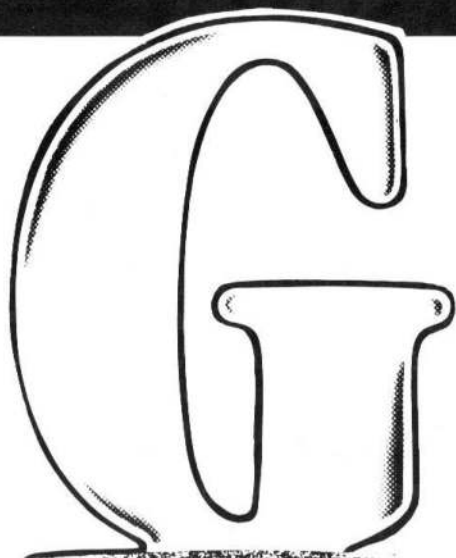
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ROD'S ROCKET!

Hello and welcome to the second game at Craven Park this season. I would like to thank you all for attending the game today and I hope you can make yourselves heard shouting on the boys. Today's game with Oldham is a very interesting one between a side that has just got relegated with something to prove against a team that has taken their place in the top flight. Oldham have made some good buys and have some players to watch out for. John Fieldhouse was a smart acquisition from St. Helens where he gained International honours and is still a force. Richard Russel was a summer buy from the mighty Wigan. Richard obviously wanted regular first team football so his attitude must be right. The Oldham players will want to prove that even though we are in the First Division they are better than us, conversely the same will apply to the Barrow team today. Oldham were unlucky in the First Division last season, they did manage to beat a few teams but not quite enough to stay up. I will have an interest in John Cogger today as it was an open secret that Oldham only just beat us to his signature after the Barrow Board of Directors were impressed with John after Barrow had played Runcorn. Their players will be keen to impress Tony Barrow and I expect them to be no less than 100% motivated for this game as Tony always gets his teams fired-up.



Glen Middleton went into hospital last Monday for a cartilage operation, I hope to have him back pushing for a place in around 6 weeks, best of luck Glen. On a brighter note, Joe Phillips will be with us shortly and all being well will be playing by the Sheffield game. Despite the early setback, I'm not too disappointed as things are still going pretty well at training and the players attitude remains superb. The arrival of Joe and Chris Johns will not go amiss as the small first team squad will soon be very stretched and some other new players would not be unwelcome either. I have a very young squad at the moment and we could perhaps do with some experienced players who are still at their prime.

The Leeds game last week was again a game of lost opportunities, I counted four missed chances in the first half and this is still very disappointing. There were plenty of good points to come out of the game, I thought Cavill Heugh had a very good game, Gary Tees played very well and the two replacements, Pat Trainor and Kenny Marshall, both played top games. Kenny had played with the reserve team the day before so he's had a very busy time last weekend. The most disappointing thing for us was having Leeds pinned back in their own half for twenty minutes and then letting them off the hook to score two long range tries and then the same happened in the second half. To give credit to our players though, they did stick at the task and were rewarded in the second half late on by two tries. I was very pleased with the fitness level of our players, it's very hard to play football against a team that is a stone heavier man for man and about 5 inches taller. So we must plug along sticking to the same pattern and make the passes stick. A bit of super glue would come in handy today. We could do with making things a bit harder for Oldham today, given the same opportunities as last week we can go ahead with it, we are not that far off a win and today can be the day.

Thanks for coming.

ROD REDDY

Chris Tate

WELCOME ONE AND ALL to our second home game this season, extra spice is added in that it is a Lancashire Cup game and it is the Lancashire Cup in which Barrow have achieved any sort of success in recent years. When Barrow won the Lancashire Cup it was from Second Division obscurity and they were not given a chance. The writers of the day pointed to the huge gap in standards between the First Division and Second Division and therefore Widnes were expected to steamroll Barrow's Challenge out of their way. Unfortunately for the Cup kings, someone had forgotten to tell Tommy Dawes and the boys that they were only there to make up the numbers and that they shouldn't really be trying too hard. History shows that Barrow won and lifted the Cup.

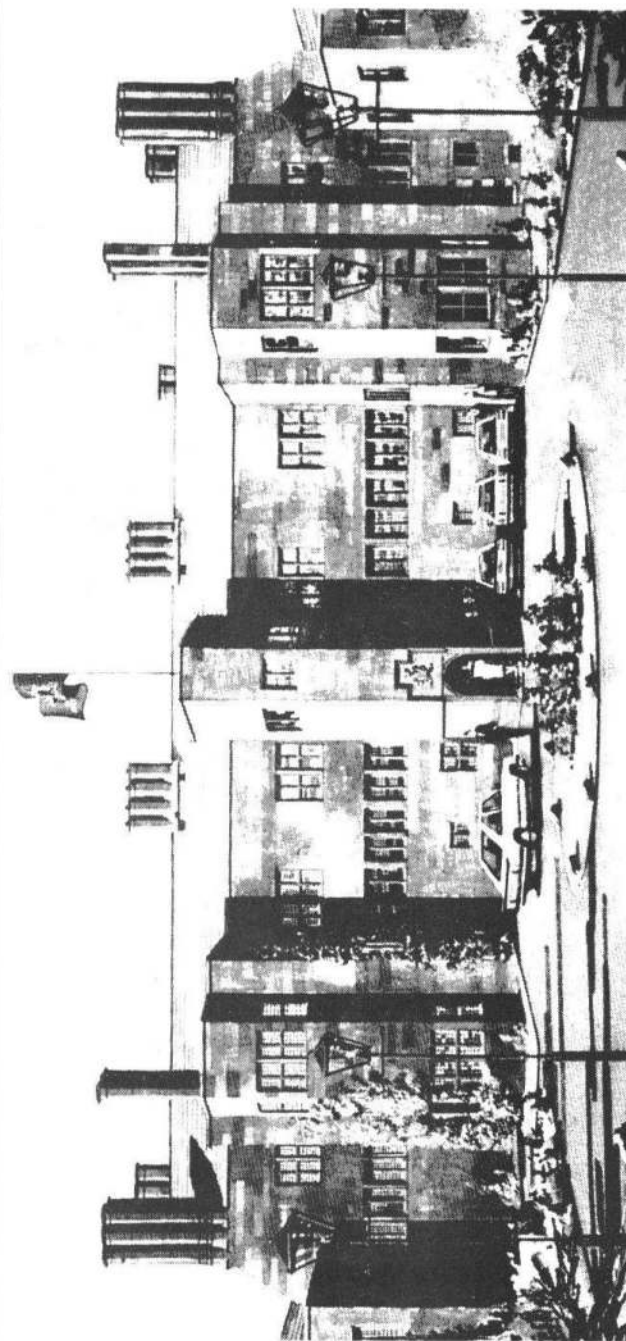


Paralell's can be drawn between the situation then and the state of play today with plenty of people, Barrow Fans included, predicting a swift return to the Second Division football. Well I know one good way to make sure that the club goes straight back down, that is to turn up to the game and shout and moan at the players rather than get behind them and encourage them to do their best. Everyone knows that Barrow will not win the league but with encouragement the players can win the 12 vital games necessary to ensure First Division football next season. When you take a look at our side today just look and see how many players are products of the local amateur league. This has to be the way forward. It is alright to shout that Barrow should be signing such and such a player but it would be irresponsible to put the club into more debt by signing top quality players who would have to travel to Barrow and could not therefore be a proper part of the squad system. Players like Steve Tickle and Stuart Williams have proved good value for money "travellers", Steve in particular has been a top class player and an ambassador for the club. Steve is respected amongst all league referees for his fair play and his consistency. There can not be many more players as unlucky as Steve in missing out on an International place at the height of his powers.

The prohibitive cost of signing ready made players from other clubs means that the production of local talent must be the priority for Barrow. We also live in a small community that is effectively cut off from the rest of the country. This means that we are not a very attractive proposition from a national sponsors point of view until we achieve lasting success. There are only a limited number of businesses in the local community that are willing to sponsor. As commercial manager it is my job to convince these people that their hard earned money is best spent with Barrow Rugby League Club. The lack of facilities has made it hard for people to justify spending too much on sponsorship and I am eternally grateful for the help of sponsors who have been willing to sign up for this season. Having said this, with the prospective new stadium and the private boxes built-in, I expect to be able to raise more money next season. There is increased competition for sponsors money but while you, the people of Barrow continue to make the rugby league clob the best supported sport in the whole of South Cumbria, then we are off to a head start in front of all the others. We could of course attempt to improve this, especially this year in the top flight by introducing new people to the sport from the area. If every supporter could bring a friend with them for one game then we would have doubled the attendance, it really is as simple as that. If you want to see Barrow compete with the big boys, then there are many ways in which you can help. Firstly and most simply, you can attend every game at home and shout the lads on. The next step is to bring a friend along to shout the team on along with yourself and next you can make your friend bring all the family along with them. If you work at a large company that employs a lot of people that like yourself attend the Rugby, then you and your friends might suggest to your employer that your company sponsors the Rugby League team. For example any employer that would like to buy 100 season tickets or more for the workforce as a bonus, could get these at a special discount rate from the club. The only thing I would add is that the club wishes for the sponsor to get value for money and would not wish to put any undue pressure on the company.

I would like to finish by congratulating the team on gaining promotion last season and by thanking the supporters that have attended the games last season and have come to the two games so far this season. I hope you all continue to enjoy your Rugby League this season and that Barrow get the results they need to remain in the First Division of the greatest game of all.

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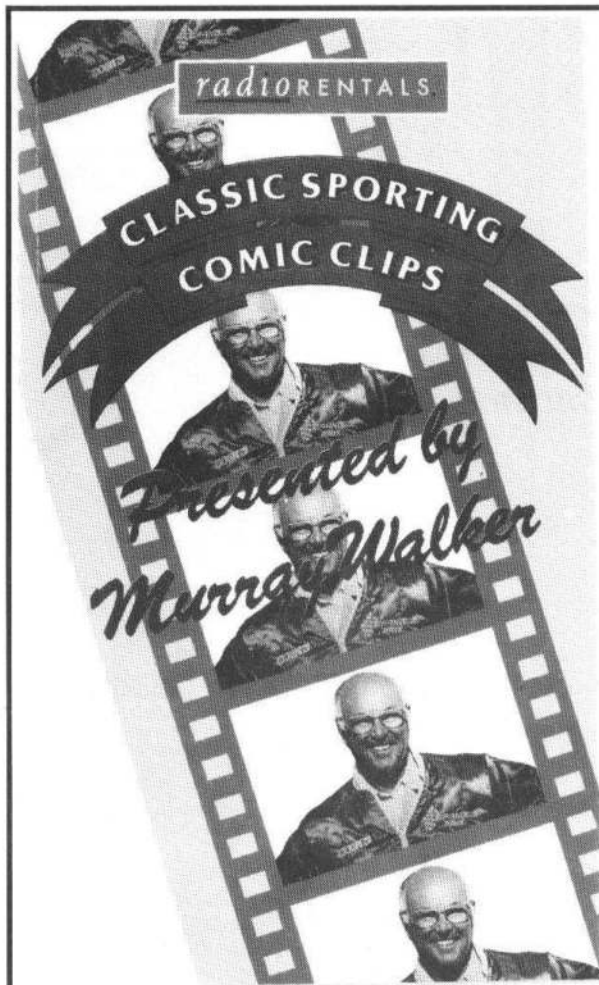
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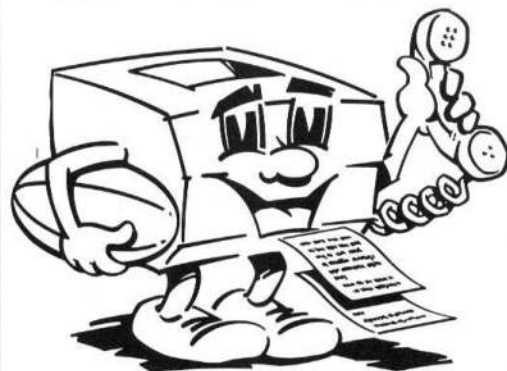
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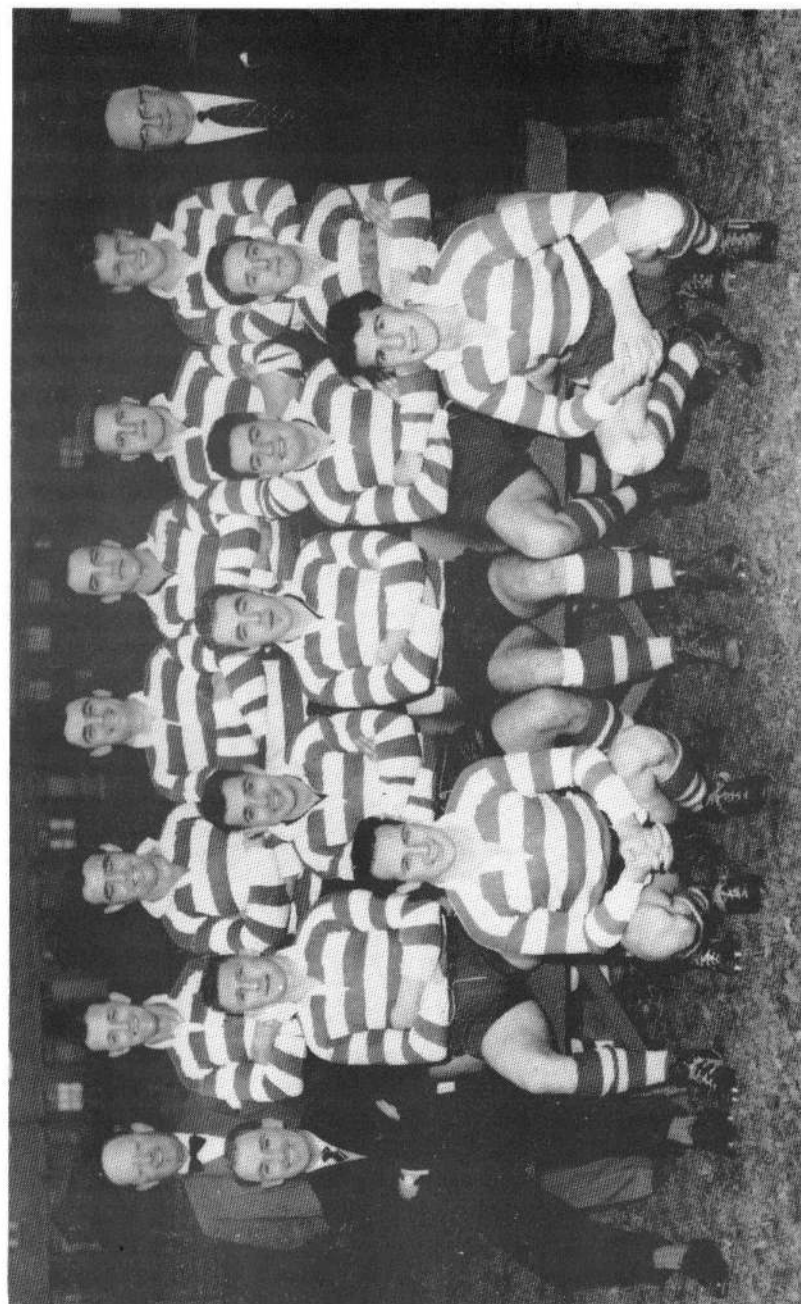
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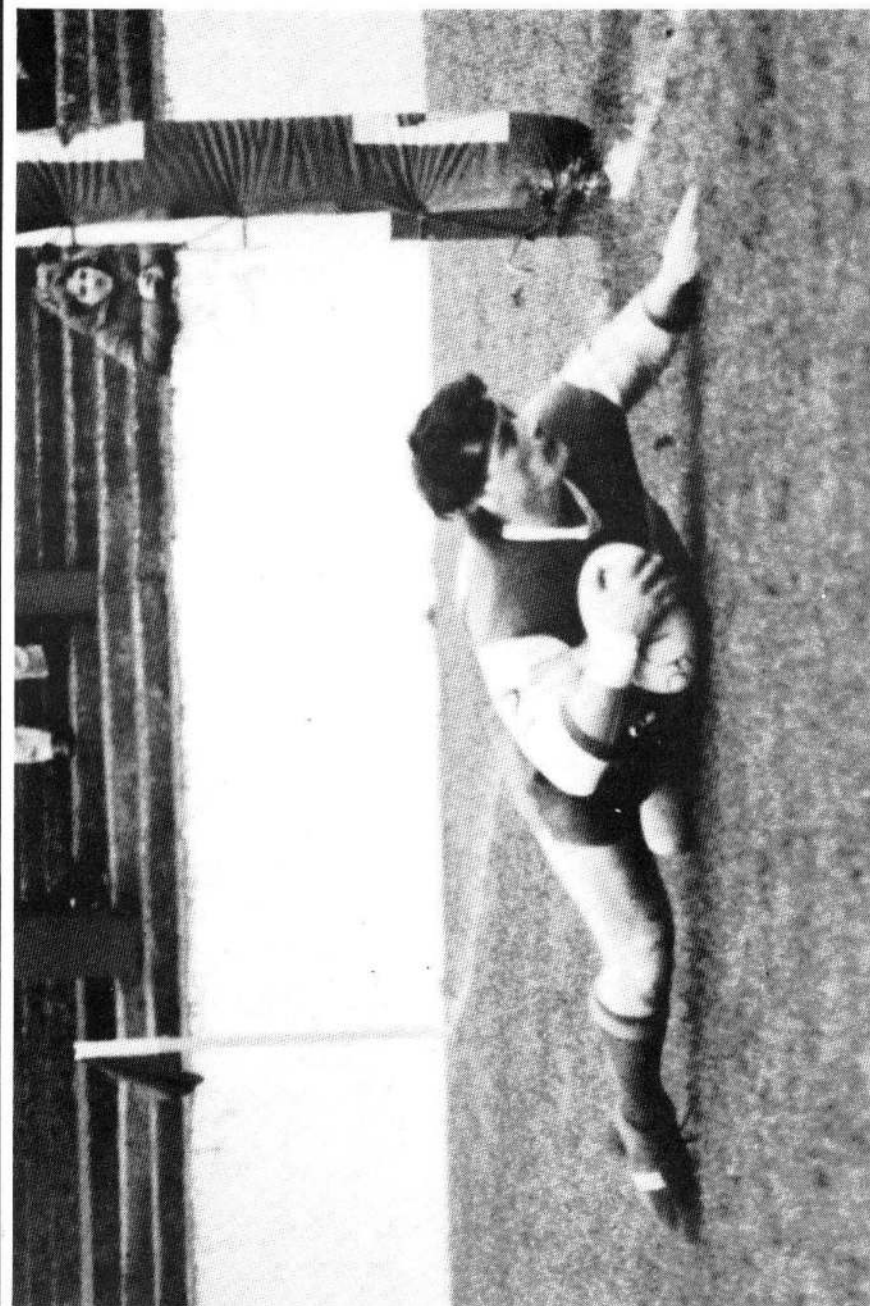
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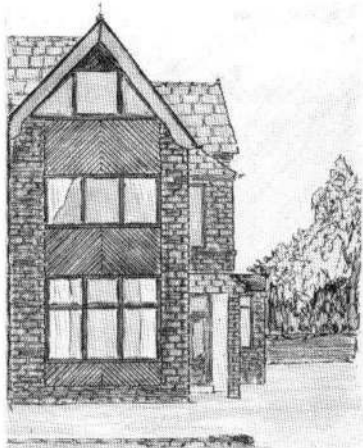


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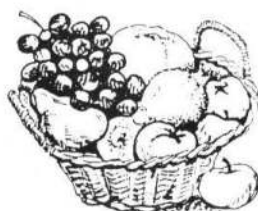
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