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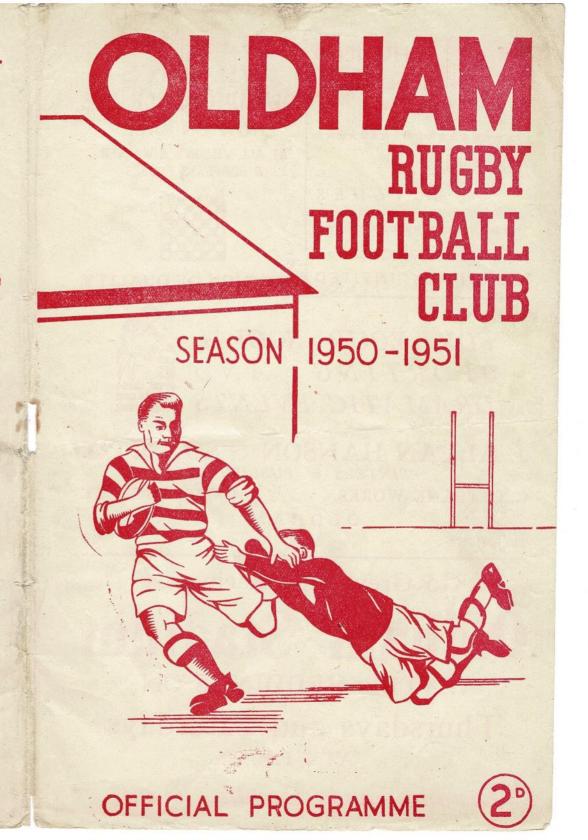
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New Club?

The Doncaster Rugby League Football Club Ltd. intend to make a firm application for membership of the Rugby League for season 1951-52. We have been asked by the Doncaster Club to play an exhibition match at Doncaster on Saturday, April 7th, 1951, as an endeavour to introduce Rugby League Football in the Doncaster area. Much will depend on the financial guarantee, and our opponents may be a Yorkshire Club. A public meeting has been held in Doncaster for the formation of a Limited Company with a capital of £10,000 for share subscriptions. The directors ask for a minimum of £6,000. The ground to be used is the Doncaster Greyhound Stadium for a period of twenty years, has a capacity of 7,000, capable of extension to 30,000. Within ten miles of Doncaster is a population of 250,000, and the directors estimate average gates of 5,000, yielding £350 net. would suffice. They intend to spend £4,000 on the engagement of players and a player coach. We wish them luck in their venture.

The application of the new Doncaster Club to the Rugby League will mean a special meeting of the Rugby League Council. At this meeting it is the intention of this Club to propose the resumption of the Rugby League Combination which has not been in operation

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Supporters Club News.

Our Social Events are becoming popular again, so we ask you to get all your tickets well in advance. We are holding a Dance on July 14th at Hill Stores. Dancing to Jack Nelson and his Blue Metros.

We hope to have a collection on the re-arranged Wigan match, and we hope that we can solicit your support.

Our Wembley trip is now completed. We are leaving Oldham, Saturday, May 5th, at 4-30 a.m., for Wembley. Staying overnight at the Adelphi Hotel, Hastings, arriving back in Oldham, Sunday, May 6th, 10 p.m.

We could do with some support on the Penny-on-the-Ball, and we would appreciate it if any of the members who are interested in this work would please write to Mr. J. Randall, 19, Shakespeare Road, Derker, Oldham.

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