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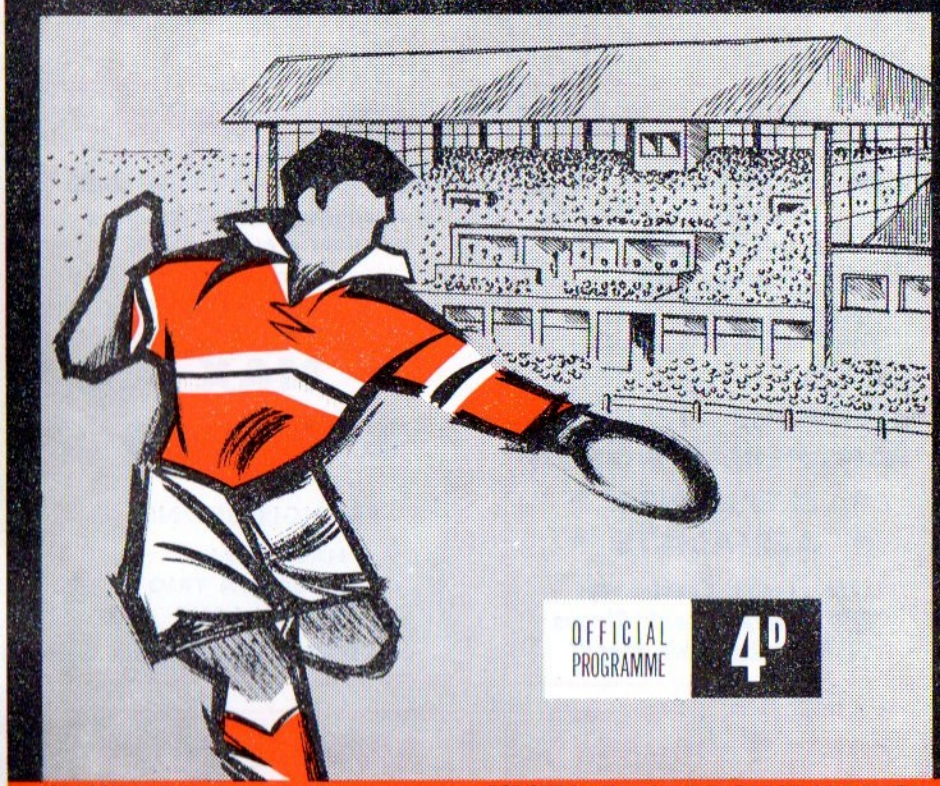

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OFFICIAL NOTES

The most satisfactory feature of our last home game, which was also against Oldham, was the excellent gate receipts of £618. For a Monday afternoon match this was good going and we hope it will be even better to-day. As far as the game itself was concerned it was rather disappointing to us and I think our Oldham friends will agree, we did not have the best of luck. They would have taken some beating with a full team, but to be a man short for threequarters of the game was too big a handicap for our lads, however, they deserve great credit for putting up such a good show and even in defeat they won many friends. The score against them would have been more respectable but for two bad defensive blunders. They will not, I hope, make a present of points to-day.

Our journeys into Yorkshire this season have so far been very profitable. We opened with a good win at Batley, and last Saturday's win at Doncaster was another really good effort for the "Dons" are a greatly improved team and had not previously lost a home game. The turning point of the game came when Joni Nabou scored a wonderful try, the Fijian flyer really stepped on the gas when he raced 80 yards to plant the ball under the posts and he his rapidly becoming a favourite with the crowds home and away. It was a rapid promotion for young Tex McCarrick last Saturday for he had only been a professional for just over a week, he gained his place for his goal kicking abilities for, after all, goals are important, and his two goals last week meant the difference between a win or a defeat, he played a steady, not spectacular, game and we hope it will have given him confidence. I feel there is a bright future for this boy.

With four wins out of seven matches played it is a much better start than last season, but the Directors have already shown their hand, they are no longer going to select players on past reputation, they must prove their worth, and first team regulars or not, they will be dropped if they are obviously off form. These spells come to the very best of players and a game or two in the "A" team often restores their confidence. Whilst there are 45 players on the books it is felt that some positions are not adequately covered should we have a spate of injuries. The signing of Tex McCarrick was soon followed by two more, these being the Wigan reserve half-backs, Jimmy Boylan (scrum-half) and Johnny Phillips (stand-off half). Both these lads are only 23 years old and we hope they prove to be a real good bargain for us—welcome to the Boro' lads ! The next move into the transfer market will probably be for forwards for this seems to be our weakest point. In last week's "A" team game we had to play two trialists and winger Peter Ratcliffe in the pack, and against such a

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Date 1963	Opponents	Grd	Points F.	Points A.
Aug. 21	**Wigan** (7.0 p.m.)	H	P	
,, 24	Batley	A	22	16
,, 31	**Salford**	H	36	16
Sept. 4	Rochdale Hornets	A	7	12
,, 7	**Workington** (Lancs. Cup)	H	8	22
,, 14	**Whitehaven**	H	20	16
,, 16	**Oldham**	H	10	23
,, 21	Doncaster	A	13	10
,, 28	**Oldham**	H		
Oct. 12	**York**	H		
,, 26	Wigan	A		
Nov. 2	York	A		
,, 9	**Barrow**	H		
,, 16	Salford	A		
,, 23	**Leigh**	H		
,, 30	Workington	A		
Dec. 7	**Doncaster**	H		
,, 14	Dewsbury	A		
,, 21	Warrington	A		
,, 25	**Rochdale Hornets**	H		
,, 26	Liverpool City	A		
,, 28	**Bradford N.**	H		
1964				
Jan. 4	Oldham	A		
,, 11	**Dewsbury**	H		
,, 18	Leigh	A		
,, 25	**Liverpool City**	H		
Feb. 1	Bradford Northern	A		
,, 8	1st Round R.L. Cup			
,, 15	**Warrington**	H		
,, 22	Oldham	A		
,, 22	2nd Round R.L. Cup			
Mar. 7	Whitehaven	A		
,, 14	3rd Round R.L. Cup			
,, 21	**Bramley**	H		
,, 27	Barrow	A		
,, 28	**Workington**	H		
,, 30	**Batley**	H		
Apr. 25	Bramley	A		

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"A" TEAM

1963		Grd	Points F.	Points A.
Aug. 24	**St. Helens**	H	P	
,, 31	Salford	A	12	5
Sept. 7	Workington (Lancs. Shield 1st Rd.)	A	3	18
,, 14	Whitehaven	A	15	5
,, 21	**Widnes**	H	13	24
,, 28	Oldham	A		
Oct. 5	**Workington**	H		
,, 12	Widnes	A		
,, 19	**St. Helens**	H		
,, 26	**Wigan**	H		
Nov. 2	**Rochdale**	H		
,, 9	Barrow	A		
,, 16	**Salford**	H		
,, 23	Leigh	A		
,, 30	**Barrow**	H		
Dec. 7	St. Helens	A		
,, 14				
,, 21	**Warrington**	H		
,, 28				
1964				
Jan. 4	**Oldham**	H		
,, 11	Rochdale	A		
,, 18	**Leigh**	H		
,, 25	Liverpool	A		
Feb. 1	**Swinton**	H		
,, 8				
,, 15	Warrington	A		
,, 22				
,, 29	**Liverpool**	H		
Mar. 7	**Whitehaven**	H		
,, 14				
,, 21	Wigan	A		
,, 28	Workington	A		
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,, 11	Swinton	A		

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TO-DAY'S VISITORS

It is less than a fortnight ago that we welcomed Oldham and they went away victorious. Since then they have further improved their status by entering the semi-final of the Lancs. Cup, beating Whitehaven quite easily, and then last Saturday they went to the head of the Second Division League Table by giving previously unbeaten Barrow a thrashing. This victory also put them well on top of the Mackeson Trophy League for points scoring and they look like winning the first period of this Trophy Competition which ends to-day. Oldham in form are a powerful team and it is obvious our lads will have a tough task on their hands. Can we reverse the result ? We shall have to wait and see, but it would do us a power of good if we could.

HERE AND THERE

Billy Knowles will not forget his return to first team football for a long while. Deputising for hooker Ged. Hall (suspended) he was sent off for a hooking offence in his first game after 25 minutes and was carried off with cracked ribs in his second game after only 20 minutes.

There was a tale of woe after the " A " team match at Whitehaven for we finished with only 10 men, Johnny Morris having broken his leg, Cliff Berry broken nose and sent off, and Johnny Meehan also sent off, but they still managed to win.

The Boro' are at present ninth in the Mackeson Rugby League contest having scored 116 points in seven games for an average of 16.57. It may be recalled that we did actually lead in the contest at the end of the second week for with only two games played we had an average of 29. One hour of glory so to speak.

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