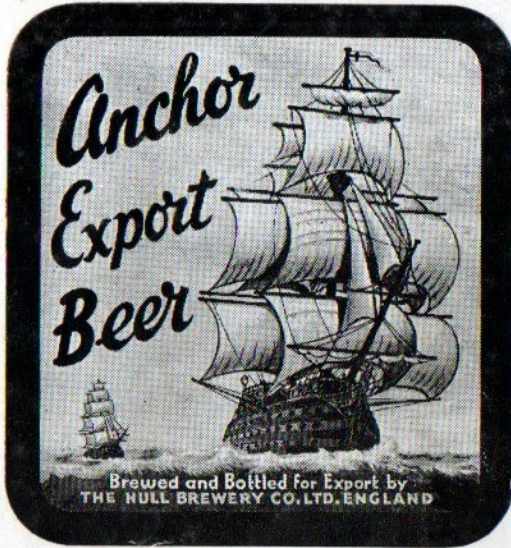


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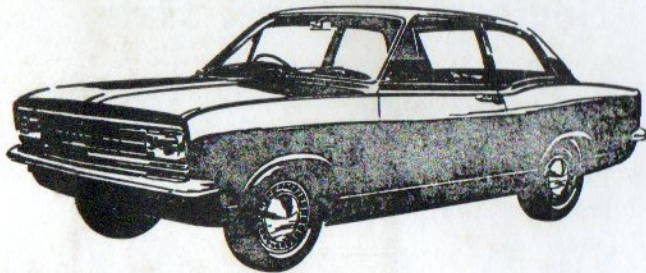
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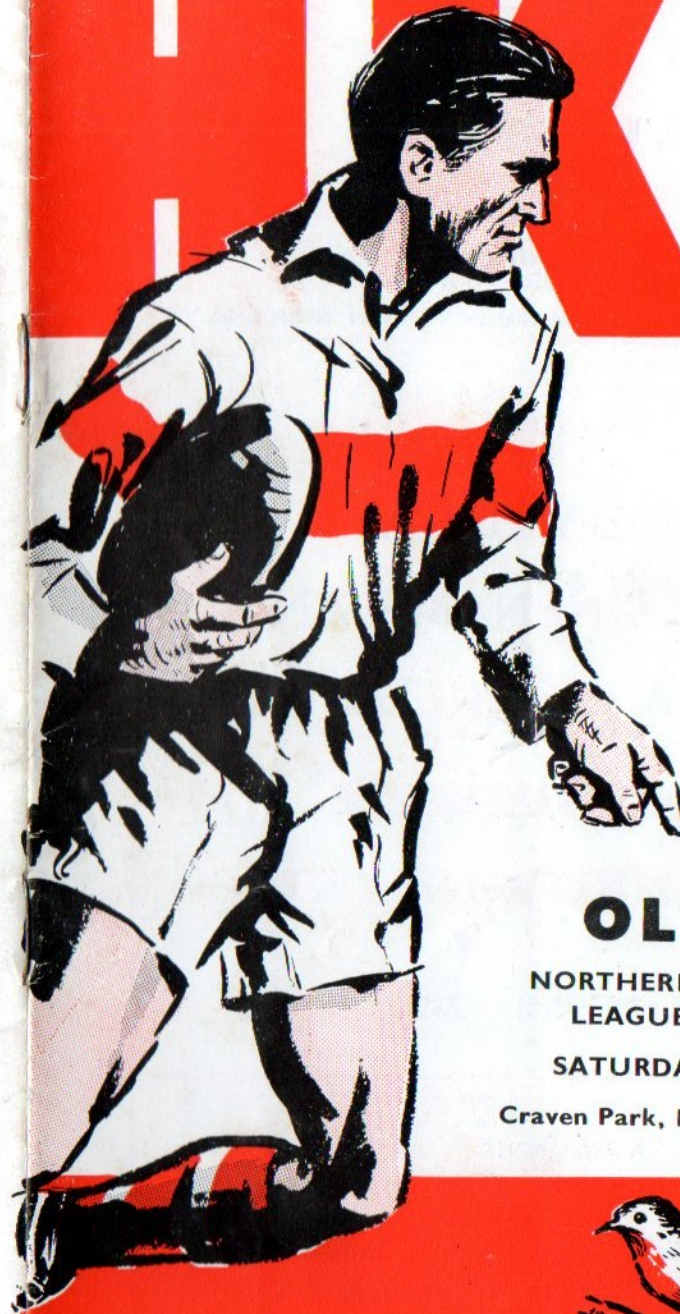


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OUR VISITORS

This afternoon we extend a warm welcome to Oldham, in a match brought forward from Easter Monday, a switch which takes some of the strain off our players over an otherwise heavy Easter weekend. Oldham's readiness to the move is particularly appreciated for they themselves were not faced with a particularly busy weekend.

Thoughts of Oldham naturally conjure up memories of that marathon "semi" of 1964, before we eventually qualified for Wembley, but four years have naturally seen many changes since then. Player coach **Frank Dyson** has gone, to be replaced this season by **Geoff Shelton**, but he quit the coaching job after only 15 weeks and subsequently was transferred to Warrington for around half the amount Oldham had paid for him a year earlier.

Gerry Helme took over the coaching in October, when Oldham were already well on their way to their worst season in the league championship in post war football, and he has done so well it is reported he has been offered a further contract.

Early in September another personality of the 1964 semi-final departed with the transfer of **Peter Smethurst** to Salford for £3,250, a sum almost immediately spent on signing two forwards, loose forward **Arthur Hughes** from Salford and second row man **Charlie McCourt** from Whitehaven.

A more recent transfer was that of highly promising off half **Tom Warburton** to Leigh for £5,500 plus **Wilf Briggs**, another off half with three years Leigh first team experience behind him even though he is still only 23 years of age. Oldham thus reckon they have come out very well in both these deals.

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Captain **Geoff Fletcher** has really found his form this season since he moved up to blind side prop, and he has gained Lancashire and Great Britain "shadow" selection. Unfortunately he misses the rest of the matches this season, being in hospital at present for a cartilage operation.

Along with fellow prop **Ken Wilson** he had formed a strong front row with 21 year old hooker **Kevin Taylor**, the former Under 24 International who last season was an "ever present" and Oldham's top try scorer with 11.

In the second row young Test forward **Bob Irving** is now off the transfer list at which he was listed earlier this season at £14,000, but full back **Brian Curry** (leading scorer this season with 59 goals) has recently had his fee doubled to £5,000 following recent recovery to form.

Rovers have already had a very fortunate 9-7 success at Watersheddings this season, and Oldham are 9th from the bottom of the table with 12 wins from 31 matches. Their recent second round R.L. Cup success over Bradford after a replay must rank their best performance of the season.

New Hooker signed—Rovers recently signed **Stephen Holdstock**, a nephew of cousins **Alan** and **Bob Holdstock**, the former Rovers' forwards. Like them, Steve is a hooker. Born on 27th September, 1949, he graduated from the David Lister High School R.L. team to Constable Juniors, and more recently was playing for Greatfield Trinity in the Open Age League. He has represented Hull and District in both Under 17 and Under 19 age groups, and a few weeks ago he played for Yorkshire Inters in matches against both Cumberland and Lancashire. He also had a warning to stand by in readiness for the England Inters. side for their International in France, but was not called upon to travel.

His first 'A' team appearance was as a trialist against Doncaster 'A' on 2nd December, 1967. He is 5ft. 6ins. in height and weighs 12 stone.

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Collection—The **Hull Braves Guild** will be taking a collection at Craven Park this afternoon and we hope you will all spare something for this very worthy cause.

Obituary—It is with regret that we have to record the death of **Jack Feetham** who started his playing career with Rovers as a loose forward in 1924, played for England against Australia at Craven Park in 1929 and subsequently joined Salford. He became a member of the late Lance Todd's famed "Red Devils" side and made a number of International appearances including a tour of Australia in 1932. Jack became a publican at Salford and Oldham, but returned to Hull and was appointed first team coach in January, 1954, a position he held until succeeded by Joe Ramsden in the summer of 1956. We extend our sympathies to his family.

Injuries—**Terry Major's** strained groin continues to give trouble; it seems rest is the only cure and he will almost certainly not play again this season. **Paul Longstaff's** ankle injury, sustained in last week's 'A' team game is not serious and he is fit to continue in the first team today. **Barry Cooper** has also had an ankle injury and is expected to play in the 'A' team today but there are slight doubts concerning the fitness of **Greg Ballantyne**. **Phil Coupland** is back at work but we have no news of **Mike Stephenson** who has a throat infection.

Illnesses—Two members of our Board of Directors are indisposed through illness. **Frank Parkinson** (who is also President of our Supporters' Club), is now back at home after a course of treatment at the Royal Infirmary, Sutton, and is making some slight progress. Alderman **Albert Draper** collapsed near the dressing rooms at Odsal after our recent match there and though he was brought back home he was subsequently admitted to hospital. Latest reports are that he has had first treatment and is now resting, but he is expected to have to remain in hospital for another week or so. We wish them both a quick recovery and return to their boardroom duties.

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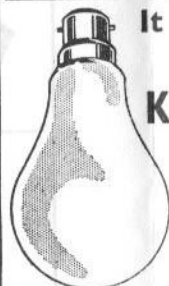
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Points to Note

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Two more goals will give Bill his 300th point for Rovers. Meanwhile this leaves **John Moore**, playing his 200th first team game today, our only "ever present" player this season. With 30 club tries **Roger Millward** is within striking distance of the club post-war record of 34 tries in a season held jointly by **Graham Paul** and **Chris Young**. Roger's leadership of the league try-scorers list (with representative scores he has 36 tries) is now being closely challenged by Wigan winger **Bill Francis** (32 tries).

Performances—Following recent league successes our double-defeat at the hands of Bradford Northern, closest rivals for the league second position, was a big disappointment. Bradford undoubtedly deserved their success at Craven Park, where our pack was below form and we failed to capitalise on many scoring chances. At Odsal, under very poor ground conditions, our performance on the whole was much better but again we could have won had the scoring chances created been accepted.

Award for Lowe—Our young forward **Philip Lowe** is to be presented with the Arthur S. Young Trophy this season. This is a cup donated by the local amateur league organiser and referees' secretary and is awarded annually to the product of the district league judged by the Referees' Society to be the "Most improved Player" of the season.

Trialist—Several different trialists have appeared at scrum half in the 'A' team this season, and this afternoon at York another out of town scrum half, who has not played for us previously, is being given a trial.

Amateur International—Supporters are asked to note that on Sunday, 28th April (kick off 3 p.m.) the Open Age Amateur International match England v. France will be staged at Craven Park.

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This afternoon is the last chance for voting for the Supporters' Club "Player of the Year." The presentation will be made on Friday, 19th April before the first Top 16 Play-off match.

The club will be open on Easter Monday afternoon from 1 p.m. until 5-30 p.m. and in the evening from 7-30 p.m. to 10-30 p.m.

Artist for Sunday—Frank Heppy.

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The quest for Rugby League books, old or new, still goes on. If anyone has a rugby league book they wish to donate or sell for a reasonable price, for our Rugby Library, will they please contact Geoff Hoy or me.

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B. J. LEASON (*Assistant Secretary*)

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The Rovers' Young Supporters Club are holding a jumble sale in the East Hull Barracks on the 10th April, 1968 at 7 p.m. If you have any jumble please take it to Mr. Brown's house, 911 Holderness Road, Hull.

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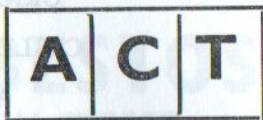
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