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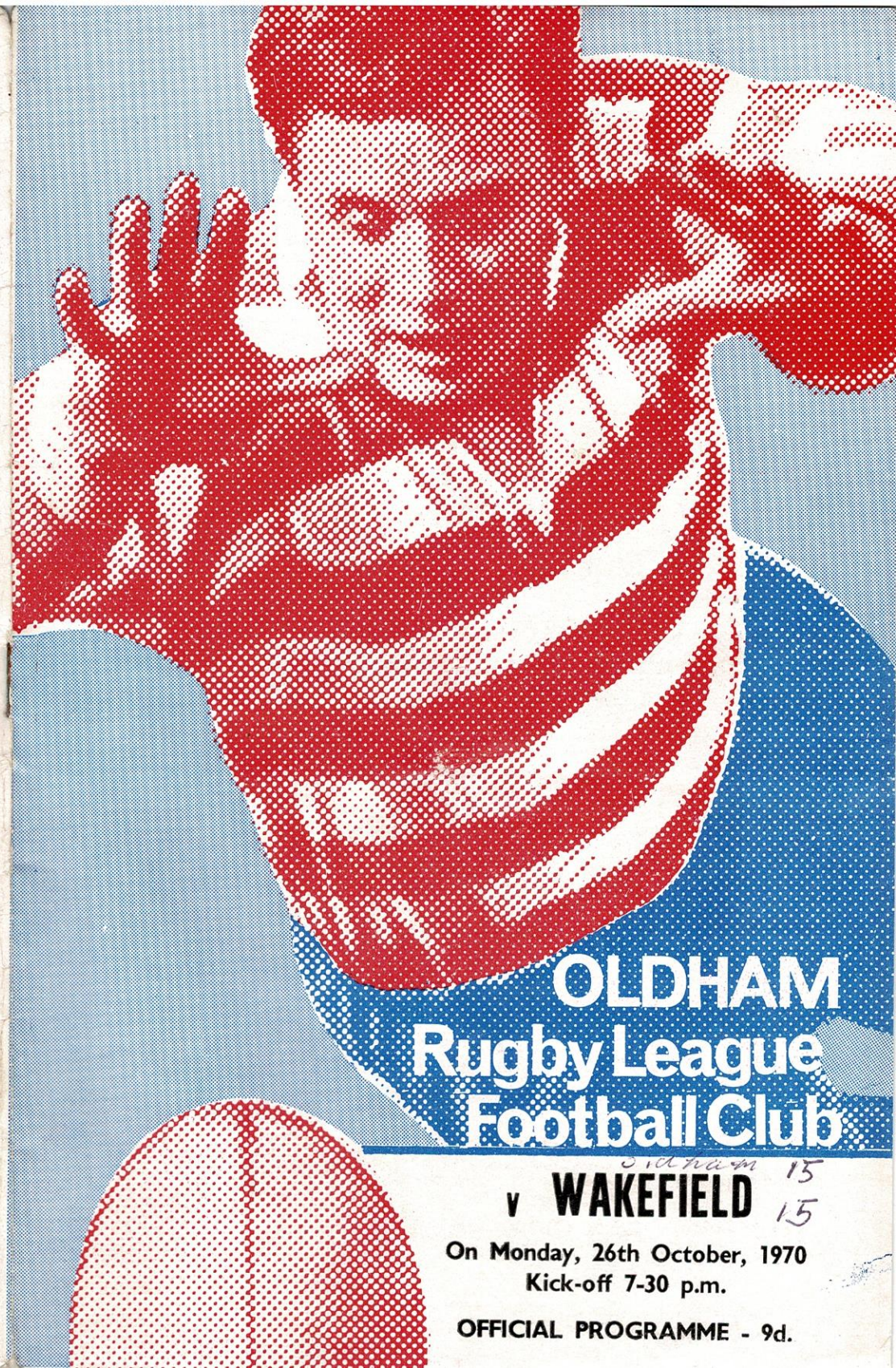
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Ninth in the Rugby League and three wins on the trot—and at last the team seem to be on the 'upgrade'. Team spirit has soared, and this is to say nothing of all the good money that the players have earned. Our congratulations must go to Graham Starkey for not only are the points in the bag, but the team have earned them with good class methodical rugby—and a kind of fitness not seen for a long time at 'Sheddings'. Let us hope that this kind of form can be maintained.

It would be remiss to praise only the first team, for the 'A' and 'B' sides are also playing well at present, and it was good to see Johnny Blair back on duty in the 'A' team last week. The news of Brian Churm's 'B' team, although still winning, hasn't been too good. Captain Stuart Bottoms, who has been suffering from cartilage trouble recently had further bad luck, and had an emergency operation for appendicitis a fortnight ago tonight, but by the time these notes are printed he should be back home, and we would like to take this opportunity of wishing him a speedy recovery.

Better news of young loose forward Derek Fletcher, the younger brother of Ray, who recently broke his fibula. He has had the plaster removed and should be back in training shortly. These have been two nasty injuries for two very promising players, but the 'B' team is still very good entertainment, and these lads play some very good Rugby which is worthy of better support—SO WHAT ABOUT IT?

Congratulations to Ray Clark, who's wife Thelma presented him with a baby boy at Boundary Park last Sunday, the 18th October. A young brother for Andrea. No name is to hand at present time for the new arrival, but the forms are ready as soon as this happens!

COACH'S CORNER

We are now right in among the World Cup fixtures. It makes it a very difficult task for the Great Britain players to win this series when you consider that most of them have not had a break from rugby since the beginning of LAST season. However let's wish them all the best and hope they can pull it off.

There has been a slight improvement in the preparation for this series. In the past our international side has been picked and met for one session before an important match. I should like to see a squad of players meeting more regularly, say once a month on Sunday mornings. They could alternate between Oldham & Rochdale on this side of the pennines and Halifax & Huddersfield on the other side. This would give the players and the coach a real chance of producing a TEAM.

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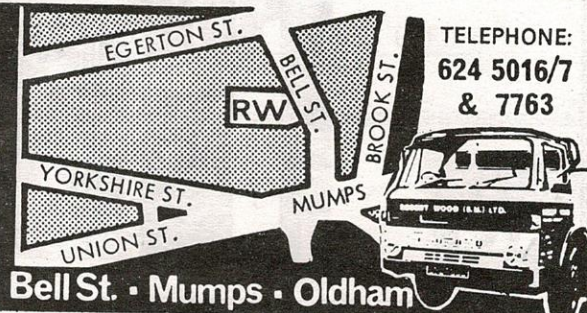
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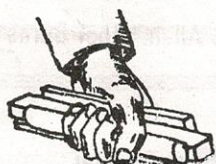
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- 9—TOM HILL *1 goal*
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IN APPRECIATION

Due to space this week we have had to omit the Supporters' Club Notes, but it would be very remiss of us not to congratulate them on their very fine efforts this season. These achievements were brought to a head on Tuesday night when a cheque to the value of £400, was presented by their President, Eric Schofield, to Mr. Walker and Mr. Hartley for the parent body, and I am sure that everyone at the Club are grateful to the Supporters' Club for this fine donation.

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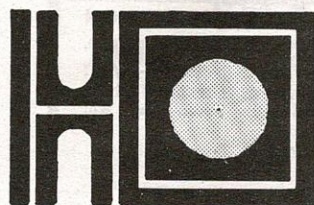
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Aug. 8	Halifax (Charity) ...	home	25	23
15	Huddersfield (Ch'ry) ...	home	4	18
22	York	away	11	24
25	Hunslet	home	54	5
29	Salford (L. Cup Rd. 1) ...	home	12	35
Sept. 2	Huddersfield	away	4	9
5	Barrow	away	17	23
7	Blackpool	away	11	20
12	Bramley	home	24	8
19	Doncaster	away	14	10
21	Whitehaven	home	15	2
26	Dewsbury	home	16	17
30	Whitehaven	away	15	2
Oct. 3	Workington	away	17	13
10	York	home	24	17
17	Huyton	away	23	14
Nov. 2	Blackpool	home		
14	Wakefield	away		
21	Keighley	home		
29	Batley	away		
Dec. 5	Wakefield	home	15	15
12	Warrington	away		
19	Barrow	home		
26	Rochdale	away		
Jan. 1	Huddersfield	home		
9	Huyton	home		
16	Batley	home		
23	Challenge Cup 1st Round			
30	Halifax	away		
Feb. 6	Keighley	away		
13	Warrington	home		
20	Challenge Cup 2nd Round			
27	Halifax	home		
Mar. 6	Workington	home		
13	Dewsbury	away		
20	Doncaster	home		
Apr. 9	Rochdale	home		
10	Hunslet	away		
17	Bramley	away		

'A' TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Club	Ven.	F	A
Aug. 22	Swinton	home	26	17
29	Leigh (Shield 1st leg) ...	away	10	19
Sept. 5	Workington	home	5	11
14	Leigh (Shield 2nd leg) ...	home	8	16
19	Salford	away		
26	Leigh	away		
Oct. 3	Wigan	home	19	14
10	Barrow	away	4	7
17	Huyton	home	22	13
24	St. Helens	home	7	12
31	Widnes	away		
Nov. 7	St. Helens	away		
14	Barrow	home		
28	Leigh	home		
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