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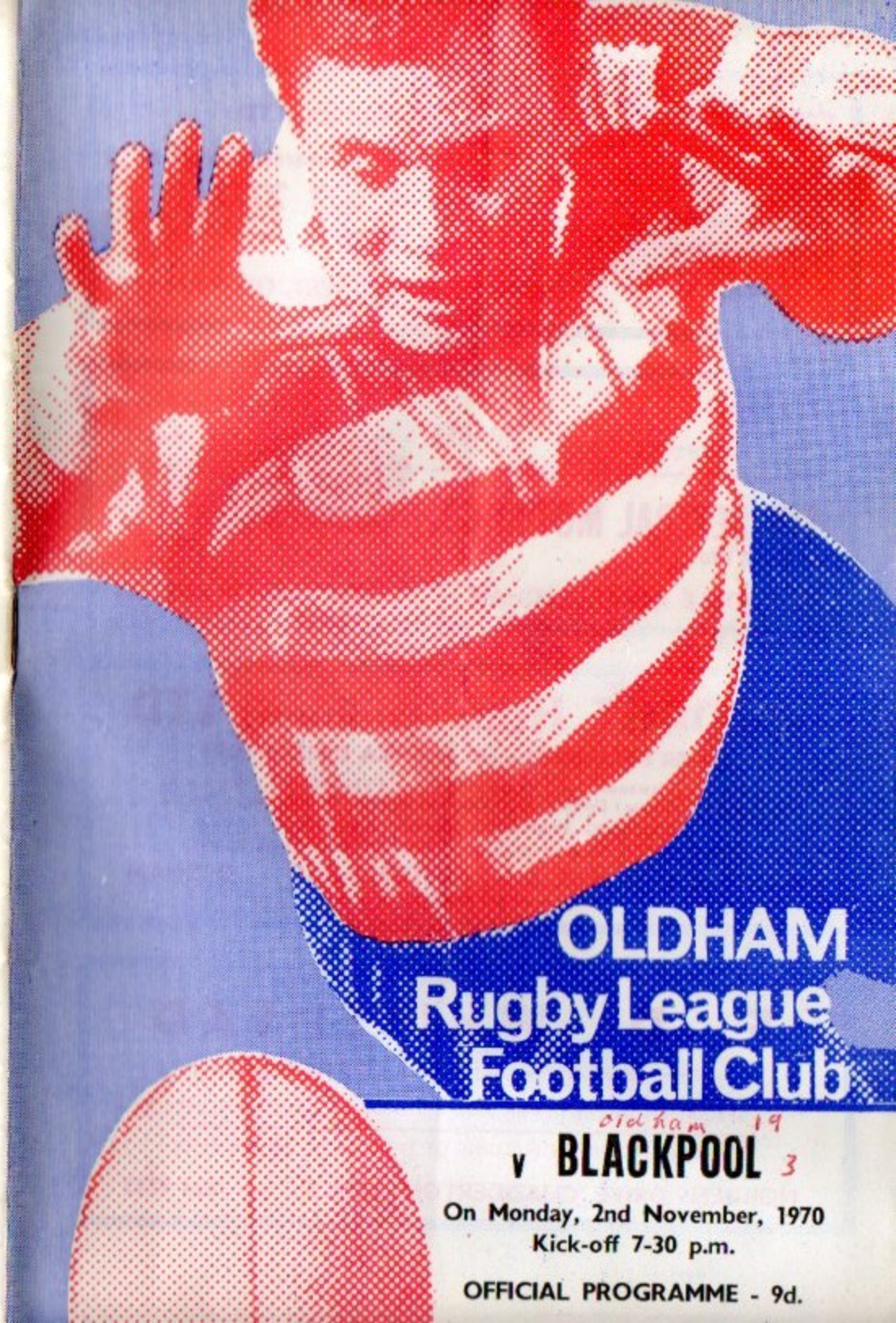
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NEWS AND VIEWS

Our 1st round BBC 2 Floodlit Competition match at Fartown on October 23rd was marred by the dismissal of second row man Dick Bonser, and an Oldham side thus reduced to twelve men after only 25 minutes play, were unable to get a proper grip on the game, the final score in Huddersfield's favour being 14-5.

In the rearranged league fixture against Wakefield on Monday, October 27th, spectators were treated to a feast of fast, open football, particularly in the first half when Oldham were really buzzing! Tommy Davies' try, following a pulverising break-through by Captain Bob Irving, was a truly tremendous effort, and also in this match Terry Garrett came into his own, landing six goals out of seven attempts and being adjudged 'Player of the Match' in the Players No. 6 Awards.

Wakefield were allowed to score two 'gift' tries in the second half, and the final result of 15-15 seems, on reflection, a fair one; all credit to players of both sides for keeping the game open under appalling conditions almost throughout the whole match!

A late piece of good news is that our young full back, Martin Murphy has been chosen as Shadow full back to Ray Dutton for the Lancashire v. Cumberland match at Barrow on November 11th. Congratulations, Martin.

OUR VISITORS

Oldham's visitors in tonight's Rugby League Championship match are Blackpool Borough. The seaside team have never been amongst the honours, but throughout their comparatively short history they have always contrived to play attractive football.

Perhaps the nearest Boro' have been to achieving success was in season 1966/7 when they reached the semi-final of the Lancashire County Cup. Oldham provided the opposition to the Seaside and it was not until after a tight, hard game that we were victorious by 15 points to 5. Unfortunately we lost in the final to Wigan 16-13 in a game which saw Billy Boston win every Rugby League medal available. In that same season Oldham scored a double league victory over Blackpool by winning 22-4 at Borough Park and 40-9 here at Watersheddings. Blackpool have improved considerably since then as was shown when the two sides met in the first round of last season's R.L. Challenge Cup. Oldham won 5-0, but Boro' made a tremendous effort to oust us from the Cup trail, with home advantage just tipping the scales in our favour.

Blackpool Borough were founded in 1954 and played at St. Anne's Road Stadium until 1963 when they moved to their present ground which is aptly named Borough Park. In 1957 when Boro' were drawn at home to Leigh in the quarter-final of the



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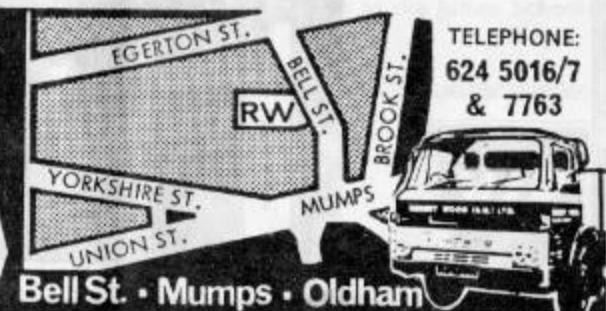
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R.L. Challenge Cup, the game was switched to Bloomfield Road, the home of Blackpool Football Club, and it was then that the Club's highest attendance was recorded. The 23,000 attendance was ample compensation for the defeat which Leigh inflicted. Another well attended match at Blackpool was the opening game of the 1955 New Zealand tour, which attracted 12,000.

Despite the lack of honours Blackpool have always pursued a policy of always fielding teams which contain personalities. Pimblett and Maugham were fine goal kickers around 1960 and also at that time Boro' had Chuck Wiseman playing on their wing. Wiseman was an American, from Roseville, Michigan, and after trials with Wigan he joined Blackpool and made his debut against Wigan when the Colliers just won 14-10. Another winger who played for Boro' for a few seasons was Wally McArthur who had a fine turn of speed and an excellent side-step. McArthur was an Australian, but between 1962 and 1964 the Seasiders had probably the greatest Australian winger ever on their books in Brian Bevan. This slim, almost fragile looking chap, certainly did not look like a player of this tough Rugby League game, yet in his career he scored 834 tries and he twice scored seven in one match. To add to their international flavour Borough have also had forwards such as Ted Brophy, a South African, and Toni Rossi, an Italian, on their books.

Peter Fearis was a fine centre or full back and another former Blackpool player who wound up at Saint Helens was Tommy Bishop, who is now playing in Australia. Tony Colloby made quite a name for himself whilst at Whitehaven and he has also turned on some sparkling performances whilst in Blackpool's colours. John Stopford was a speedy and penetrative winger who was a member of the Swinton team which clinched the First Division Championship when the Rugby League had two divisions during the 1962/3 and 1963/4 seasons. Johnny has now been given a free transfer by Blackpool and is currently training with Oldham's 'A' team in order to regain match fitness.

It is this desire to please the sporting public that has made Blackpool such attractive opposition so if tonight's game includes as many thrills as in recent clashes we are sure of a feast of attractive, attacking football.

CURTAIN RAISER

Prior to this evening's senior match a secondary schoolboys' seven-a-side game will be played between teams from Hathershaw and St. Anselm's, kick-off 6.45 p.m. playing 15 minutes each way. We trust that supporters will give these boys the same encouragement as has already been shown to the ten-year-olds in the Junior Schools' Sevens Competition.





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COACH'S CORNER

Over the past week I have watched Great Britain v. Australia; France v. New Zealand; Great Britain v. France. I am wondering where I can obtain a copy of "Rules for International Rugby", or perhaps I am mistaken and the rules are the same. In which case I need a copy of "Advice to Rugby League Referees on the different application of Rules when refereeing an International match". I daren't make further comment! —Graham Starkey

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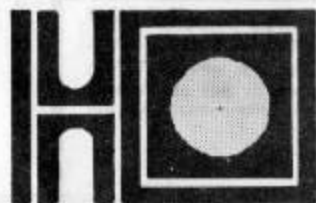
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15	Huddersfield (Ch'ry) ...	home	4	18
22	York ...	away	11	24
25	Hunslet ...	home	54	5
29	Salford (L. Cup Rd. 1) ...	home	12	35
Sept. 2	Huddersfield ...	away	4	9
5	Barrow ...	away	17	23
7	Blackpool ...	away	11	20
12	Bramley ...	home	24	8
19	Doncaster ...	away	14	10
21	Whitehaven ...	home	15	2
26	Dewsbury ...	home	16	17
30	Whitehaven ...	away	2	12
Oct. 3	Workington ...	away	17	13
10	York ...	home	24	17
17	Huyton ...	away	23	10
26	Wakefield ...	home	15	15
Nov. 2	Blackpool ...	home	19	3
14	Wakefield ...	away		
21	Keighley ...	home		
29	Batley ...	away		
Dec. 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	2	9
31	Widnes ...	away	0	8
Nov. 7	St. Helens ...	away		
14	Barrow ...	home		
28	Leigh ...	home		
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12	Warrington ...	home		
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