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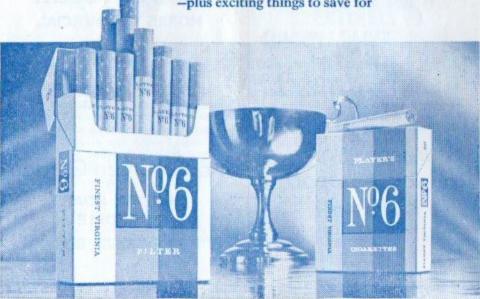
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It is on a sad note that we begin our notes today, for since our last home match we have lost our Chairman, Ted Stockley, who died suddenly on Tuesday, December 15th, at his home. Ted will be sadly missed by his fellow Directors and all concerned with the Club.

He was a quiet man of Rugby League who preferred to leave the spotlight to others who sought it, nevertheless he was well respected and well liked in our circle, as was evident by the many messages of condolence received by the Club and the number of tributes paid to him. He will be sadly missed.

Good morning and a warm Christmas welcome to you all. A special word of welcome to our friends from Oldham, to their Committee, players and supporters alike. We also wish to welcome their Chairman, Mr. Arthur Walker, and their Player-Coach Graham Starkey on their first official visit to the Athletic Grounds since leaving similar positions with our Club.

Today's Boxing Day fixture gives us the opportunity to wish everyone concerned a very happy Christmas and a Prosperous and Sporting New Year.

Following our match at Halifax last Saturday, Peter Birchall, who received a blow in the mouth which needed three stitches and the loss of two teeth, appears to be definitely out of the side today, in which case Coach Derrick Schofield intends to play a pack of Brown, Clarke, Delooze W., Earl, Hodkinson and Delooze H. Another change appears certain in the back division. Terry Dolly, who has not been hitting the high spots of late, will almost certainly be replaced by a now fit Tommy Pimblett who passed a fitness test on Monday evening.

Oldham, who are enjoying a reasonably successful season and are just in the top half of the league table in the 14th position, do not anticipate any change from the side that did well against Barrow in their victory at Watersheddings last Saturday. At full back they have Martin Murphy who, like our own Joe Chamberlain, is having his best season, and recently played for Lancashire. On the wings are Phil Larder and Ray Clark, in whom we have had more than a passing interest. Our ex-Player-Coach Graham Starkey and Terry Garrett fill the centre positions. Among the forwards are Ken Wilson, who at one time was an amateur boxer who is reported to have beaten in his heyday Bob Forster who recently fought for the heavyweight championship, Kevin Taylor who will prove a test for Peter Clarke, in the hooking position, and Bob Irving, second row forward, who recently toured Australasia with the Great Britain team.

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A win today is most vital if we are to improve our league position and make a tophalf place before the season's end.

Last season's corresponding fixture resulted in a 16 points to 14 points win for us after a thrilling game. Let us hope for a repetition today.

NEXT HOME MATCH

The next 1st team home match will be against Wigan and we wish to draw your attention to the date and time of kick-off, which will be Friday, January 8th, 1971, kick-off 7-30 p.m. The change has been made in an effort to combat T.V. and the many other attractions that a Saturday afternoon brings in the present day and age.

POINTS OF NOTE:

RUGBY LEAGUE CUP DRAW

Before our next 1st team home game the draw will have taken place for the 1st round of the Rugby League Cup. It will be made and will be televised just after 6 p.m. by the B.B.C. T.V. on Monday, January 4th.

PLAYER'S No. 6 COMPETITION

Player's No. 6 Match Awards, with an independent judge attending all league matches, continue exactly as last season. At the end of each game the "Player of the Match" receives £6, and receives three points, whilst the players rated second and third receive two points and one point respectively. At the end of the season the six players with the most points will share £606 prize money, of which £250 (and trophy) will go to the "Player of the Year".

Today's winner will be announced immediately after the final whistle.

HALF TIME SPECIAL

The £5 prize at the last home match was won by Mr. Clegg of 226 Market Street, Whitworth, but the snowball was not won and today increases by £1. Today's prize, therefore, will be the main prize of £5 plus a snowball of £7, making £12 which could be won by the lucky winner of the "special". Tickets are on sale at all parts of the ground, 1/- each. Buy yours now and support our efforts.

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Hodkinson	20	2	0	Pimblett	12	8	0
Crellin	20	4	0	Murray	11	0	0
Brown	18	1	0	Snape	9	1	0
Taylor	18	2	0	Reilly	9	0	0
Tees	18	1	47	Delooze, W	8	0	0
Ratu	18	2	0	Flanagan	6	0	0
Dolly	17	2	0	Hammond	6	0	0
Delooze, H.	16	3	1	Corcoran	5	0	0
Earl	16	0	0	Holt	3	0	1
Rabbitt	14	1	1	Rogers	1	0	0
Birchall	13	0	0	Brelsford	1	0	0
				O'Neill	1	0	0

(includes selection as substitute)

NEXT HOME MATCHES

Saturday, January 2nd, 1971

Kick-off 3 p.m.

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A TRAGIC LOSS

It is with a profound sense of grief that we speak of the passing of Ted Stockley, the Hornets Chairman, for we know that we have lost a man who gave all he could to the cause of Rochdale Hornets. When we pause to look back we know that Ted had not been well for some time. In a job as Chairman of a struggling Rugby League club, one needs to be well and hard to take the buffeting - sometimes within one's own ranks - that comes with frustration, disappointment and lack of funds, resources and help at times. We know Ted as a humble man who always said "The club is greater than the individual" and we express our very sincere sympathy to his widow and family in their grievous loss. Our circle of diehards narrows. Where are the men to take up the challenge?

CHRISTMAS DRAW

What a magnificent success our Christmas Draw was! Once again a great team effort by all concerned. It is unfair to pick out individuals, but we are for ever grateful to all who gave prizes, bought or sold tickets, helped with the administration, distribution, collection, etc., and to the ladies who provided refreshments at the draw. We finished up with 194 prizes — all good prizes — and as a result the Hornets will benefit later in the year with a substantial cheque from the Supporters' Club. Thank you all, once again,

CENTENARY BOOKLET

We are now canvassing advertisements for our centenary booklet, which we hope to publish around August. Prices are £10 per page (44" wide x 64" deep) or £6 for a half page (41" wide x 31" deep).

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I shall be grateful for any material, photographs, etc., that anyone can spare to help me with my task of writing a history of the Hornets. Please let me have them at 12 Margaret Avenue or the Athletic Grounds.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Season's greetings to you all - A Happy New Year. Lots of good Rugby; success to the Hornets in this centenary year; a re-surge of interest; many new lottery agents; and good health and happiness. I personally send my best wishes to all my colleagues on the Supporters' Club Committee and to the staff of the Hornets with whom it is a pleasure to work, especially the Secretary, Fred Kershaw, and lottery men, George Parry and Fred Hill. Also Ken Allen, our Secretary, and Harry Sutcliffe, our Chairman. Also Frank and Jimmy at the ground. And especially to the tea bar ladies for their great work,

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I well remember 12 years ago recording Andrew's birth in this programme, and his dad must have been as proud on Saturday, 12th December, when he saw his son lead Howarth Cross on to the field as he was 12 years ago when Andrew was born.

And I am 12 years older! I think it was 1946 when I wrote my first programme notes!

At the time of writing I am unable to give you the teams for today's game.

CHRISTMAS DANCE

I am writing these notes before the Hornets dance at Tiffany's, but I am certain we are assured of a good night in good company.

Tuesday's Christmas function, along with the players' party at the Beach Hotel on Saturday, to which the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and ladies were invited for the first time ever, were great occasions of social pleasure. And that is one of the consolations of football - the social side. Generally it is kicks and hard work.

TUG-O'-WAR

Tickets are now on sale (2/-) for the Centenary Tug-o'-War at the Athletic Grounds on Sunday, 10th January, 1971. There are two excellent trophies to be "pulled" for, You can get a ticket from any Supporters' Club official. The tournament will commence at 11 a.m. (draw at 10-45 a.m.).

WALTER BIRCH

We are very sorry to hear that Walter Birch is in hospital seriously ill. We are told he is cheerful but will have to have great care and treatment. Walter, of course, played "at the other end of the town", but we know him as one of the gentlemen of Rochdale sport. We hope and trust he will soon be fit and well.

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