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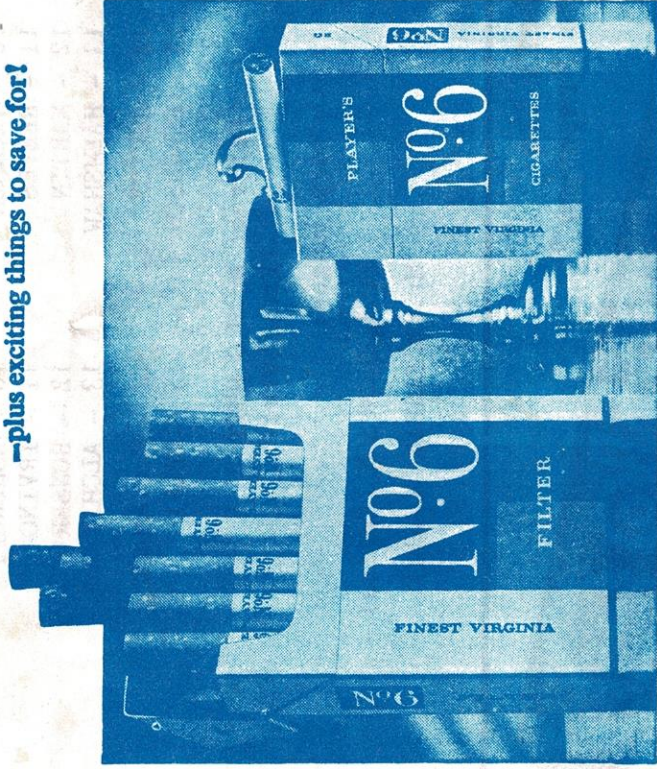
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Saturday, January 30th 1971

HALIFAX 16 V OLDHAM 12

1 - JAMES 1 goals	1 - MURPHY
2 - KELLY 16.7	2 - ELLIOTT
3 - JONES	3 - LARDER
4 - WILLICOMBE 6.4	4 - HILL
5 - HEPWORTH	5 - GARRETT 3 goals
6 - KELLETT	6 - DAVIES 2 tries
7 - BAKER	7 - SMITH
8 - DEWHIRST	8 - WILSON
9 - FOYE	9 - TAYLOR
10 - JACKSON	10 - ASHCROFT
11 - REEVES	11 - IRVING
12 - MARTIN	12 - BONSER
13 - HALMSHAW	13 - ALCHIN
14 - BURTON 16.7	14 - McCORMACK
15 - FERGUSON 16.4	15 - BAILEY

Referee: Mr. H. G. HUNT
(Prestbury)

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Mr. L. THOMPSON (Gerise)

Mr. D. FARRAR (Gold)

SPORTS CHAT.

Neither Oldham or ourselves can be very happy at being eliminated from the Rugby League Challenge Cup at the initial stage. Oldham suffered a violent exit at the hands of all conquering Leeds. Our defeat against Featherstone Rovers was less dramatic. We scored three tries to Featherstone's two, but nevertheless we are out and out of the financial rewards as well.

Now Oldham and ourselves turn our attention to the Championship and every effort will be made to gain a place in the Top Sixteen Play Off. This is the immediate objective and with this in mind this afternoon's match takes on the nature of a cup tie, and every match from now until the end of the season will assume these proportions.

With so much still at stake we welcome with pleasure our Oldham friends to Thrum Hall and trust we shall see a feast of football. We played Oldham at Watersheddings in a pre-season Charity Match. Oldham won this exciting game in the last minute with a try by their stand-off half Davies, who to-day replaces Wilf Briggs in this vital league encounter.

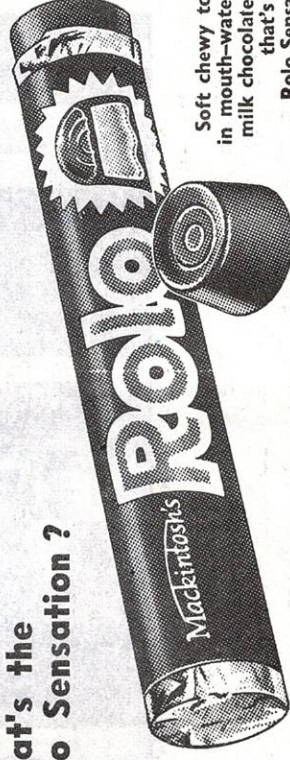
Following their defeat at Leeds, Oldham make other changes as well. Wing threequarter Ray Clarke, the former Warrington loose forward gives way to Elliott. Player-Coach Starkey drops himself and in comes Cliff Hill formerly of Wigan. In the forwards Oldham introduce Australian Alchin at loose forward. This will be his first senior appearance.

Our changes are not as drastic as Oldham's. We make two compulsory ones. Terry Fogerty is suspended for one match. His place goes to John Martin. Sammy Sanderson is injured and Gordon Baker resumes at Scrum Half.

NEXT HOME MATCHES. On Saturday, Feb. 6th our 'A' team will entertain Keighley 'A' at Thrum Hall, kick-off 3 p.m.

On TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9th our first team play Dewsbury in a match re-arranged from Christmas Day. The time of kick-off is 7-30pm. Before this game a Curtain Raiser will be played between the boys of Ovenden Secondary School and St. Thomas More R.C. Secondary School. Kick-off 6-15 p.m.

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