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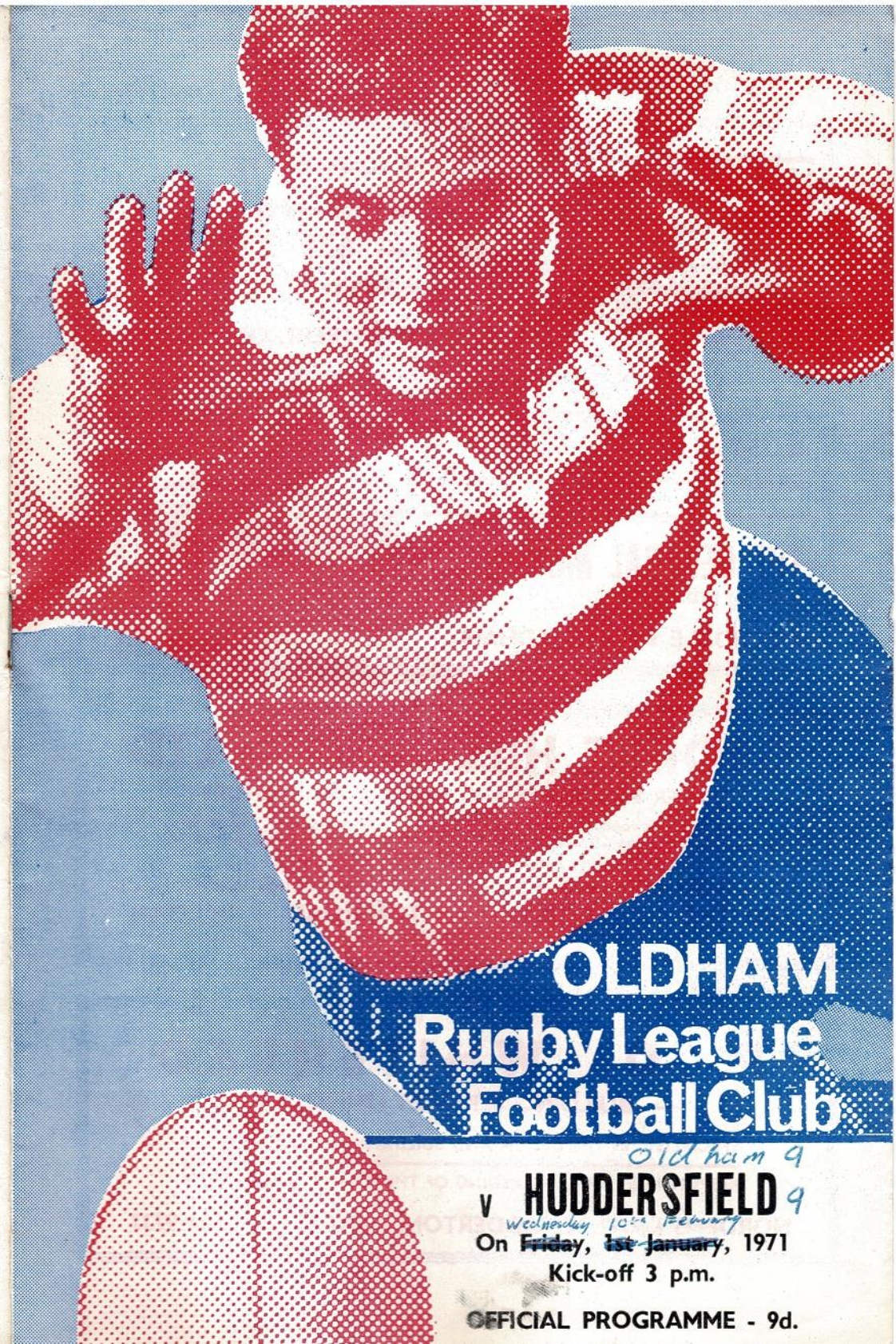
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NEWS AND VIEWS

The win against Barrow at 'Sheddings a fortnight ago, gained us a very valuable two points, and provided spectators with one of the best matches seen at Watersheddings this season. The foundations were well laid after Larder crossed for a well worked try and keen and consistent tackling from every member of the side was one of the outstanding features of a good match. It was heartening to see the younger end of our forwards, namely Arthur Daly, Jim Reynolds and Frank Walker playing so well. Whilst on the subject it would be remiss not to mention Walker's progress and wonderful form since moving up into the front row. He is working and tackling well, fears nothing and distributes the ball very well for such a young forward. Certainly very different from his first two games for the Club, and very pleasing for Jack Bowden, the Club's Lancashire County representative, who recommended him. On Boxing Day, we managed to take a point from the old enemy Rochdale, at the Athletic Ground. Arctic conditions were all against running, and snow and wind were more prevalent than good rugby. Each side was cut down to two goals each, and one wonders who was most fortunate, players or spectators, at one of the coldest matches I have ever sat through. Let's hope the return here will be at least warmer.

It was good to see Dick Bonser return from his massive suspension with such a fine game at Rochdale. He has regularly trained throughout his long lay off so it did not come by accident, but it makes one wonder the value of long suspensions, and whether some other means of punishment for erring offenders should not be found. Fining and other forms of censure used in other sports would be impractical, due to the game being a part-time occupation, and there can be no easier remedy than a 'sin bin', but lots of thought would have to go into any change that is passed.

Ashcroft and Bottom are still on the injured list and both injuries may take some time to clear, but lots of injuries that caused the postponement of the 'A' team match last Saturday are clearing up and should not present any problems to the selector by the weekend.

Popular scrum half, Jed Smith had to spend the rest of Boxing Day after the match, in Rochdale Infirmary where he was kept for observation after being taken there with a suspected fractured jaw. However, Jed, as usual, came bouncing back to training on Monday evening and has every chance of playing in this evening's match, as the injury was confined to severe bruising and concussion.



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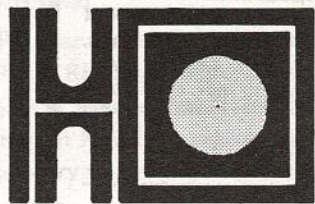
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WELCOME TO HUDDERSFIELD

Huddersfield come to Watersheddings at a time when they are playing exceptionally well, and there can be no doubt that apart from Wakefield they will provide us with our stiffest opposition this season. They have gathered together a very young and competent side with a nice blend of youthful and experienced players. Huddersfield have already beaten us twice this season, in the league and the BBC Floodlight competition, both these matches being played at Fartown. In the side are such experienced players as Ian Bedford, who came in the deal which took Ian Van Bellen to Castleford, Don Close, and the man who makes the pack tick, Bob Tomlinson, and young players such as Evans, Hooson and Weavill play alongside the very highly rated Tony Pickup, in whom Wigan have shown more than a passing interest and it cannot surely be long before he gains major honours in the game.

Leek and Loxton form a very stable and workmanlike half back pair, who generally manage to give the opposition plenty to think about. Unfortunately, Bruce Leek, the out-half is out injured, but it is just possible that a transfer deal with Bradford Northern will see the return to Watersheddings of Tommy Warburton, this time as a Huddersfield player.

Graham Starkey's influence is still very evident in Huddersfield's play, but Mercers, Mortimer, Smith, Gill, and Horsefall are no doubt doing a very fine job for Fartown at the moment. Also of interest is the fact that Frank Dyson our former captain and coach, is now a committee member at Fartown and no doubt Spankey will be renewing old friendships at today's match. It promises to be a very good game, and may the better team win.

As I have said previously two points from this match would really put us on a springboard for a place in the top sixteen at the end of the season, so all your support could be vital to the outcome.

FRED ASHWORTH

The committee extend their congratulations to Mr. Fred Ashworth who was, this week, made an Honorary Life Member of the Club. As most members know, Fred has been with the Club, apart from one very short break at Fartown, for some 45 years, and in his days as player, captain and committeeman, he has gained the admiration of all who have come into contact with him. Fred described the honour as the finest thing in his life, but it has been well earned. Once again congratulations.

RUGBY LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP

The Draw for the first round of the Challenge Cup will be made on BBC television just after 6 p.m. on Monday, 4th January, 1971



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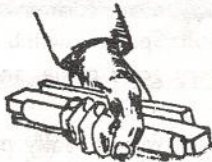
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- ~~M. Elliott~~ 2—~~RAY CLARK~~
- ~~P. Lander~~ 3—~~GRAHAM STARKEY~~ 16 try
- ~~C. H. H.~~ 4—~~TERRY GARRETT~~
- ~~T. Barrett~~ 5—~~PHIL LARDER~~ 3 goals
- ~~W. Briggs~~ 6—~~TOMMY DAVIES~~
- ~~C. Sayer~~ 7—~~JED SMITH~~
- 8—KEN WILSON
- 9—KEVIN TAYLOR
- ~~ex Ashford~~ 10—~~FRANK WALKER~~
- 11—BOB IRVING
- ~~D. Baines~~ 12—~~ARTHUR DALEY~~
- ~~J. Alchin~~ 13—~~DICK BONSER~~

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- 7—KEN LOXTON
- 8—~~ALLAN KANE~~ Heggleson
- 9—~~DON CLOSE~~ J. Irving
- ~~1 goal~~ 10—DAVID WEAVILL
- 11—FRANK DAVIES
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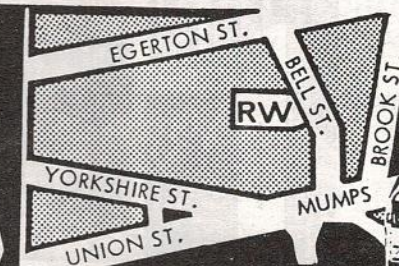
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Result of Pools Agents Christmas Draw :-

Whiskey—Agent 181, J. Beswick; Whiskey—Agent 86, P. Wilson; Whiskey—Agent 170, J. Gerard; Sherry—Agent 39, J. Rochford; Sherry—Agent 147, W. England; Sherry—Agent 146, Mrs. Corbett; Sherry—Agent 3, D. Burns; Sherry—Agent 112, E. May; Sherry—Agent 73, W. Bean; Sherry—Agent 21, S. Leech; Sherry—Agent 129, Brian Churm; Sherry—Agent 177, J. Robinson.

PLAYERS No. 6 PLAYER-OF-THE-MATCH AWARDS

This competition is run exactly as last season, the Player-of-the-Match receiving £6, and 3 points in the Players No. 6 Table, whilst the players rated second and third receive two points and one point respectively. Today's winner will be announced just before the final whistle.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

We must record our sincere appreciation to all those well-wishers who donated prizes to the Draw, and to the many voluntary workers, particularly the Supporters' Club, and in fact to everyone who helped in any way, to make this such a success. Final figures are not yet available but we are assured of a very good profit from this effort. Well done everyone.

JUNIOR SCHOOLBOYS' SEVENS COMPETITION

There is no match today, due to school holidays, but the competition will be resumed at our home match v. Huyton on Saturday January 9th, when Derker play St. Hilda's in the third of the first round matches.

The fourth first round game, Sacred Heart v. St. Mary's, will take place in the interval of our match v. Batley on Saturday, January 16th.

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15	Huddersfield (Ch'ry)	home	4—18	29	Leigh (Shield 1st leg)	away	10—19
22	York	away	11—24	Sept. 5	Workington	home	5—11
25	Hunslet	home	54—5	14	Leigh (Shield 2nd leg)	home	8—16
29	Salford (L. Cup Rd. 1)	home	12—35	19	Salford	away	26—5
Sept. 2	Huddersfield	away	4—9	26	Leigh	away	
5	Barrow	away	17—23	Oct. 3	Wigan	home	19—14
7	Blackpool	away	11—20	10	Barrow	away	4—7
12	Bramley	home	24—8	17	Huyton	home	22—13
19	Doncaster	away	14—10	24	St. Helens	home	30—8
21	Whitehaven	home	15—2	31	Widnes	away	0—8
26	Dewsbury	home	16—17	Nov. 7	St. Helens	away	3—13
30	Whitehaven	away	15—2	14	Barrow	home	18—5
Oct. 3	Workington	away	17—13	28	Leigh	home	
10	York	home	24—17	Dec. 5	Swinton	away	
17	Huyton	away	23—10	12	Warrington	home	
26	Wakefield	home	15—15	18	Wigan	away	
Nov. 2	Blackpool	home	19—3	26	Rochdale	home	
14	Wakefield	away	2—38	Jan. 9	Huyton	away	
21	Keighley	home	15—17	24	Whitehaven	home	
29	Batley	away	9—9	16	Whitehaven	away	
Dec. 12	Warrington	away	17—25	Feb. 13	Warrington	away	
19	Barrow	home	13—2	Mar. 6	Workington	away	
26	Rochdale	away	4—4	13	Widnes	home	
Jan. 1	Huddersfield	home	9—9	Apr. 10	Rochdale	away	
9	Huyton	home	17—2	17	Salford	home	
16	Batley	home	7—10				
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| 2. M. ELLIOTT | 2. D. HOOSON |
| 3. P. LARDER <i>try</i> | 3. R.C. WALLACE <i>2 goals</i> |
| 4. C. HILL | 4. W. PICKUP |
| 5. T. GARRETT <i>3 goals</i> | 5. K. SENIOR <i>try</i> |
| 6. W. BRIGGS | 6. M.R. CALVERT |
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| 8. K. WILSON | 8. D. HEPPELSTON |
| 9. K. TAYLOR | 9. J.C. IRVING |
| 10. K. ASHCROFT | 10. D. WEAVILL |
| 11. R. IRVING | 11. F. DAVIES <i>goal</i> |
| 12. R. BONSER | 12. G. NAYLOR |
| 13. J. ALCHIN | 13. R. TOMLINSON |
| 14. T. DAVIES | 14. G. EVANS |
| 15. A. DALEY | 15. A. LONG |