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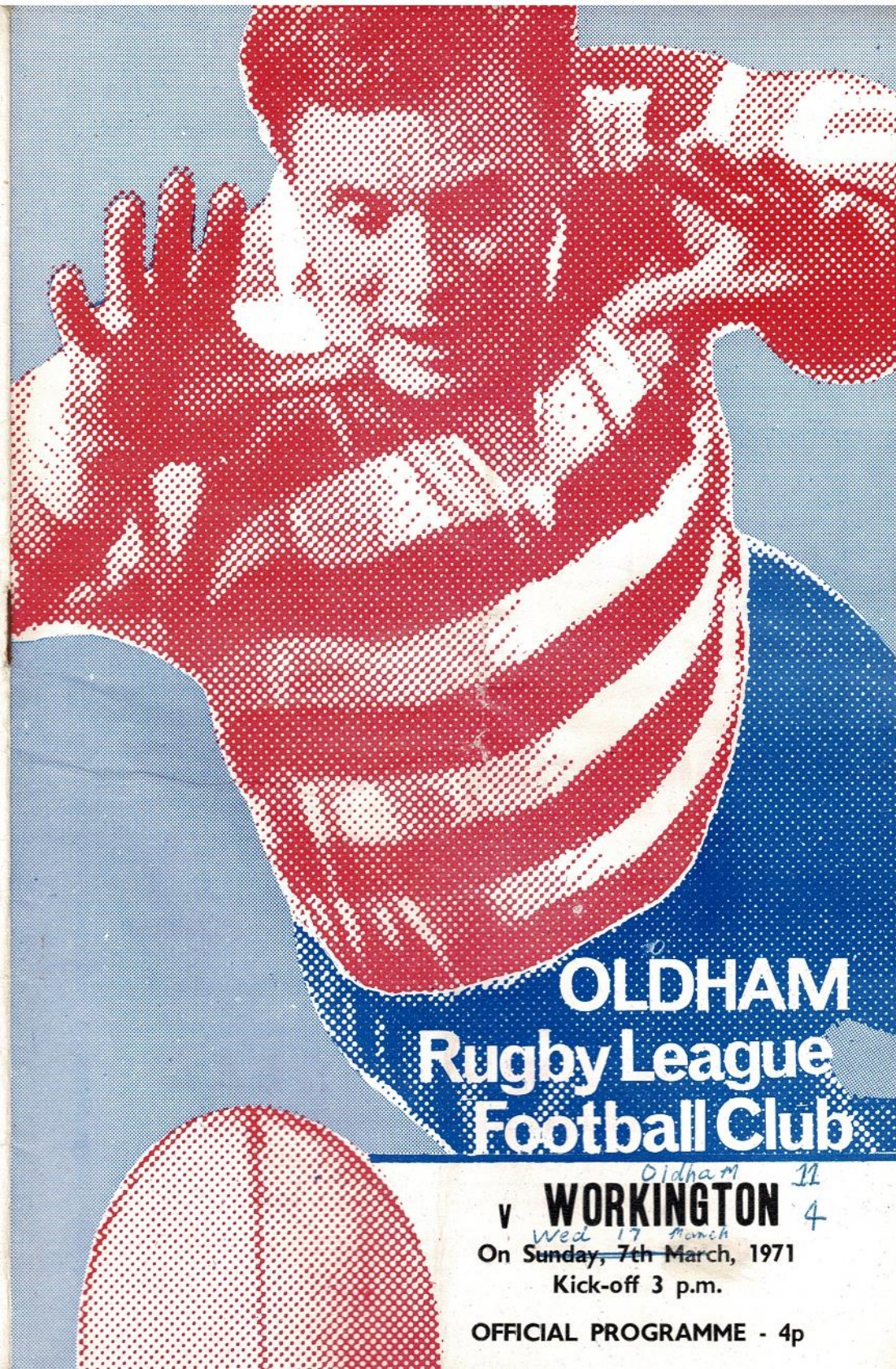
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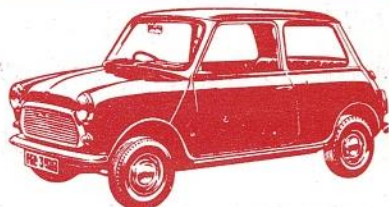
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## NEWS AND VIEWS

This afternoon Oldham join the growing number of Rugby League Clubs who are experimenting by playing matches on Sunday afternoon. There can be no doubt that this practice has increased on normal attendance figures during this season and quite recently 55,000 people attended some six matches in the second round of the Cup with Swinton and Salford only three miles apart commanding 16,500 and 11,000 respectively, and with these gates in mind officials will be watching and hoping for a good attendance today. Trends are no doubt changing and this experiment could prove to be invaluable to the Club if it were successful. It would be remiss not to thank the Directors and Players of Workington Town for agreeing to play on a Sunday when such a long distance is involved.

This is the first Sunday afternoon match at 'Sheddings since last season's home game against Widnes, but on that day hail, rain, sleet and snow, plus a very high wind all served to dampen any enthusiasm or will to turn out which spectators may have shown, but we commanded a gate of 2,093, although we were then on a losing sequence which continued in this match when we were beaten 5-7 and as I have said previously, the Committee will anxiously watch the attendance this afternoon. It is interesting to note that about a thousand people turned out last Sunday to watch the local amateurs, Saddleworth Rangers, play B.O.C.M. Hull so, given a fine afternoon, combined with decent temperature, we should be able to attract the Rugby followers "up the hill."

Turning to our last display v. Halifax under lights, we played some of our best Rugby of the season, when the backs were brought into the play more than at any time since November and we had very encouraging performances from teenagers, Johnny Blair and Jimmy Reynolds. Blair has the ability to make a lot of space and also a good boot, and Jimmy Reynolds proved that although he is young, he is the best loose forward we have at the moment. The match was marred by Keith Ashcroft sustaining a serious leg fracture in a very innocent looking tackle. Keith was admitted to Oldham Royal Infirmary, and after two re-setting operations he was allowed to go home on Friday afternoon with a toe to knee plaster, which will be his constant companion for some six weeks. It is interesting to recall that during his short hospital stay he had almost constant visitors, with numerous players and officials at his bedside on Thursday and Friday. In the same match, new acquisition Terry Michael played a stirring game against his old Club and once this boy is back to peak fitness we should see some very good displays. Indeed on his form already no-one envies the Committee's decision on whether he should be signed or not.



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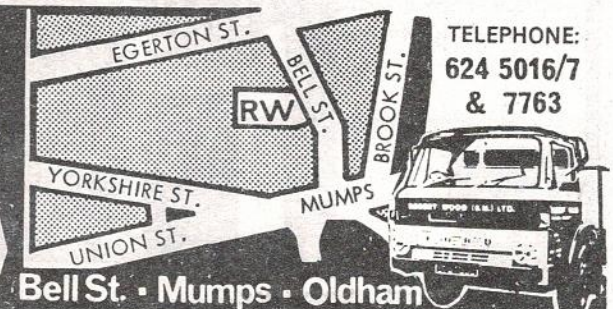
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I have to report that John Alchin, the very popular Australian player, is to return to Australia and by the time these notes are published John may even be back sunning himself on the beaches outside Sydney. John endeared himself to everyone at Watersheddings and was extremely popular both on and off the field. Whilst here he made very many friends among players and supporters and now returns once again to coach Gullagong, his old Club, in the Sydney second-grade. He has promised to keep in touch and I hope to be able to bring you news of him from time to time and as the Australians would say, "Go for your life and good on yer clobber"!

### OLDHAM JUNIOR SCHOOLS RUGBY LEAGUE SEVENS COMPETITION — George Dew Cup

The second semi-final of this competition takes place this afternoon and is between ST. MARY'S v. ST. PATRICK'S. We are indebted to the organisers of this competition for agreeing to play on a Sunday. The winners will play OLDHAM PARISH CHURCH in the Final, which will be a curtain-raiser to the OLDHAM v. DONCASTER match on March 20th, Kick-off 2-45 p.m., in order to avoid a clash with the Player's No. 6 Goal-Kicking Competition, which will take place at half-time during that match.

### POOLS NEWS & RESULTS

The Prize Money for the Pool was this week raised to £300. This gives some indication of the success we have achieved to date.

The bulk of the increased Prize Money will be going towards the Monthly Star Prize, which is a Continental Holiday. The value of the holiday being £100. This means the lucky winner will win a holiday for two of 15 days in the sun with only spending money to find.

We look forward with interest to see who is going to be the first lucky person.

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- 2—RAY CLARK
- 3—PHIL LARDER
- 4—CLIFF HILL
- 5—~~TERRY GARRETT~~ *Mike Elliott*
- 6—JOHNNY BLAIR *1 goal*
- 7—GED SMITH
- 8—KEN WILSON
- 9—KEVIN TAYLOR
- 10—DICK BONSER
- 11—BOB IRVING *1 try*
- 12—TERRY MICHAEL *1 try*
- 13—JIM REYNOLDS *1 try*

#### Substitutes :-

- 14—~~MIKE ELLIOTT~~ *Mike Wilde*
- 15—~~ARTHUR DALEY~~ *Ray Fletcher*

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- 2—KEITH DAVIES
- 3—ALAN TAIT
- 4—IAN WRIGHT *Bell*
- 5—A. N. OTHER *Thornwall*
- 6—BOB NICHOLSON *1 goal*
- 7—HARRY WHITTAKER
- 8—LES MOORE *1 goal*
- 9—MILES ALLEN
- 10—BRIAN MOSSOP
- 11—DEREK BRANTHWAITE *Calvin*
- 12—DAVID CURWEN *Brantthwaite*
- 13—KEN GOODALL

#### Substitutes :-

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### PROFILE '71

Harvey Ashworth, the Hon. President of the Club needs no introduction to supporters, as he is probably the best known "Member" of the Club.

A local slaughterman and farmer, Harvey has a keen interest in all sports, but this interest is mainly centred on the "racing" sports: including trotting, greyhound racing, and his racehorses Young Nelson and Steakhouse are very well known.

Harvey was elected to the Committee this season, but he had to resign because of business pressures. He was immediately offered the Hon. Presidency, the position he has held for the past two years. He is keenly interested in all aspects of the Club and enjoys very good relations with both Officials and Players.

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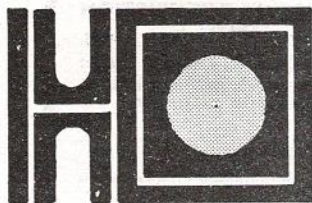
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Oldham have attractive visitors from Cumberland here today in the form of Workington Town, who will, no doubt, prove to be stiff opposition.

Workington joined the League in season 1945-46 and immediately made their mark on the game. By 1951 they had won the Championship and the following following season they won the Cup. In 1955 and 1958 they were Cup finalists and were also beaten in the Championship Final of 1958. Town's last major success was in 1962 when they won the Western Division Championship. This season has been quite successful for them and, although they are out of the Challenge Cup, they are making a big effort in the League Championship.

Included in the Town team today is Keith Davies, at present on the transfer list, at £14,000. He was signed from Kells Amateurs in July, 1965. A professional sprinter, he has won over £100 on the track, he also has had representative honours playing for Cumberland and the England Under 24 team. In April, 1969 he scored 3 tries for the England Under 24s against France and in the same match Ian Wright scored 2 tries. Wright has also represented Cumberland since he turned professional in August 1966. Whilst playing Rugby Union he represented Cumberland and Westmorland as well as the North of England. Another Rugby Union signing was Harry Whittaker, who hails from Scotland. Probably the most talked about member of the Workington side is Ken Goodall, signed last summer from City of Derry R.U.F.C. He also represented Newcastle University, Ulster and Ireland at Union. When he first represented Ireland in 1967, he was the second youngest forward ever to be capped by Ireland and he went on to play 19 times for his country. He is having a wonderful season in Rugby League and has already scored 18 tries this season.

Workington at present lie in 5th place in the League Table and have recorded "doubles" over Doncaster, Rochdale Hornets, Bramley and Swinton. Oldham pulled off an excellent win up at Derwent Park, but this 17-13 defeat and a heavy 42-6 defeat at Wakefield, have been the only occasions this season when Town have disappointed.

Having won here with a late try last season to complete the double, Town will be out to avenge that early season defeat and keep hot on the trail of the League leaders.



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Aug. 8	Halifax (Charity) ...	home	25	—23
15	Huddersfield (Ch'ry)	home	4	—19
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	12	—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	2	—38
21	Keighley	home	18	—16
29	Batley	away	9	— 9
Dec. 12	Warrington	away	17	—25
19	Barrow	home	13	— 2
26	Rochdale	away	4	— 4
Jan. 9	Huyton	home	17	— 2
16	Batley	home	7	—10
23	Leeds <i>CUP 1</i>	away	2	—49
30	Halifax	away	12	—16
Feb. 6	Keighley	away	8	—20
10	Huddersfield	home	9	— 9
13	Warrington	home	9	—23
20	Challenge Cup 2nd Round			
24	Halifax	home	29	— 7
Mar. 6	Workington	home	11	— 4
13	Dewsbury	away	12	—12
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	— 5
26	Leigh	away		
Oct. 3	Wigan	home	19	—14
10	Barrow	away	4	— 7
17	Huyton	home	22	—13
24	St. Helens	home	30	— 8
31	Widnes	away	0	— 8
Nov. 7	St. Helens	away	3	—13
14	Barrow	home	18	— 5
28	Leigh	home		
Dec. 5	Swinton	away		
12	Warrington	home		
18	Wigan	away		
26	Rochdale	home		
Jan. 9	Huyton	away		
24	Whitehaven	home		
16	Whitehaven	away		
Feb. 13	Warrington	away		
Mar. 6	Workington	away		
13	Widnes	home		
Apr. 10	Rochdale	away		
17	Salford	home		

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