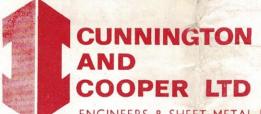
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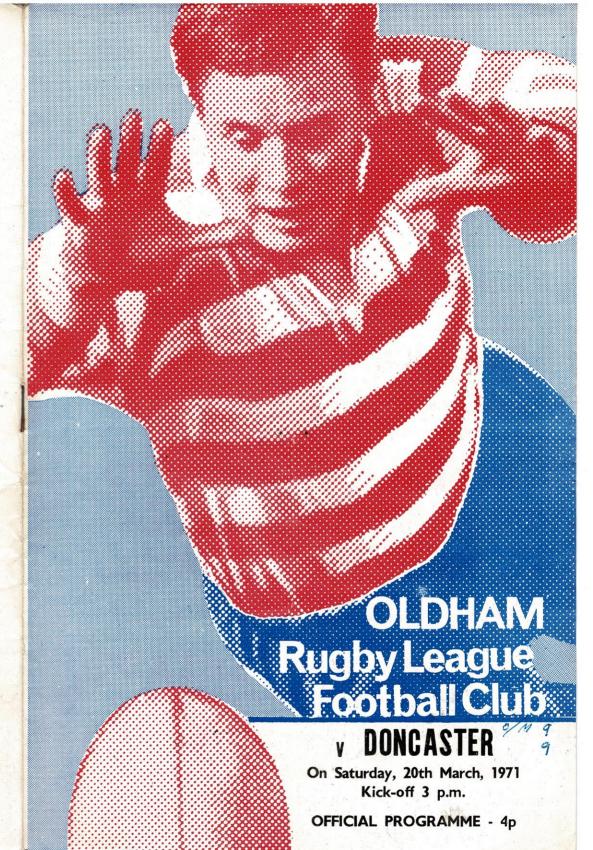
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NEWS AT WATERSHEDDINGS

The draw at Dewsbury and the defeat of Workington at Watersheddings on Wednesday evening gave us three valuable points in our push for a top fifteen place. So with this thought in mind, we today entertain Doncaster, whom we have already beaten this season—and it is certain that our lads will be looking for a 'double' so the Dons will have to be on top form to prevent it, and a good game can be expected.



Keith Ashcroft continues to improve but it is likely to be next season before we can see the former bustling Wigan prop in action.



Congratulations to 'B' teamers Derek Fletcher and Peter Deakin who were selected and played for Lancashire under 19s v. Yorkshire at Leigh last Sunday—Lancashire won 24-10—keep up the good work lads.



Alan Ogden, the popular prop forward, has re-started training and supporters can look forward to seeing him in some of the end-of-season 'A' team matches once he has attained fitness.



Martin Murphy the Oldham quicksilver full-back, is at present lying joint 7th in the Players No. 6 'Man of the Match' overall ratings and he will no doubt be looking for a few more awards to boost his total and put him in the final money.



The Club are indebted to Park Metals for donating the match ball today. Anyone interested in helping to foster this scheme should contact the Secretary's Office—Tel. 624 4865—anytime.



Jimmy Howarth, the groundsman, who has been off work for some six weeks through illness, is improving steadily, although it may be some time before we see him back at work. I'm sure we wish "Little Jimmy", as he is affectionately known to all, a speedy and complete recovery.



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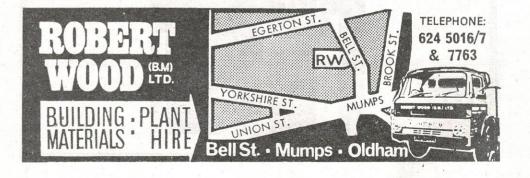
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TODAY'S VISITORS

For the second time in the space of four days Oldham are given the opportunity to complete the double over their opponents. Today's visitors, Doncaster, were formed in 1951 and although they were placed 11th at the end of their first season in 1951-52 they have not been in the top twenty since! Success hasn't visited Doncaster very often although they have provided a fair number of surprises in the past. In their early days they pulled of a great win at Leeds, when winger Brian Tasker notched four tries, and in April 1965 they recorded a handsome 43-5 win over Batley. Last season the 'Dons' had a memorable run in the Challenge Cup reaching the quarter-finals when the powerful St. Helens were held to a 4-4 draw. In the replay however, Saints scored a comfortable 36-0 win, but they certainly had an uncomfortable time at Tatters Field.

Whilst Doncaster's forwards are quite a competent force, it is in the backs were the star attractions are to be found. At half-back Gary Brook and Mick McCone form a tricky duo whilst in the threequarter line, David Towle, Ian Fortism and Peter Grainger have been amongst the points in recent weeks. Full-back Graham Wainwright is only 19 and has been playing exceptionally well since his signing from Bentley, the Doncaster junior club. He has also represented the Doncaster amateur league in both open age and under 19 levels. Coaching this enthusiastic South Yorkshire outfit is Cyril Sykes the talented second row forward who was a member of the mighty Hull pack during the middle fifties.

So far Doncaster have won 7 and drawn 2 of their 30 games and so lie in 26th position. The Dons' best win of the season was at Keighley, where they won 16-13 although they pulled off other notable successes against Widnes 12-11, York 14-0 and completed the double over Huyton winning 14-0 at home and 8-5 at Alt Park.

Last September Oldham came away from Tanners Field with a 14-10 victory as part of a 10 match run which yielded 17 points. A home victory is firmly anticipated today and with three close games to come next month the battle for a place in the top fifteen is building up to an exciting climax.





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STAN GITTINS LEADS IN MATCH AWARDS POINTS TABLE

For the first time since the opening weeks of the season, Leigh's evergreen captain and coach, Alex Murphy, has lost his leadership of the Player's No. 6 Player of the Match Awards Points Table. The man to do it also hails from Leigh but plays for the Yorkshire Club, Batley. He is Stan Gittins, their full back, whose form in recent weeks has seen him shoot up the table and now he is two points ahead of Murphy. It is not only Gittins who is providing a strong challenge to Murphy. Widnes' Boylan is also moving up the table quickly and stands only two points behind Murphy with a total of 24 points to his credit while in joint fourth place is the Yorkshire trio, Neil Fox (Wakefield Tinity), Brian Jefferson (Keighley) and John Wolford of Bramley. In fact, Yorkshire seem to be dominating the recent awards with such players as Dave Elliott of York, Nigel Stephenson of Dewsbury and Brian Hancock of Hull who are all making progress up the table. Keeping Lancashire in the running last weekend were Oldham's Martin Murphy and Salford's Welsh star David Watkins.

Leading positions in the Player's No. 6 table are now:-

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A. Murphy (Leigh)	26
J. Boylan (Widnes)	24
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Nigel Stephenson (Dewsbury)	19
M. Murphy (Oldham)	18
E. Tees (Rochdale H.)	18
D. Watkins (Salford)	18
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