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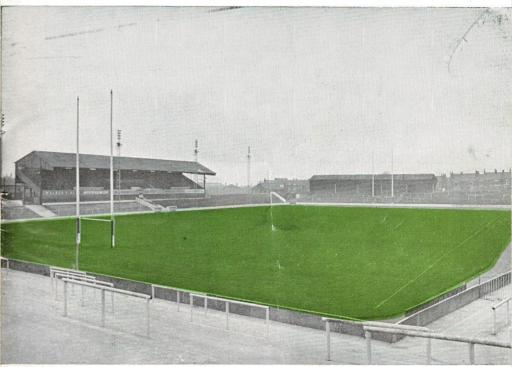
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Ken Gowers and Alan Buckley are making good recoveries from the injuries sustained in the Wigan Cup tie, and we hope to have them fit for the games against Featherstone Rovers (Home) and Salford (Away) over the Holiday week end.

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Bob Irving, a tourist in 1970, moves into the front row, and former Warrington and Salford forward Churm comes into the second row. Cliff Hill signed from Wigan last season is still unfit and Dick Bonser is also out of action with the shoulder injury he sustained here in the cup tie.

In their opening League match Oldham drew with Barrow at Watersheddings.

We have another home fixture on Saturday when Featherstone Rovers are the visitors. Last season was their worst for some years, and like us they finished well down the League; however, if the result of their opening match is anything to go by, when they swamped Keighley, they are going to be much better this season.

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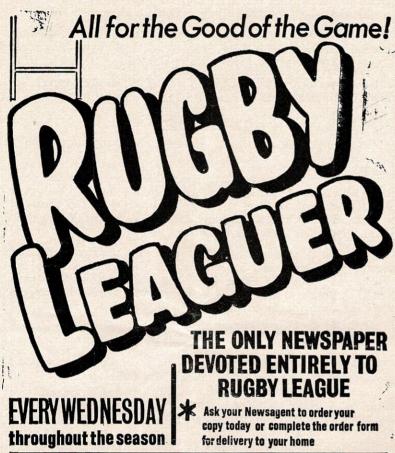
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