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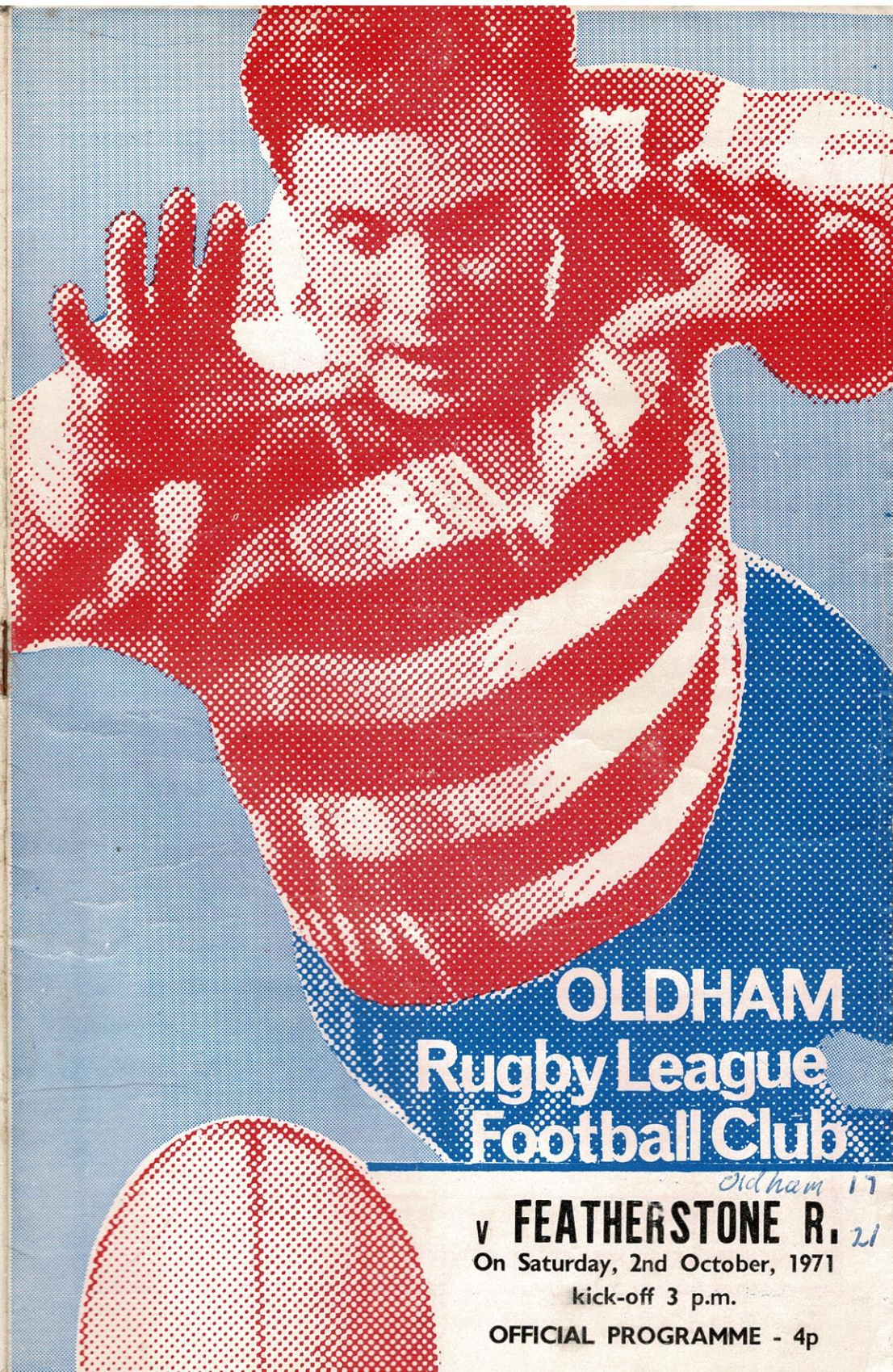
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## OUR VISITORS

Following the midweek Floodlit Cup-tie, it's back to the bread and butter of league warfare today when Featherstone Rovers form the opposition.

The Rovers are noted cup-fighters and though their league record is quite healthy they have never won the League Championship. In fact, they own the rather unenviable distinction, along with Leeds, of being the only sides who failed to score in a Championship Final. That was way back in May 1928 when Swinton beat them 11-0 to win all four cups despite having three players absent on the Australian tour. That Championship Final was staged here at Watersheddings and attracted a crowd of 15,451. Featherstone have twice visited Wembley recording one victory and one defeat and have won the Yorkshire Cup twice in seven appearances. In addition the Rovers have twice been runners-up in the Yorkshire Championship.

One disappointment to Watersheddings patrons will be the non appearance of international second row forward Jim Thompson. Thompson's form has attracted the attention of club chairmen both home and abroad for, after Salford had made a bid for his services, Wellington (New Zealand) R.L.F.C. were hoping to engage him as coach during the English close season. Unfortunately Thompson has been injured throughout this season but he hopes to commence playing next month and he has already resumed light training. The Rovers forwards, however, are still quite a formidable combination despite Thompson's absence. Vince Farrar, signed six years ago from Featherstone Juniors, was a substitute in last Saturday's Test match and the same player was substitute for England U/24's in 1969. Another international is the speedy Arnold Morgan. This former winger has represented Yorkshire and Great Britain and in 1968 he visited Australia as a member of Britain's World Cup squad. Les Tonks, a former amateur international, has twice been a member of the England U/24 team. There are also several attractions in the Featherstone backs, including scrum-half Steve Nash, who last Saturday made his second appearance for Great Britain and then on Wednesday made his Yorkshire debut. At full-back for Rovers will be Cyril Kellett, who seems to have gained a new lease of life since his transfer from Hull Kingston Rovers. Kellett began his career with Willow Park Juniors (Castleford) and joined Hull Kingston in September, 1956. His eleven seasons with the Robins were very successful. He made six appearances for Yorkshire and appeared at Wembley as well as being voted man-of-the-match in the 1966 Yorkshire Cup Final. In season 1958-59 he scored a total of 268 points and he looks capable of scoring a few more yet, for at the end of last season he scored two tries and landed 10 goals in Rovers' 65-5 victory over Whitehaven. Other Featherstone backs who have been given good reports are John

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Featherstone have made a reasonable start to the season by winning five of their nine league matches and so lie in 11th position. Their victories have been away against Blackpool (18-15), and home wins against Bradford (24-20), Huyton (23-8), Keighley (41-3), and Whitehaven (23-12). In the Yorkshire Cup, Rovers fell at the first hurdle when they lost 9-2 at Hull.

The last time Oldham and Featherstone met in league football was three seasons ago, when the Rovers pulled off an exciting 24-22 win here at Watersheddings and then repeated the process by winning 23-12 at Post Office Road.

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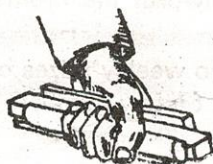
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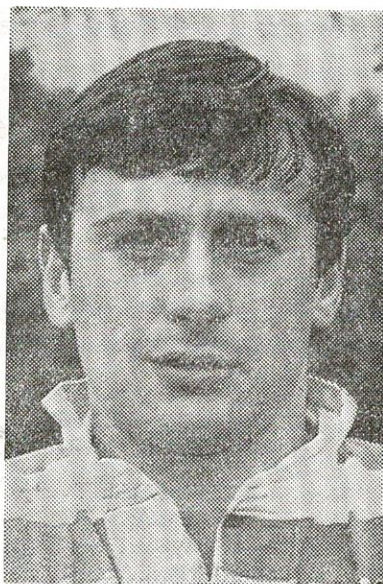
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## PERSONALITY PARADE, No. 3

PHIL LARDER

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1. Full Name—Philp John Larder
2. Birthplace—Oldham
3. Height—5ft. 11½ins.
4. Weight—12st. 12lbs.
5. Previous Clubs—Sale Rugby Union
6. Married—Yes
7. Children—None
8. Car—Volkswagen
9. Favourite Player—Alex Murphy
10. Favourite other Team—Leeds
11. Most difficult Opponent—Chris Hesketh
12. Most memorable Match—Beating Salford in Lancashire Cup Semi-Final
13. Biggest Thrill—as question 12.
14. Biggest Disappointment—Never having played at Wembley
15. Do you read much about Rugby League—Very little
16. Do you read reports about your game—Yes
17. Favourite Holiday Spot—Ibeza
18. Favourite Food—Steak
19. Likes—Golf and Water Skiing
20. Dislikes—Losing
21. Favourite Singer—Keith Ashcroft
22. Biggest influence on your career—
23. Biggest drag in Rugby—Playing Workington away
24. Honours Won—Played for at Lancashire Rugby Union and also British Universities
25. Ambition—To win at Wembley
26. Do you notice the crowd—No.

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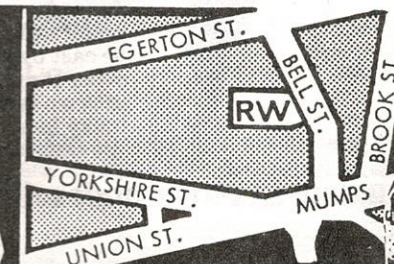
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By now, I hope you will all have seen a copy of the new Year Book—bigger in format and different in content. At 5p we believe it is good value for money and a must for every real Watersheddings supporter.

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Aug. 8	Swinton (Lancs Cup)	A	7—10	
21	Barrow	H	13—13	
25	Swinton	A	2—20	
28	Hunslet	A	13—14	
Sept. 1	Leeds	H	12—16	
8	Wigan	H	7—23	
11	Leeds	A	12—49	
15	Rochdale	A	2—28	
19	Huyton	H	29—9	
24	Widnes	A	19—7	
Oct. 2	Featherstone	H	17—21	
8	Wigan	A		
16	St. Helens	A		
23	Blackpool	H		
30	Widnes	H		
Nov. 6	Hunslet	H		
13	Players No. 6 Comp. (1)	A		
20	York	A		
27	Players No. 6 Comp. (2)	A		
Dec. 4	St. Helens	H		
11	Bradford	H		
18	Bradford	A		
27	Rochdale	H		
Jan. 1	Barrow	A		
8	Swinton	H		
15	Whitehaven	A		
22	Featherstone	A		
29	Challenge Cup (1)	A		
Feb. 5	Bramley	H		
11	Warrington	A		
19	Challenge Cup (2)	A		
26	Blackpool	A		
Mar. 4	Doncaster	H		
11	York	H		
18	Doncaster	A		
22	Rochdale	A		
25	Whitehaven	H		
Apr. 1	Huyton	A		
5	Warrington	H		
8	Bramley	A		

## 'A' TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Club	Ven.	F	A
Aug. 21	Barrow	A	13—9	
28	Swinton	H	7—22	
Sept. 11	Workington	H	37—10	
18	Huyton	A	25—5	
25	Widnes	H	14—5	
Oct. 2	Wigan	A	44—11	
9	Wigan	H		
29	Salford	A		
Nov. 6	Workington	A		
27	St. Helens	A		
Dec. 18	Salford	H		
27	Rochdale	A		
Jan. 1	Barrow	H		
8	Swinton	A		
22	St. Helens	H		
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19	Widnes	A		
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