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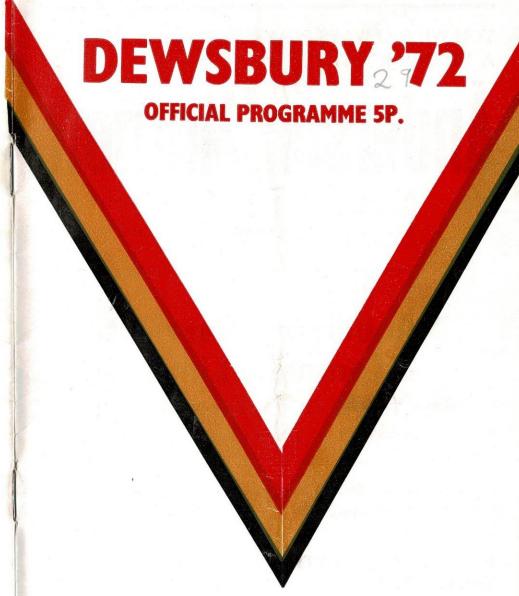
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13—FARRELL

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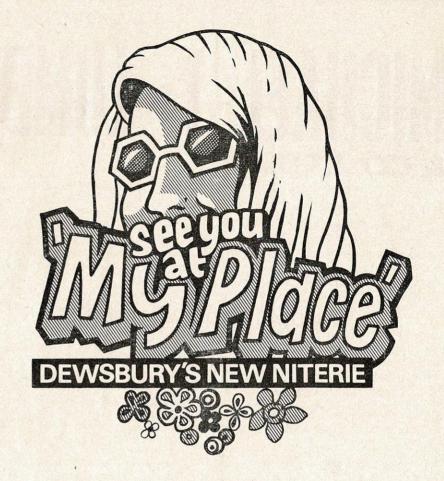
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

This really is an extra "President's Page" because not being sure that we would have a place in the top eight of the league and so have a home game today, I said my thanks to everyone in the Huddersfield programme. I'm delighted to have the opportunity to address you again through this page and to congratulate the lads on the final run in which took us into the eighth league place. To win the last six league games, against Rochdale, Warrington, Salford, Hull and Huddersfield twice and in the short space of 14 days was really something. The last five victories by clear cut margins including the league leaders and I think it showed quite clearly that the lads had very much an off day in the cup semi-final and that Bradford Northern were lucky to catch us that way.

Eighth place in the league entitles us to a home game in the 1st Round of the Play Off and so today, I extend a most warm and cordial welcome to Officials, Players and Supporters of the OLDHAM Club who were ninth in the league. It looks as if whoever wins here today, will visit Warrington the league leaders in the 2nd Round that is providing Warrington beat Wigan which is what most followers of the game would expect. A tough task, but not beyond the capabilities of either our visitors or ourselves.

I'm sure that choose what happens today, that our supporters will agree with me that we've had a good season and that the emphasis has been on playing as a team and not on individuals, though Nigel Stephenson has scored more than half our points. I'm very pleased to have this opportunity of congratulating Nigel on creating a new club points scoring record of 316pts, with the opportunity today of pushing it even higher and maybe other opportunities as well. Had he not been absent for 12 games with an injury I'm sure Nigel would have broken his own record some time ago and probably broken his own goal kicking record as well.

Once again I want to thank everyone for their support during season 1972-73 and hope that we see you all and many more next season.

HAPPY WATCHING!

MICHAEL LUMB

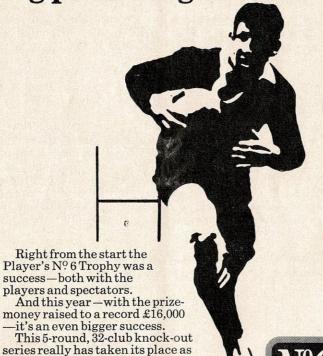
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			Mary Control of the Control
York	(away)	lost	13-20
Wigan	(away)	won	13—20 9— 7
1st Rnd. Yorkshire Cup			
Castleford	(home)	won	19— 5
Blackpool	(home)	won	41-13
York	(home)	won	29-16
2nd Rnd. Yorkshire Cup-	-,		00 0
Bramley	(away)	won	20— 8
Widnes	(away)	lost	7—21
Barrow	(home)	won	22—11
Halifax	(home)	· · · · · ·	19—10
1st Rnd. John Player Trot	nhv—	won	19—10
Dewsbury Celtic	(home)	won	22-4
Whitehaven	(away)	won	13- 5
Whitehaven Final Yorkshire Cup—	(,		
Leeds	(Odsal)	lost	9-36
Leigh	(away)	lost	5— 9
St. Helens	(home)	lost	12-17
Workington	(away)	won	12—17 14— 5
St. Helens	(away)	lost	7—12
Blackpool	(away)	won	11-10
Leigh	(home)	won	15- 5
2nd Rnd. John Player Tro			
Salford	(away)	lost	3—19 11— 6
Workington	(home)	won	11— 6
Barrow	(away)	lost	2-10
Oldham	(home)	lost	12—16
Swinton	(home)	won	13— 2
Swinton	(away)	lost	6—10
Whitehaven	(home)	lost	13—15
Widnes	(home)	won	30— 6
1st Rnd. R.L. Cup—	/		11 0
Bramley	(away)	won	11-8
Rochdale	(away)	won	20— 6 27— 7
Hull	(away)	won	
Huyton 2nd Rnd. R.L. Cup—	(home)	won	29— 4
Workington	(away)	won	10-8
Huyton	(away)	won	9— 7
Huyton 3rd Rnd. R.L. Cup—	(ana) j	11 011	
Wakefield T	(home)	won	16-4
Salford	(away)	lost	7—15 24—15
Wigan	(home)	won	24-15
WarringtonOldham	(away)	lost	19-23
Oldham	(away)	won	13— 4
Semi-Final R.L. Cup—			
Bradford N. (Head Rochdale	lingley)	lost	23-7
Rochdale	(home)	won	6- 5
Warrington	(home)	won	18—14
Salford	(home)	won	14-7
Hull			
	(home)	won	23— 9
	(away)	won	22—14
Huddersfield	(home)	won	18— 8

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APPEARANCES & SCORERS — Season 1972-73

(Max. possible appearances up to and incl. April 23rd, 1973 — 44)

		PLAYED	GOALS	TRIES	POINTS
N. STEPHENSO	N	 32	125	22	316
A. AGAR		 40	12	7 ·	45
G. ASHCROFT		 39	_	13	39
M. STEPHENSO	ON	 39		12	36
T. DAY		 31	5	8	34
A. RUSHTON		 42	_	11	33
J. YOWARD		 22		11	33
A. BATES		 38		9	27
T. LOWE		 43	7	3	23
J. BATES		 43		5	15
J. GRAYSHON		 44	<	5	15
J. CLARK		 21	7-	3	9
S. HANKIN		 14		3	9
S. LANE		 8		3	9
J. WHITTINGT	ON	 29	_	3	9
A. CHILDE		 19	<u> </u>	2	6
S. LEE		 5 y 5	_	2	6
G. BELL		 16		1	3
P. EVANS		 10.9		1	3
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Appearances without scoring:

H. Beverley (27); B. Robinson (3); J. Russell (1); B. Taylor (3); K. Voyce (4).

Substitutions not included in appearances. All scorers are included. Games played 44: League—won 23, lost 11; Cup—won 7, lost 3.

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INTRODUCING OLDHAM

Oldham are an old established club, they were founder members of the then Northern Rugby Football Union, the club itself was founded in 1872 and the first game at the Watersheddings was played on September 28th, 1889 when Swinton were the visitors. Their goal kicking record is held by Bernard Ganley a former full back and this is of course the league record of 219 goals probably about to be broken by David Watkins of Salford. They are one of not many clubs never to have appeared at Wembley, but they won the Cup in 1899, 1925 & 1927 and were runners-up in 1907, 1912, 1924 & 1926 and its interesting to note that the winners in 1912 were Dewsbury.

Coach to the side is Graham Starkey a former well known wing or centre with Rochdale and Huddersfield and the captain is Cliff Hill's tand off half and formerly with Wigan. Incidentally at school Cliff Hill's half back partner was a youngster called Clive Powell now exceedingly well known as Georgie Fame the "pop" singer. Full back Tommy Davies is a utility player of some merit, standing in very well for regular Martin Murphy absent with a broken arm. Right wing Mike Elliott a former Welsh R.U. star is having a benefit this season, centre Phil Larder a former Sale R.U. player is one of the league's leading goal kickers more than 118 goals this season. Tony Wainwright a Yorkshireman is a product of the Leeds nursery and was with the Leeds Club, joined our visitors this season. Left wing Norman Hodgkinson gained Lancashire County honours this season, the club's leading try scorer this season. Scrum half Mick McCone is another Yorkshireman, formerly with Doncaster.

Open side prop Ken (Tug) Wilson a former England and Gloucester R.U. star, hooker Kevin Taylor a very good hooker and a local. Blind side prop Frank Foster many appearances with Cumberland and formerly with Whitehaven, Hull K.R., Bradford and Barrow. Bob Irving a Yorkshireman from Huddersfield, member of this season's World Cup team and many other International and Yorkshire County appearances. Fred Hall and Johnny Farrell second row and loose forward respectively both signed from Blackpool. Other players involved in selection could be John Blair a local and Chris O'Brien a Welshman, both backs and Jimmy Reynolds a forward from the Leigh area.



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DEWSBURY R.L. FOOTBALL CLUB — RECORDS

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Tries: D. Thomas (40) 1906-07. Goals: N. Stephenson (131) 1970-71.

Points in a season: N. Stephenson (313) 1970-71.

International Tourists: F. Gallagher, H. Street, R. Pollard.

1972 World Cup: M. Stephenson. Ground Record: 27,000.

MEET THE REFEREE

MR. R. WOOD (Barrow)

The official in charge of today's game is Mr. R. Wood who is 42 years of age, stands 5ft. 11ins. in height and weighs just short of 12sts., he actually lives at Dalton-in-Furness which is just outside of Barrow and not the best place for access to Yorkshire Rugby League grounds. Mr. Wood is a Grade 1 referee and has a fair amount of experience both as an official and a player.

Mr. Wood must be very much an all round type of athlete, he lists his hobbies as cricket, swimming and bowling which together with his refereeing must take a lot of his spare time. In fact when he was in the Army he was a P.T.I. and those of us who have been in the Services well know that you have to be a very athletic sort of fellow to come up to that standard. Whilst he was in the Army Mr. Wood took part in many sports including running, boxing and inevitably played R.U. football.

He started playing Rugby at the early age of 15 years with a Youth Club, graduated to the Electric Sports Club and finally to that well known junior club in the Barrow district Marsh Hornets. Whilst with Marsh Hornets he played for and captained Lancashire County Amateurs and played for England against France in France in 1954. He later played for the Barrow senior club and then for Swinton and then returned to Marsh Hornets and also played for Dalton before taking up refereeing in the local Amateur League. He is a bricklayer by trade and is married with two sons.

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	P	W	D		F	A	Pts
Warrington	34	27	2	5	816	400	56
Featherstone	34	27	0	7	768	436	54
Leeds	34	26	1	7	810	324	53
St. Helens	34	24	2	8	623	298	50
Wakefield	34	25	0	9	814	398	50
Salford	34	25	0	9	723	383	50
Castleford	34	25	0	9	704	404	50
DEWSBURY	34	23	0	11	534	354	46
Oldham	34	20	2	12	604	349	42
Hull K.R.	34	20	1	13	731	522	41
Rochdale	34	20	1	13	438	426	41
Widnes	34	19	0	15	592	458	38
Leigh	34	18	2	14	479	390	38
Bramley	34	18	1	15	452	465	37
Whitehaven	34	18	1	15	408	512	37
Wigan	34	17	1	16	577	491	35
York	34	17	1	16	586	575	35
Halifax	33	16	0	17	534	560	32
Keighley	33	15	0	18	449	496	30
Batley .	34	15	0	19	537	600	30
Swinton	34	14	1	19	441	458	29
Workington	34	12	1	21	444	464	25
Huddersfield	34	10	2	22	465	598	22
Hull	33	11	0	22	476	651	22
Bradford N.	32	10	0	22	498	662	20
Barrow	34	7	0	27	351	775	14
Doncaster	33	6	0	27	293	878	12
Hunslet	34	5	0	29	371	916	10
Blackpool	34	4	0	30	324	972	8
Huyton	34	3	1	30	243	879	7
						AND THE RESERVE	

RECORDS

NIGEL STEPHENSON'S points record for the club now stands at 316pts. made up of 125 goals and 22 tries, his previous club record established in season 1970/71 was 313pts. With 125 goals at the moment, he is within 7 goals of beating his own club goal kicking record made in 1970/71 which is 131 goals.

MIKE STEPHENSON our World Cup hooker is in the position where his next try will be his 50th for the club.

It should be made clear that goals and tries scored in international, county and friendly games are not taken into account when compiling club records. A bit unfortunate perhaps for Nigel, he scored in county games this season just as Mike scored in international matches.

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THE TACKLE
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- 6. If a player is brought to the ground and the ball is not grounded he should not pretend to succumb to the tackle in order to induce the tackler to release his hold. To remove all doubt he should as has been stated above, ground the ball and then rise to his feet to "play" it. If he fails to ground the ball and makes it appear that he has succumbed to the tackle he should be penalised if he does not "play-the-ball".
- 7. If a player in possession of the ball is lying on the ground it is only necessary for an opponent to place a hand on him to complete the tackle. Players should not unnecessarily jump or drop on to a player lying on the ground in order to tackle him.
- 8. Quite often, particularly on a wet ground, a player is brought to the ground and both he and the opponent tackling him slide quite a distance after the ball has been grounded. The tackle is deemed to be effective where the "slide" ends. Thus if the player slides into touch the ball is in touch. If the player slides over the opponets' goalline and finishes in the in-goal area then a try is awarded, the tackle only having become effective in the in-goal area.

It should be noted that the try is scored immediately the ball touches the goal-line and it does not matter if the player eventually slides over the deadball line or touch-in-goal line.

9. If the player in possession is effectively tackled it is not permissible for an opposing player to attempt to drag him to another position, e.g., into touch or further away from the goal-line.

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		19—Sat 23—Wed	Wigan	away	
		26—Sat	Yorks County		
		28-Mon	Blackpool B	home	6.30
	Sept	3—Sun	York	home	
		10—Sun	Widnes	away	
		17—Sun	Barrow		3.00
		23—Sat	Players No. 6	Comp.	Sec.
		30—Sat	Whitehaven	away	3.00
	Oct	8—Sun	Rochdale	home	3.00
		15—Sun	Leigh	away	3.30
		22—Sun	Salford	home	
		28—Sat	Workington T	away	
	Nov	5—Sun	St. Helens		3.00
		12—Sun	Blackpool B		2.30
		19—Sun	Leigh	home	2.30
		24—Fri	St. Helens	away	7.30
]	Dec	3—Sun 8—Fri	Workington T	home	
		8—Fri	Hull		7.30
		17—Sun	Oldham		2.30
		24—Sun	Swinton		2.30
		26—Tue	Swinton	away	
		31—Sun	Whitehaven	home	2.30
	Jan	5—Fri	Barrow	away	
		14-Sun	Widnes	home	2.30
		21—Sun	Warrington	home	2.30
		27—Sat	R.L. Cup 1st	Rnd.	
1	Feb	4—Sun	Rochdale	away	3.00
		11—Sun	Huyton	home	3.00
		17—Sat	R.L. Cup 2nd	Rnd.	
		25—Sun	Huyton	away	3.00
	Mar	4—Sun	Hull	home	3.00
		9—Fri	Salford	away '	7.30
		18—Sun	Wigan	home	
		25—Sun	Warrington	away	3.00
- 4	Apr	ı—Sun	Oldham	away	
		21—Sat	Huddersfield	away	3.00
		23-Mon	Huddersfield	home	3.00

Second Team Fixtures Season 1972-73

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Batley	away 3.00
Leeds	home 3.00
Wakefield T	away 3.00
Halifax	away 3.00
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Keighley	home 3.00
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Hunslet	home 3.00
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Castleford	home 3.00
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