

**Oldham** 10

- 1 BLAIR, J.
- 2 ELLIOTT, M.
- 3 LARDER, P. *5 goals*
- 4 BARTON, E.
- 5 HOLLAND, I.
- 6 WAINWRIGHT, T.
- 7 McCONE, M.
- 8 ASHCROFT, K.
- 9 TAYLOR, K.
- 10 HALL, F.
- 11 GREGORY, B.
- 12 WELDING, R.
- 13 FARRELL, J.
- 14 TREASURE, D.
- 15 BROWN, R.

**Hull** 5

- 1 GERAGHTY, A
- 2 MACKLIN, A
- 3 PORTZ, S.
- 4 CRANE, M.
- 5 FIRTH, H.
- 6 HANCOCK, B.
- 7 DAVIDSON, C. *goal*
- 8 ~~MACKLIN, J.~~ *Kear*
- 9 DUKE, A.
- 10 ~~KEAR, B.~~ *Macklin J*
- 11 BOXALL, K.
- 12 SALMON, A. *try*
- 13 CASEY, L.
- 14 *Foulkes*
- 15 *Tindall*

Referee:  
D. Watson (Wakefield)

E. Leach (St. Helens) Red  
J. Claske (Warrington) Orange

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v. HULL

was ..... *Johannie Farrell* .....

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## OLDHAM OUTLOOK

GOOD fortune favoured us again in a cup draw — we were at home in the first round of the Lancashire Cup and would have had a home tie in the Floodlit Trophy had we knocked over Hull KR in the preliminary round — when the pairings were made last week for the second round of the Player's No 6 Trophy.

Our prize for knocking out Warrington in our first-ever John Player Cup win is a cracking tie at Watersheddings against very attractive opposition in Bradford Northern.

They don't come much better than that. Why, in this column only two weeks ago, we were pointing out that Northern's last visit to Watersheddings in a cup tie produced a mammoth gate of more than 18,000.

That was, of course, in a second round replay of the Challenge Cup in 1968.

We duly beat Bradford — but our next home gate, for the visit of Workington, topped only 3,000. Then, when Leeds came here for the third round, the attendance soared again to over 19,000.

Cup ties, certainly, whet the fans' appetites and although gates generally have taken a turn for the worse in the last five or six years we firmly believe that we are in for a very good crowd indeed when Northern come here next month. Competition has gradually increased in stature and it now ranks second only to the Challenge Cup.

The financial rewards for success are considerable and Northern's visit will be a tremendously important occasion for Oldham RLFC.

MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY FOR THIS WILL CERTAINLY BE OUR OWN VERSION OF THE AUTUMN CLASSIC — SATURDAY, 9th NOVEMBER, KICK-OFF 2.30 p.m.

The reason for the Saturday fixture, and the early kick-off, is that the Rugby Football League and the BBC, in joint talks, decided our tie was the pick of the bunch.

Much of the match will, therefore, be screened on television but we fervently hope and believe that you, our trusted supporter, will only be happy to see ALL the action in the ATMOSPHERE that

only a spot on the terraces or a seat in the stand can provide.

There were, of course, no objections from either camp when it was announced that the cameras and Eddie Waring were to descend upon us.

It needs to be explained that there are very good reasons for this — not least the £400 which each club will pick up from the BBC.

As the gate is shared, the television takings have to be counted as a total of £800 . . . and that represents a lot of folk through the turnstiles: approximately 1,600.

But there are other reasons, too, which have to be seriously considered, and uppermost is the situation regarding sponsorship and ground advertising.

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This means some inconvenience, for this one match, for those of our members who occupy seats in E stand. Please, please, bear with us.

We will do our uppermost to provide alternative accommodation on the pavilion side, and that's one reason why the decision was taken to have special tickets printed for the main stand.

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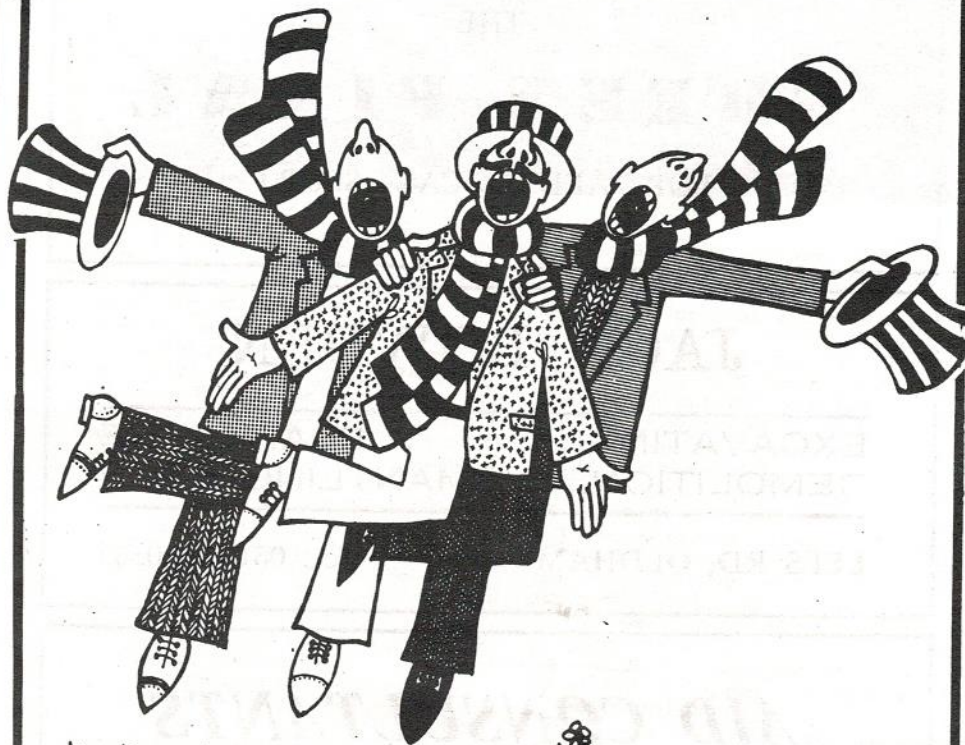
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I'M all for modern thinking and change if it is going to be for the better but I do have serious reservations about the innovation at New Hunslet — those space-age goal posts.

I would go so far as to say that any side playing at the Elland Road greyhound stadium is at a disadvantage, and in no way is that meant to be derogatory of the New Hunslet management who appear to be doing a splendid job in their brave attempt to keep our game alive on the west side of Leeds.

It was a sad day for Rugby League when the old Hunslet club closed down, only a few years after playing in that memorable 1965 Challenge Cup final against Wigan.

Now, they are born again and the new regime is doing a great job in getting to grips with the thousand and one problems that present themselves to any Rugby League club in this day and age, let alone a club that is rising from the ashes.

Bradford did it in 1964, and if New Hunslet have half as much success in the next decade then I'm sure every true RL fan will be as pleased as punch.

But for the life of me I cannot see what will be gained by New Hunslet's new goal posts. I can, however, envisage plenty of problems.

You will all know by now what the posts look like. Many of our supporters were at Elland Road last Sunday. The problems fall into three categories.

1. The effect on the attacking side of the absence of uprights in the centre of the goal line.

2. The effect on a side under heavy pressure in and around the try line.

3. The possible consequences of the ball, either from an off-target goal kick or an up-and-under, striking the rear support or the upright stanchion.

When in the centre of the field, and heading for the line, the traditional upright post is a rugby landmark for millions of try scorers, at league and union, the world over.

It is easy, even at speed and on an elusive run, to site the line in relation to the posts. The absence of posts, from the try line upwards, makes it terribly difficult for a player, often weighing up the situation of defenders and colleagues alike all in a split second and when running full out, to appreciate exactly where he is in relation to the goal line.

Tony Wainright, for instance, was actually over the line when he passed to Eddie Barton to score our first try, but he didn't realise it until afterwards.

There are similar worries on defence. Unless the goal line is marked in a vivid red, or some other colour to make it stand out (that's the idea of our secretary, Kevin Wilkinson, and a good one), there is a tendency for players to be actually thinking about where to locate themselves instead of doing it automatically and in a split second.

If we were playing with the new posts week in and week out, many of the problems would resolve themselves if only because the players learned from experience.

But we are meeting this new experience only once, and I shall be surprised if we don't hear more of it before the season is much older.

The other problem concerns kicking. The referee told both teams before the match that if the ball struck the supports to the rear he would consider it dead.

Yet I understand that in previous matches play has been allowed to continue.

The idea, of course, is to minimise the risk of injury from players colliding with uprights. But how often does this happen? Rugby, in one form or another, is played throughout the world. On an English Saturday alone there are thousands of matches, league and union, played with the traditional H-type posts. It isn't often a player is knocked about because he has hit the upright.

The disadvantages, I'm afraid, far outweigh the advantages.

## OUR VISITORS BY DON YATES

ALTHOUGH Hull lie way down in 10th position in the league table they are still expected to be challenging for promotion come next spring, writes Don Yates.

In cup football Hull's form has been much better with two victories against First Division opposition. In the Yorkshire Cup Hull visited New Hunslet and won 17-14 thus earning themselves a visit from cup holders Leeds. This match attracted a crowd of 4,000 to the Boulevard and much to their delight they saw their favourites topple mighty Leeds after a fiery match which resulted in marching orders for Keith Hepworth (Leeds) and Hull's Brian Hancock and Len Casey. Hull's semi-final opponents were Wakefield Trinity who proved just too good, especially after Hull's leading point scorer, Chris Davidson, was sent off thus enabling Trinity to scrape through by 8 points to 6. In the preliminary round of the Floodlit Cup, Hull inflicted the first defeat of the season upon table topping Keighley (12-2) and they now visit Rochdale in the first round where they could succeed against the off-form Hornets. A 15-6 defeat at Bramley ended Hull's hopes of picking up cash via the John Player Trophy so they visit Water-sheddings this afternoon with no cup worries to distract them.

Oldham and Hull did not meet in any kind of competition last season but the previous season the two clubs met four times with Oldham coming out on top in three of them. Oldham were well beaten 17-10 in the Players Trophy match on Humberside but they gained ample revenge later in the season with that 24-2 win in the Challenge Cup which was greeted so enthusiastically by Oldham's fans. Oldham also completed a league double over Hull in season 1972-73 by winning 27-2 at home and 17-4 away.

The match against Hull which older Oldham supporters like to recall is the Championship Final of season 1956-57 when Oldham possessed one of the finest footballing sides in the history of the game. Oldham had ended the season at the top of the league table with 33 wins

and 5 defeats having scored a club record of 893 points in league matches. Second placed Hull were 6 points adrift of Oldham but they had shown good form in the Championship semi-final when they crushed Barrow 45-14, scoring 11 tries in the process. Oldham had struggled a little in the first half before defeating Leeds 22-12 and so the two sides met at Odsal in a battle between Oldham's sparkling backs and Hull's tremendous pack led by Johnny Whiteley and including Tommy Harris, the finest hooker of all time. The teams lined up as follows:

**Oldham:** Bernard Ganley; Dick Cracknell, Alan Davies, Denis Ayres, John Etty; Frank Daley, Frank Pitchford; Ken Jackson; Jack Keith, Don Vines, Charlie Winslade, Sid Little and Derek Turner.

**Hull:** Colin Hutton; Stan Cowan, Geoff Dannatt, Carl Turner, Ivor Watts; Rowley Moat, Tommy Finn; Mick Scott, Tommy Harris, Jim Drake, Cyril Sykes, Bill Drake and Johnny Whiteley.

This final was as good a match as anyone could wish to see with plenty of incident and excitement to keep the 62,233 crowd on their toes. Oldham, 6-5 down at the interval looked to be heading for defeat half way through the second half when they trailed 11-7 but tries from Denis Ayres and John Etty (his second of the match) plus a third goal from skipper Bernard Ganley took Oldham into a 15-11 lead with only minutes remaining. Oldham, it seemed, were home and dry, then, suddenly, Stan Cowan plunged over for a try only a couple of feet to the right of the goal posts and Colin Hutton was left with the simple task of converting to give Hull a one point victory. But Hutton, who had broken the club's goal kicking record that season, missed that vital, simple chance and Oldham were Champions for the first time in 46 years.

Let's hope that this afternoon's match leaves supporters with some more pleasant memories from this clash of inter-county rivals.



Action from the John Player Trophy tie against Workington. Kevin Taylor and Brian Gregory combine to halt the progress of a Town attacker.

Picture by courtesy of the Evening Chronicle.



### LUCKY POOLS AGENT

Our photograph shows pools agent David Wood being presented with a fabulous portable TV he won in the special draw for agents. This draw took place on the stage of the social club on Saturday, 21st September, by compere Alan Weston, who is also shown in the photograph.

## Oldham Rugby League Queen

To take place in the Social Club, Wednesday, October 30th.

THE once-popular Rugby League Queen dance has been revived by our Supporters' Club who will stage the big event in the Social Club on Wednesday, October 30.

Admission will be 50p and the supporters promise a highly-entertaining evening. Girls who wish to enter — and

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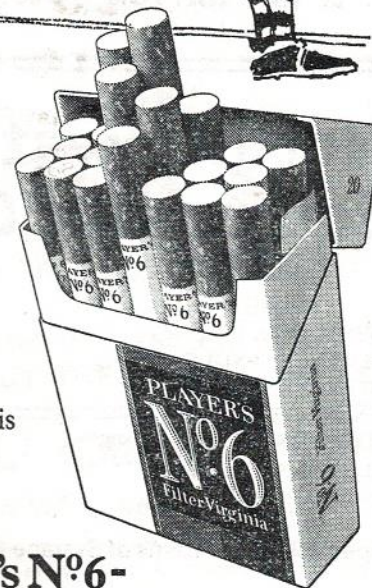
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" 8—Blackpool ..... Away	" 13—Salford (7-30 p.m.) ..... Away
" 14—Huddersfield ..... Home	Oct. 5—Rochdale ..... Home
" 20—Hull K.R. (7-30 p.m.) ..... Away	" 12—Wigan ..... Away
" 28—Player's No. 6 (1st Rnd.)	" 19—St. Helens ..... Away
Lancs. Cup, Rnd. 1 ..... Home	" 26—Huyton ..... Away
Oct. 6—N. Hunslet (3-30 p.m.) ..... Away	Nov. 2—Swinton ..... Home
" 12—Hull ..... Home	" 8—Warrington (7-30 p.m.) ..... Away
" 18—Whitehaven (7-00 p.m.) ..... Away	" 23—Widnes ..... Home
" 26—Huyton ..... Home	" 30—
Nov. 3—Swinton ..... Away	" 14—
" 9—Player's No. 6 (2nd Rnd.)	" 21—
" 16—Workington ..... Home	" 26—
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" 30—Batley ..... Home	Jan. 4—
Dec. 8—Workington (2-30 p.m.) ..... Away	" 11—
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" 21—	" 25—Swinton ..... Away
" 26—Huddersfield ..... Away	Feb. 1—
" 29—Huyton (2-30 p.m.) ..... Away	" 8—St. Helens ..... Home
Jan. 4—New Hunslet ..... Home	" 15—Leigh ..... Home
" 11—Doncaster ..... Home	" 22—Salford ..... Home
" 17—Barrow (7-00 p.m.) ..... Away	Mar. 1—
" 25—Swinton ..... Home	" 8—
Feb. 1—	" 15—Leigh ..... Away
" 8—Challenge Cup (1st Rnd.)	" 21—Rochdale (7-30 p.m.) ..... Away
" 15—Leigh (3-45 p.m.) ..... Away	" 29—
" 22—Challenge Cup (2nd Rnd.)	Apr. 5—Barrow ..... Away
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" 8—	" 19—Wigan ..... Home
" 15—Leigh ..... Home	
" 23—Batley ..... Away	
" 30—Hull ..... Away	
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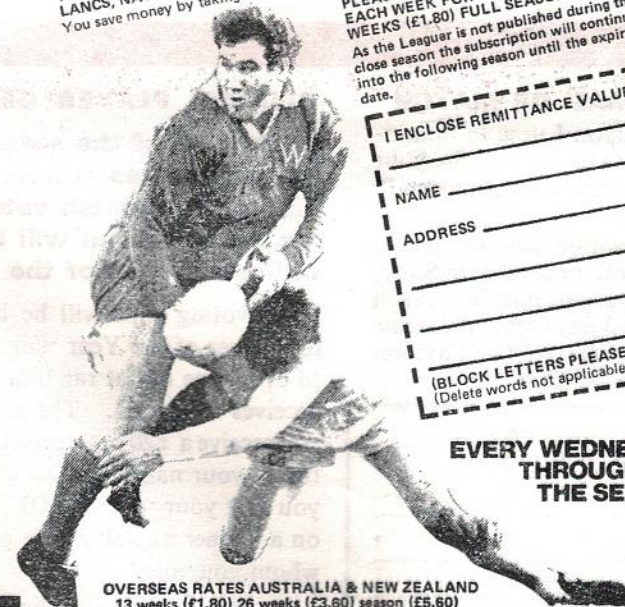
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