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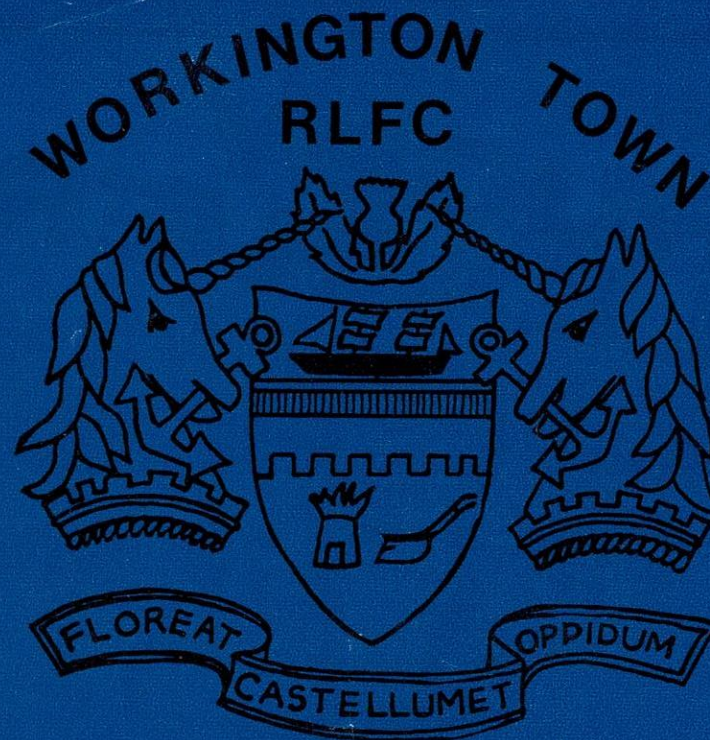


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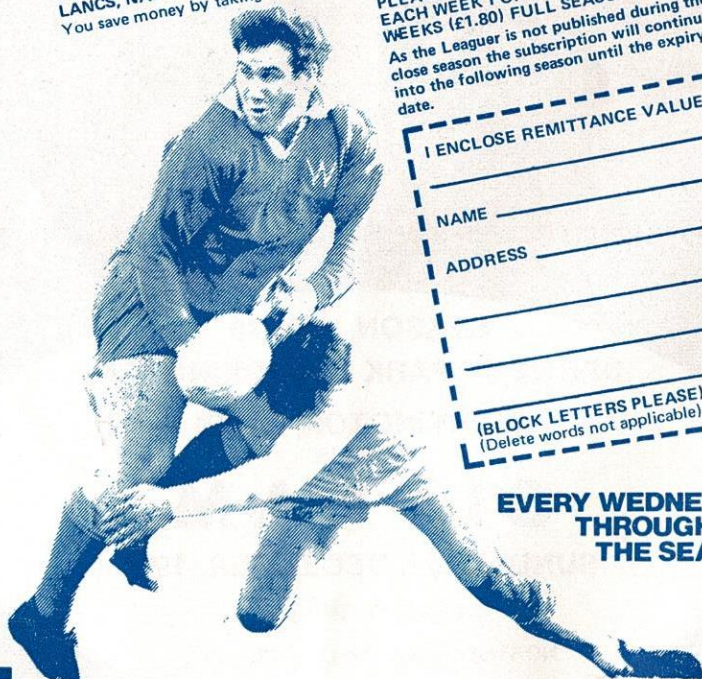
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E. BOWMAN	11			
R. CALVIN	8			
D. CURWEN	13	6		18
J. DOBIE	13			
L. GORLEY	13	2		6
J. HAMILTON	1			
H. HENNEY	13	1		3
L. HOCKING	3			
B. LAUDER	6		1	1
H. MARLAND	10	1		3
I. MacCORQUODALE	14	3	62	133
H. McCOURT	9	1		3
R. MAXWELL	6	1		3
R. NICHOLSON	12	1		3
J. RISMAN	8	3		9
J. STAUNTON	1			
T. THOMPSON	12	2		6
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## CLUB NOTES

Injuries to goal-kicking star Ian MacCormac and big Bob Maxwell means that coach Ike Southward has once again to re-shuffle his team for today's game against Oldham. Fortunately Thompson has recovered from his thigh muscle injury and real good news that Keith Davies, reputed to be one of the fastest wingers in Rugby League, is back in action again. Keith's powerful running makes him a danger to any opposition. Further news on the injury front is that Ralph Calvin has had specialist opinion on the troublesome knee injury he received early in the season and will be returning for a further check-up this coming week, when it is hoped that Ralph will get the go-ahead to resume training. Today's game is again one of vital importance in the championship battle and it is the third encounter between the two clubs this season. It will be recalled that Oldham defeated Town in the No. 6 Trophy match at Watersheddings by 21 pts to 14 pts, but Town gained revenge in the league match also at Watersheddings, by a narrow margin 11 pts to 7 pts victory to give them their first away league win of the season, so today's game should be a repeat of that tremendous game we saw a couple of weeks ago v Swinton. With both sides needing the points to stay amongst the league leaders it should produce some exciting stuff. Spectators are again reminded of the new Derwent Club, admittance from the enclosure. Membership can be obtained at the club for 50p, which is a yearly subscription and covers admittance on match days and to those special functions arranged for members. We apologise to those regular supporters who used the turnstiles at the river end of the ground prior to the building work commencing on the squash courts. You can be assured that all possible steps will be taken to avoid inconvenience wherever possible. The building work on the squash courts is progressing well and should we not be hindered by adverse weather conditions, it is anticipated completion should be late Feb. or early March. Anyone interested in joining the Derwent Squash Club can obtain details from Bill Whalley at the office. The introduction of other activities within the Derwent Park complex are essential to the club in their efforts to provide top class Rugby League again at Workington, as David Howes, the Rugby Leagues new P.R.O. points out in his article elsewhere in this programme. "Social facilities have emerged as one of the strongest drawing points for a man's time and money," from this can be gained the necessary to put a club in a position to provide for those faithful supporters who rally round week after week to support their team. What the pace-setters Salford and Warrington have done can be done here at Workington. It should have been done long ago and in the interests of Rugby League Football the present administrators here at Derwent Park are going to make sure of a brighter future for our faithful followers.

As this will be the last home game before Christmas can we extend to our supporters A Very Happy Christmas Greeting and thank you for the faithful support given during the year '74.

Don't forget the encouragement for the lads from the terraces again today and we ask for your usual appreciation for good play from both sides.

## THE RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

"Rugby League has inspired a modern 'Doomsday Book'. The pages are packed with woeful forecasts of the game's extinction . . . the day when Rugby League would be kicked into touch.

The final chapter will never be written. The kiss-of-life, not death, is being administered to Rugby League.

Historians will look back at 1974 and herald the season as the turning point in the game—the year when Rugby League sidestepped the threat of extinction.

For the past decade the "knockers" have had a field day. Their uninformed opinions spread like wildfire. The death wish was put on the finest game in the world and the voodoo almost worked as attendances dwindled and optimism waned.

Today, Rugby League is being revitalised. For the first time in years, a new wave of optimism is sweeping through the game, washing aside gloom and despondency. From the chairman to the gateman, the international to the schoolboy, the aim is identical—to make the "knockers" eat their words . . . and choke on them.

The game is not blind to its faults. Nor is it shortsighted. The grass roots of Rugby League are being nurtured by B.A.R.L.A. and the brand new National Coaching Scheme. My appointment is part of the determined bid to polish the game's tarnished image.

At every level, a new pride is being cultivated. The sport's future is being shaped . . . Rugby League undoubtedly has a great one.

In an age ultra-keen commercial competitiveness, Rugby League had to put itself in the shop window. Everyone in the game has to play a part in selling the game. Each supporter must become an ambassador, spreading the gospel, decrying the forecasts of extinction.

Public Relations is a new dimension in Rugby League administration, already recharged by go-ahead Secretary David Oxley and ambitious Chairman Brian Snape.

The top priority is to boost the game's much maligned image. Maximum publicity is vital, exposure that will mirror the game to its best advantage. Rugby League has lost a lot of coverage in national newspapers, especially in the Sunday editions. We have to prove to sports editors that it is wise to invest in Rugby League because of the interest, which is not always reflected by match attendances.

My hopes are that personality features will once again grace the pages of our top daily newspapers, whose Rugby League writers, all dedicated to the sport, battle for space. The game could also be taken off the sports pages and made of general news interest, thus reaching new potential supporters.

Television, probably the most sensitive topic in the Rugby League world, must be harnessed to project the true image to millions of viewers, who would otherwise never enjoy our game.

Rugby League must move with the times, following the pacesetters such as Salford and Warrington. Leisure is an industry today, and Rugby League is just one of many alternatives open to a working man—and his family. Social facilities have emerged as one of the strongest drawing points for a man's time and money.

Plans to help create a new image for the game include the improved build up of prestige matches, especially Wembley, the introduction of player of the year awards, culminating in one of several top flight dinners, more sponsorship bringing increased prosperity, a general uplift in the presentation of the game, and in the long term the establishment of a top class Rugby League magazine.

The game has given itself a vote of confidence. The ultimate aim is to prove that Rugby League is the name of *the* game".



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Referee:

Mr. K. Allat,  
Huddersfield.

Timekeeper: A. Walker

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## 20 OLDHAM

MURPHY 1

ELLIOT 2

LARDER 3

WAINWRIGHT 4

BARTON 5

TREASURE 6

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Come forward Dave Curwen.

At today's game Dave will receive two cheques to swell his benefit fund, one from the Parent Supporters' Club for £100, and one from the Seaton Branch of the Supporters for £53.

The Supporters' Club Quarterly Sweepstake Top Prize £1,000, will be drawn this coming Wednesday, 11th December, 1974, in the Derwent Club at 8 p.m.

Plans for the turn of the year are going ahead and social activities proposed are a Rugby League Queen Competition and the Friendly Bingo Sessions.

## TODAY'S REFEREE

Mr. KEVIN ALLAT, Melton, Near Huddersfield.

Married with one son, eight years and a daughter six years. Employed as a Field Service Manager in the packaging industry.

Played Rugby League Football at junior level, once scored a hat-trick of tries from the full back position. Realising he would never make top grade as a player, at 17 years of age Kevin took up refereeing and qualified as a Grade I referee in 1971. No Representative honours have come his way as yet, but honours will no doubt come. Kevin Allat's name could appear in the record books as the referee with the quickest and the latest sending-off of players. At Salford two seasons ago he dismissed a player after 12 seconds of play and this season, one, after the final whistle had blown. He considers the game of Rugby League is going through the wind of change (for the better) which as a firm Rugby Leaguer makes him happy and his one wish is that spectators would stop being so critical and give more encouragement to their team from the terraces.

## OUR VISITORS

Despite one or two setbacks, particularly the defeat at home by Town in mid-November, our visitors today are challenging very hard for a Top Four place in the Second Division Championship, currently holding third place and two points ahead of Town.

Coach Jim Challinor has had team problems of late with injuries to key players and requests to move, but nevertheless he still has a strong contingent to choose from. Injury to hooker Kevin Taylor and the transfer to Wigan of star forward Brian Gregory means a reshuffle of the pack, but good victories in the last couple of weeks and memories of the team's last visit to Cumbria, when they convincingly defeated near neighbours, Whitehaven, will no doubt put a sting in their tails. Like Town, Oldham have a strong back division and if fed with the ball can cause havoc. Strong running Murphy at fullback likes to link up with his three's and is a potential danger, two speedy wingers in Elliot and Barton, who get plenty of chances from experienced centres Larder and Wainwright, also take a lot of watching, stand-off half Treasure, a signing from Bradford Northern, is benefitting from the guile of experienced half-back McCone. In all a well balanced back division, with the knowledge passed on by top class coach, Jim Challinor, Oldham are confident of a quick return to First Division Rugby League. We welcome our visitors from Oldham today and look forward to a top class game.

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	F	A		F	A
Aug. 25—Huyton .....	H	33	7	15—Hull .....	A
30—St. Helens (L.C.) .....	A	13	11	26—Whitehaven .....	A
Sept. 6—Hull K.R. ....	A	8	15		
15—Barrow .....	H	20	13	Jan. 1—Whitehaven .....	H
22—Hull .....	H	26	11	5—Blackpool .....	H
28—Players No. 6 Trophy				11—Leigh .....	A
1st Rd. Oldham .....	A	14	21	19—Huddersfield .....	H
Oct. 6—Swinton .....	A	9	16	25—Batley .....	A
13—New Hunslet .....	H	30	10	Feb. 2—Leigh .....	H
20—Huddersfield .....	A	13	31	8—Challenge Cup—	
25—Barrow .....	A	10	27	1st Round	
Nov. 3—Batley .....	H	9	4	22—Challenge Cup—	
9—Players No. 6 Trophy				2nd Round.	
2nd Round				Mar. 2—New Hunslet .....	A
16—Oldham .....	A	11	7	16—Doncaster .....	H
24—Swinton .....	H	10	7	23—Blackpool .....	A
Dec. 1—Huyton .....	A			31—Doncaster .....	A
8—Oldham .....	H			Apr. 6—Hull K.R. ....	H

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