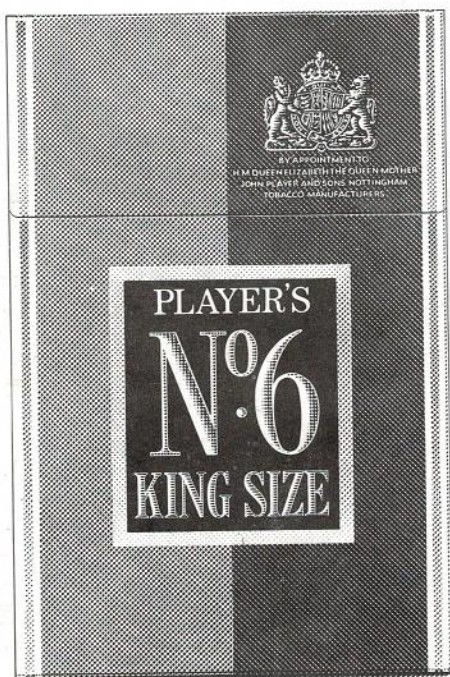


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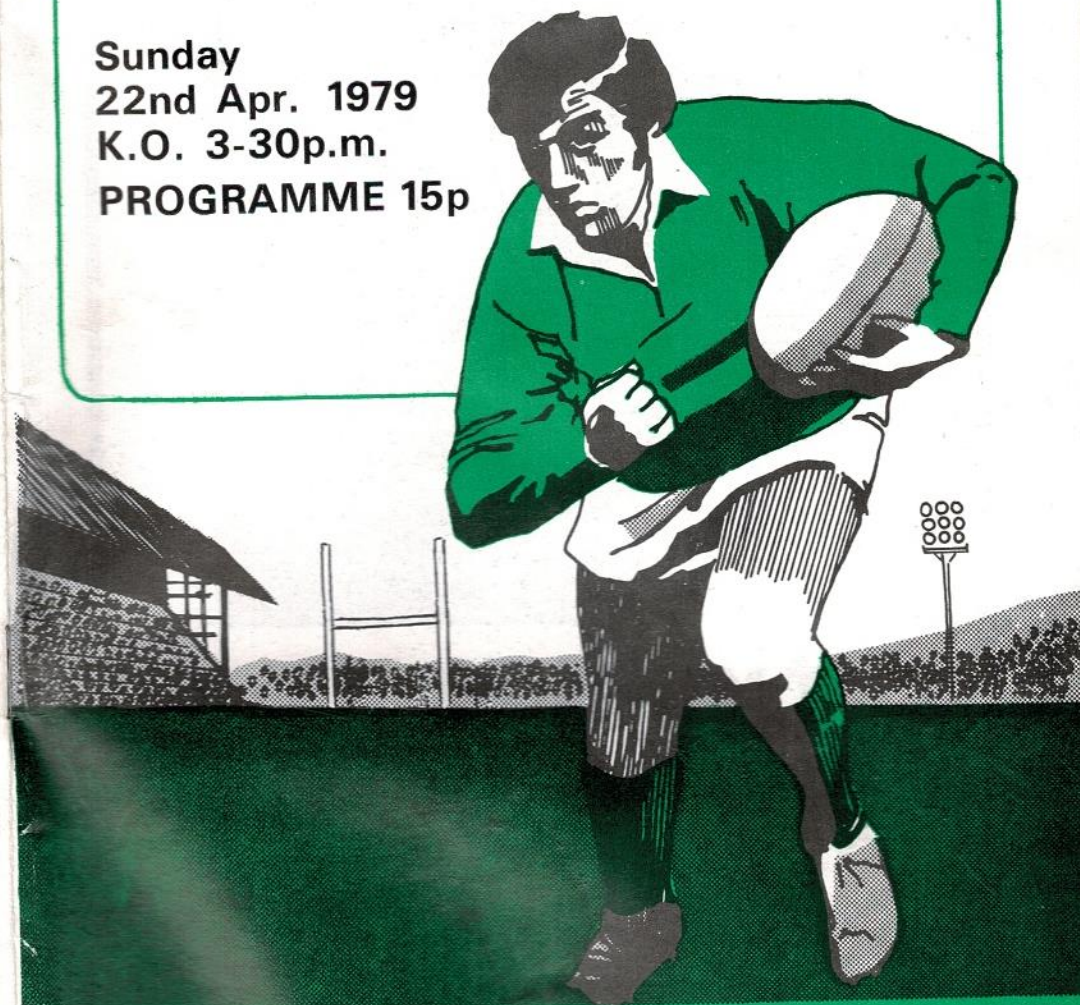
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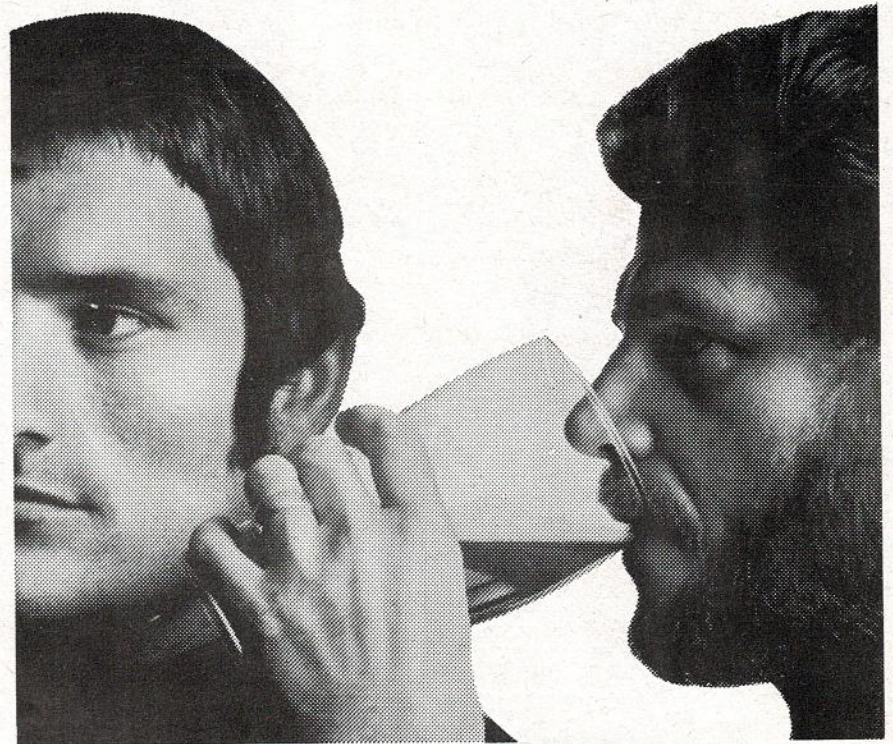
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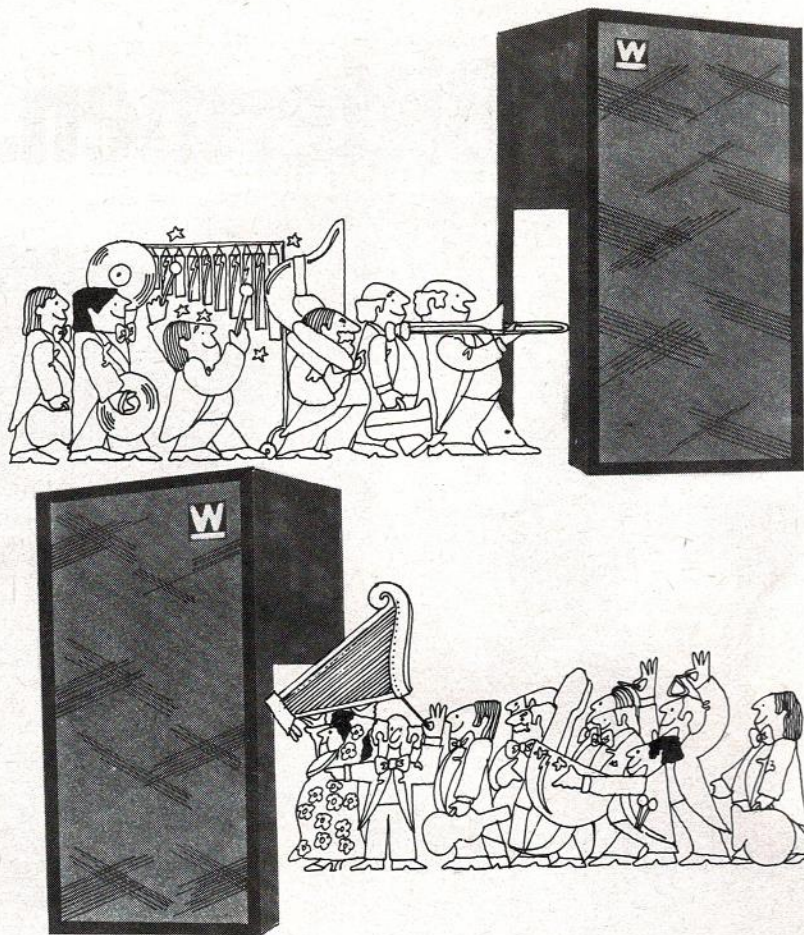
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## Talking point

So far so good. There is still some distance to go to make sure that promotion is achieved. In welcoming Oldham today, we must make sure that 2 points are obtained. When we went to Oldham earlier this year, we were leading right until the end when we allowed Oldham to come through on our left-hand flank and score an equalising try. Looking at the Second Division table it is quite interesting to note that three matches were stolen from us (if you understand the expression) in the last few minutes. At York, in the first league match of the season we were in the lead with two or three minutes to go, and unfortunately were without a regular goalkicker and Tony Dean took over the role and missed one near the post and alas we went away empty handed. At Halifax, we were cruising along to a win, for the home team did not look like breaching our defence, when just under our posts in a tackle the referee ruled that one of our players had stolen the ball from a Halifax forward and gave Halifax a penalty which was only a formality and gained them two points. We have referred to the visit to Oldham where we should have won quite comfortably, but only came away with a point. The only time throughout the season when we have been comprehensively beaten was the day the strong Hull team came to this ground and indicated their power with a convincing victory over us. We still have to go to Hull and as both teams are clear at the top of the table there will be no quarter given. Hull are undefeated and are

going all out for a Rugby League record, in going through a season without losing a League match. The men from the Greyhound Stadium are anxious to prove that they have matured and developed since the Hull victory at this ground and are determined that even though we cannot be outright winners of the Second Division championship, Hull will not get the 100% record for which they are aiming. Everything points to a really good match at Hull. We are tremendously envious when we see the crowds that are going along to Hull and indeed at York the other day when Hull were the visitors. If we could average 3,000 - 4,000 spectators per week, we would be delighted. The players would be delighted because there is atmosphere when there are people. The directors would be happy because it would put the club on a better financial keel and allow us to compete with other clubs for purchasing players when they became available. To be brutally frank the directors are embarrassed and ashamed to record the small crowds that have been coming to the Stadium to see the team that regularly wins and has been playing a great deal of attractive football.

Why are we not getting the crowds? Admittedly there has been some poor weather but that is not the real reason because we have as much covered accommodation as is necessary for 2,000 - 3,000 spectators. There must be other factors and we are conscious of the possibility that we may not be playing Rugby League Football at a time of the year which meets the wishes of the public. We notice with interest that managers of Football League Clubs have unanimously agreed to recommend the playing of summer soccer. We also know that in North America, where temperatures are extremely high in the summer and low in the winter, the



establishment of soccer was founded on the summer season. We also know that countries that have a hot climate all the year round, as do certain parts of Australia and South Africa, play in their winter, which has temperatures greater than our summer, with a great deal of success. We have spoken to players and to many spectators who say that they would not wish to move from the winter months arguing that Rugby has always been played in the winter and that the summer would be inconvenient because of holidays and also that the ground would be hard. We have to say that it is not the spectator who attends the matches that has to be canvassed, but those who stay away. Those who are faithful and come to see the team play, irrespective of the weather, will, we venture to suggest, come in the summer months. But those who are missing from the grounds may well be attracted by coming out, on a summers evening with the family to watch a game of Rugby League Football. Could you tell us what competition would be in existence at the moment? Speedway is a summer sport, but there is no Speedway in this area. Cricket is certainly the traditional summer sport but appearances of top class cricket in this area are extremely limited. In any event there are very many people who go to Rugby who would not dream of going to cricket and vice versa.

We take the view therefore, that the debate about summer Rugby must be continued and further dialogue with the players. There are sophisticated ways of keeping grounds in soft condition throughout the year and we feel sure that the mind, thinking of hard concrete grounds in the summer could be alleviated with the assistance of the groundsman. One thought comes to mind and that is if we played a match in the summer evening with a kick-off at 8 p.m. we could prior to that match have two or three junior matches played, so creating greater interest

and making the evening one for the entire family. We will be interested to have your views. The grass grows in the summer, the weather even though it rains in England is invariably warmer and furthermore we feel that the public's demand for outdoor entertainment in the summer has not yet been satisfied with any sport having mass appeal. Rugby League could be the first sport to take this step by moving into the warmer climate and away from the heavy dark and distressing months of December and January. Supporters who attend matches and those who do not are entitled to air their views and we would welcome them. Players who have been to Australia know the rigours of playing on hard ground and would tell you how difficult it can be. They will also tell you that there is protective clothing that can be worn that avoids the grass burn. Let us explore fully the possibilities of summer Rugby before dismissing it merely because it has not been tried here.

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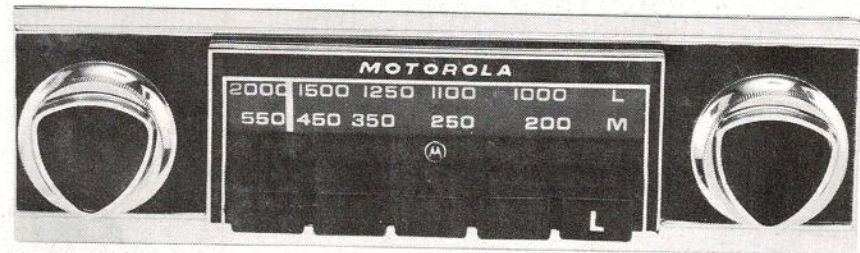
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# Second Division round-up

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The Easter Weekend programme saw such a variety of matches and results that the promotion battle became even more complicated with both Halifax and Dewsbury coming to the fore at the expense of York and Blackpool.

**NEW HUNSLET** - Oldham (Home)  
Bramley (Home) Dewsbury (Home)  
Keighley (Away) Hull (Away)  
Huyton (Away)

The programme got under way on Good Friday with Halifax scoring a narrow yet valuable victory at Keighley by 5-4. Dewsbury overcame their large defeat at Hull the previous week by beating Doncaster 30-10.

**HALIFAX** - York (Home)  
Doncaster (Home) Blackpool (Home)  
Batley (Away) Blackpool (Away)  
Hull (Away)

Sundays games saw New Hunslet register their 13th consecutive league victory defeating Blackpool 9-5.

Halifax were again in action, this time winning at Swinton 20-10. Batley had one of their few wins of the season, coming back from being 5-0 down at half time to defeat today's visitors Oldham 19-5. Keighley went to Whitehaven and came back with a 13-13 draw.

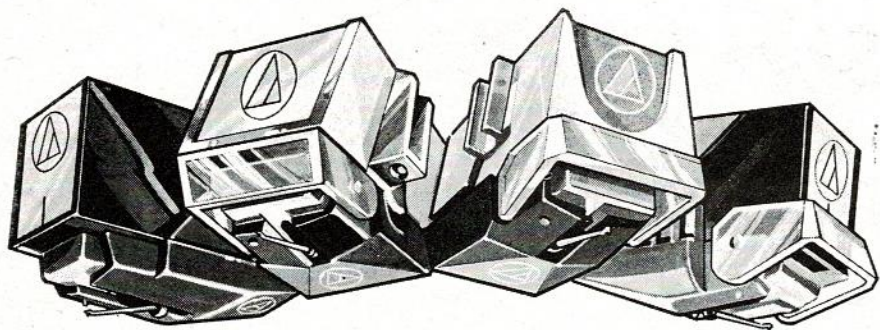
**DEWSBURY** - Oldham (Home)  
Keighley (Away) New Hunslet (Away)  
Huyton (Away) York (Away)  
Bramley (Home)

Two important games on Easter Monday saw Dewsbury move into fourth place with a good 14-10 win at Bramley. York suffered a set back after leading Hull ten minutes from the end only to be beaten 24-13 before the Second Divisions record crowd of 9,124, the second successive week that this record has been broken.

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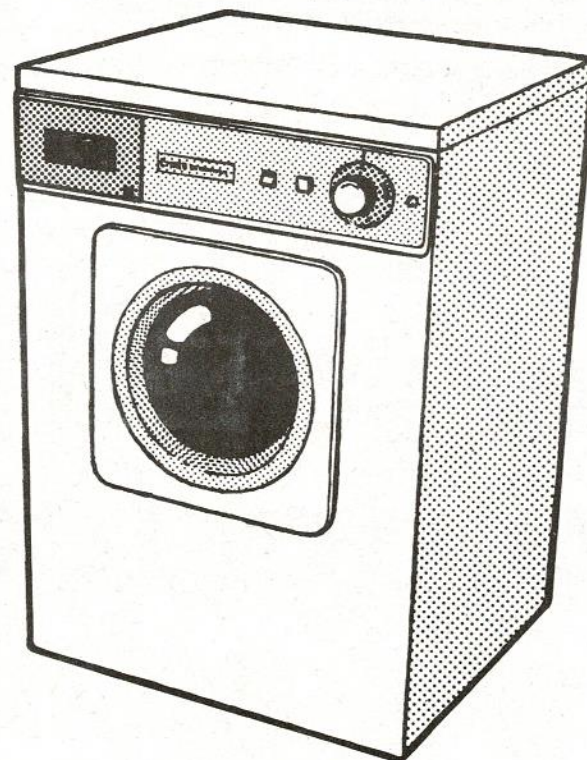
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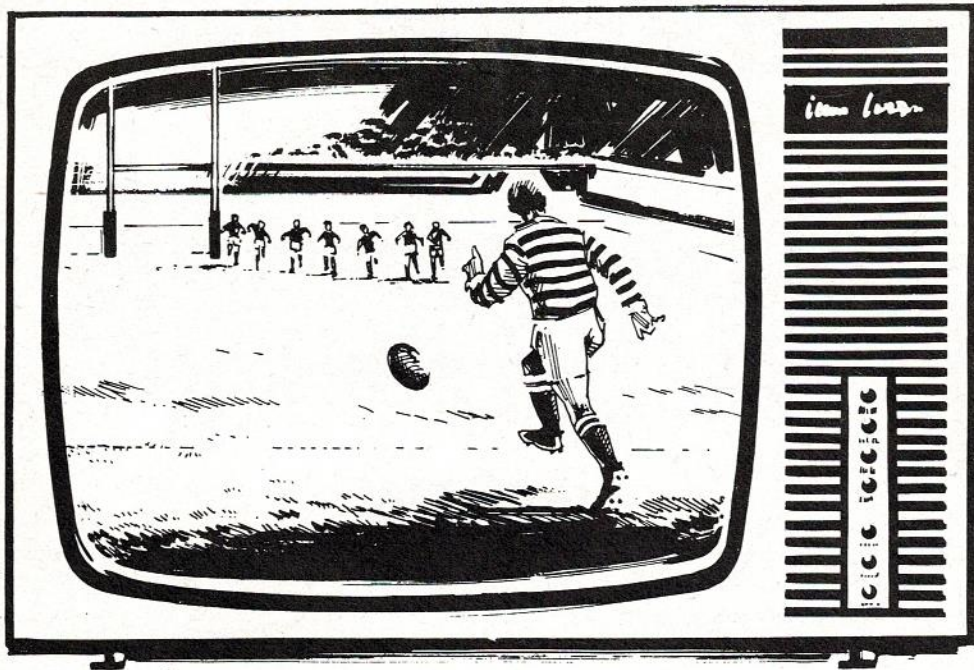
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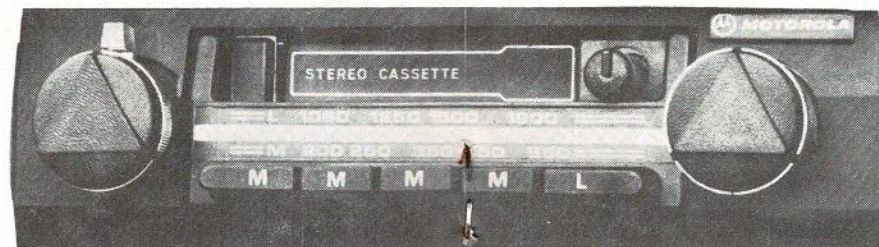


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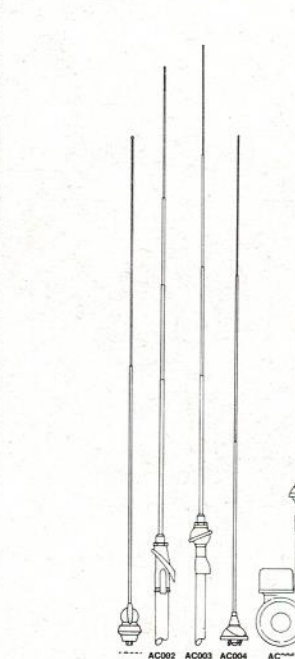
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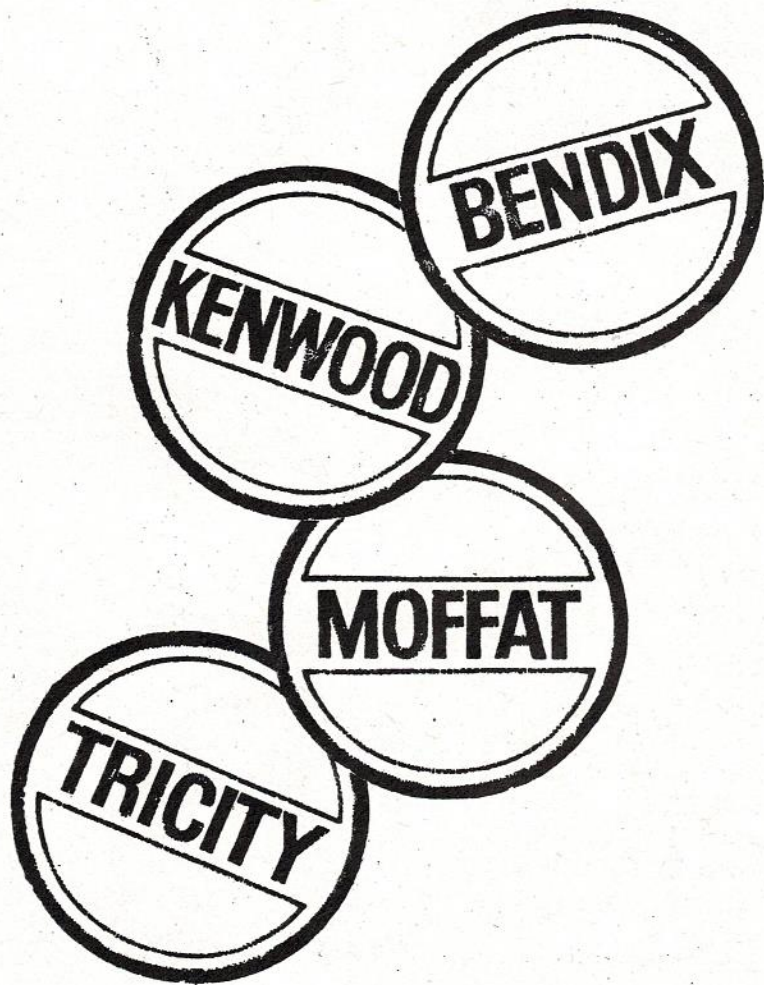


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Dewsbury	20	13		7	272	223	26
Blackpool	19	11	3	5	248	201	25
York	20	12	1	7	332	288	25
Bramley	20	10	1	9	262	230	21
Oldham	20	9	1	10	226	309	19
Keighley	21	8	2	11	256	244	18
Whitehaven	20	7	3	10	231	268	17
Swinton	22	4	2	16	299	391	10
Dorcaster	20	5		15	206	427	10
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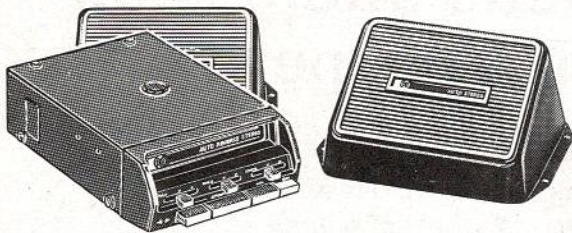
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Coach: Dave Cox

This afternoon we have pleasure in greeting the players, officials and supporters from the Oldham club. Oldham, currently 8th in the Division Two table, are still in with a slim chance of gaining promotion. Earlier this season, we made the trip across the Pennines to Watersheddings, eventually coming away with one point from a hard fought 15-15 draw, settled in the last couple of minutes by an Oldham try. Our scorers were, tries: Peter Muscroft, Stuart Smith and Ken Endersby and three goals by John Hay.

The Oldham club is now nearly 103 years old, it's centenary year was in 1976. The first ever game played by the club was on October 21st 1876 versus Stalybridge F.C., who were the victors by two goals, two tries and three touch-downs to one try and three touch-downs. The club played at two grounds, Goldwick Lows and Clarksfield before moving to their present home, Watersheddings in 1889. "The Roughyeds" as they are known, have had a very long and illustrious history, winning a fair number of trophies in this time. Their major honours include: four times the Northern Rugby League Champions and runners up on five occasions, Second Division Champions at the end of the 1963/64 season, Rugby League Challenge Cup winners on three occasions, including a win in the final over Hunslet in 1899 by 19-9, at Manchester, and runners up in that competition on four occasions. They have also won the Lancashire Cup nine times and been runners up seven times.

Today's game is only the fourth meeting between Oldham and ourselves and New Hunslet have yet to register a victory over them. Today's game is the second of these fixtures to be played at the Greyhound Stadium. The previous time that Oldham played here was on 6th October 1974 when they were victorious by 24-7.

Oldham have recently made efforts at strengthening their squad by signing the experienced former Salford and Bramley second row forward Jim Fiddler whom they obtained from Leigh.

The two teams that took part in the last meeting at Elland Road were: New Hunslet: Pickles, Womersley, Clark, Barron, Richardson, Gaitley, Horrocks, Crewdson, Maskill, Watson, Crampton, Sykes, Griffiths. Subs: Nicholls, Chawner.

Oldham: Blair, Elliot, Larder, Barton, Holland, Wainwright, Treasure, Ashcroft, Taylor, Hall, Gregory, Welding, Farrell. Subs: Brown, Hughes. Referee: Mr. A.E. Fryer (Warrington)

The previous results between the two clubs being.

6th Oct. 1974, Division Two  
New Hunslet 7 Oldham 24

5th Jan. 1975, Division Two  
Oldham 23 New Hunslet 2

8th Oct. 1978, Division Two  
Oldham 15 New Hunslet 15

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# Green & White News . . .

## MOTOROLA MATCH AWARD

The winner of the Motorola Match Award for the New Hunslet "Player of the Game" at our last home game v Blackpool was Tony Dean. Today's winner will be chosen by the Oldham Directors and announced shortly before the end of the game.

## LUCKY THIRTEEN?

New Hunslets 13th consecutive league victory last Sunday was aided by Peter Muscroft scoring his 13th try of the season in the 13th minute of the game, and by the two drop goals from Tony Dean which brought his total, since signing for us, to (you've guessed it) 13.

Peter Muscroft now needs only 2 more tries to equal the club record of most tries in a season set up by Alan Griffiths with 15 in season 1976/77.

The drop goal by Alan Fairhurst (a £1,000 bargain signing from Leigh) the Blackpool stand off was Blackpools 28th drop goal of this season.

## FUTURE GAMES

Sun. April 29th v Bramley Home  
K. O. 3.30 p.m.  
Tue. May 8th v Dewsbury Home  
K.O. 7.30 p.m.  
Sun. May 13th v Keighley Away  
K.O. 3.15 p.m.  
Fri. May 18th v Hull Away  
K.O. 7.30 p.m.  
Sun. May 20th v Huyton Away  
K.O. 3.00 p.m.

N.B. The away dates at Keighley and Hull are as yet proposed dates only, as these have not yet been agreed by all parties.

## PROGRAMME COMPETITION

A big thank you to all of you who have submitted designs for our new programme cover for next season. The standard is very high and a lot of you have gone to a lot of time and trouble. The competition is still open (up to August 1st) so send your entries to- The Programme Editor, New Hunslet R.L.F.C., 36A Boar Lane, Leeds 1. A complementary season ticket for 1979/80 will be given to the winner who will be decided by a panel consisting of the Editor, a Director, Bill Ramsey, and two players.

As we know this programme reaches New Zealand how about dropping us a line if you are reading this in some far off sunny climate (i.e. anywhere further than Huddersfield). I'm sure we can award a prize to the writer of any interesting letter telling us how far this programme reaches.

## ERIC BRAILSFORD

Today sees the last game of the season for popular New Hunslet physio Eric Brailsford who leaves tomorrow to take up his summer duties with Yorkshire County Cricket Club. So it's a case of Eric swapping looking after Sam Windmill, and George Standidge, to looking after Geoff Boycott and John Hampshire. Incidentally Eric we think we've got the best of the swap as we can't see Boycott and Hampshire playing prop forward.

Thanks from all the players for all your help Eric throughout the season.

## PEN PICTURES

We've just about used up all our store of 'pen pictures' of the playing staff, so how about some 'pen pictures' if the spectators. We'd like to do a series entitled "The Face in the Crowd", so how about dropping us a line telling us about yourself, how you started watching New Hunslet, who your favourite player is, what we are doing wrong, etc. If you're too modest to write about yourself write about your friend (he may be writing about you,) this is open to ladies as well, we have not forgotten you.

## NEW HUNSLET R.L.F.C. APPEARANCES and SCORERS

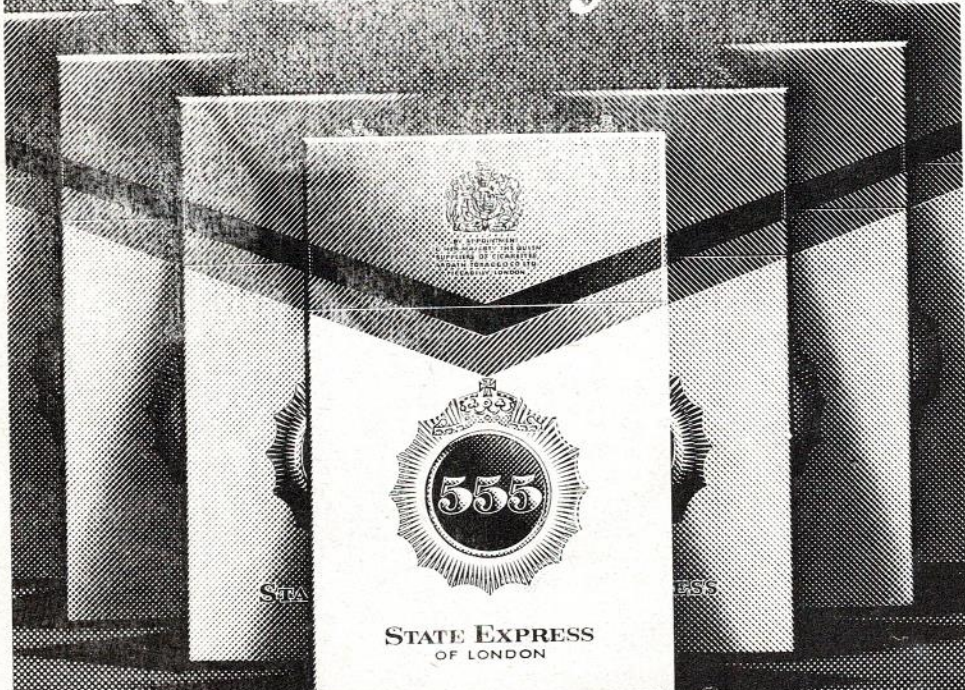
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	P	Sub	T	G	DG	Points	Appear's	T	G	DG	Points
Steve Barron	13	9	1			3	165	25			75
Paul Briers	4						51				
Steve Britton	1	2					3				
John Buckton	3	2					5				
Ian Cameron	16		4			12	16	4			12
Tony Dean	24		3	2	10	23	35	5	3	13	34
Graham Ellis	1						1				
Ken Endersby	11	2	1			3	37	1			3
Martin Foster	3	3	1			3	42	3			9
Bob Gaitley	1		1	2		7	118	22	173	4	416
Alan Griffiths	14	2	3			9	151	30			90
Tony Handforth	20		2			6	20	2			6
John Hay	19		4	59		130	19	4	59		130
Mick Hughes	8		4			12	8	4			12
Richard James		2					2				
Dave Kingston	14		8			24	14	8			24
Steve Kirk		7					13	1			3
Ian Marsden	3	1					4				
Peter Muscroft	22		13			39	76	39			117
Clive Newton	1						3				
Mike Parrish	11		5	12		39	11	5	12		39
Bill Ramsey	3	4	1			3	7	1			3
Danny Rowe	19	3	4			12	56	8			24
Gurdi Ryatt	1	2					3				
Stuart Smith	24		5			15	50	10			30
George Standidge	15		4			12	101	13			39
Kenny Sykes	17	6	1			3	80	8			24
Dickie Wallace	6		1		2	5	6	1		2	5
Ged Ward	4	1	1			3	5	1			3
Gary Watts	5		1			3	5	1			3
Sam Windmill	24		7			21	120	30		2	92
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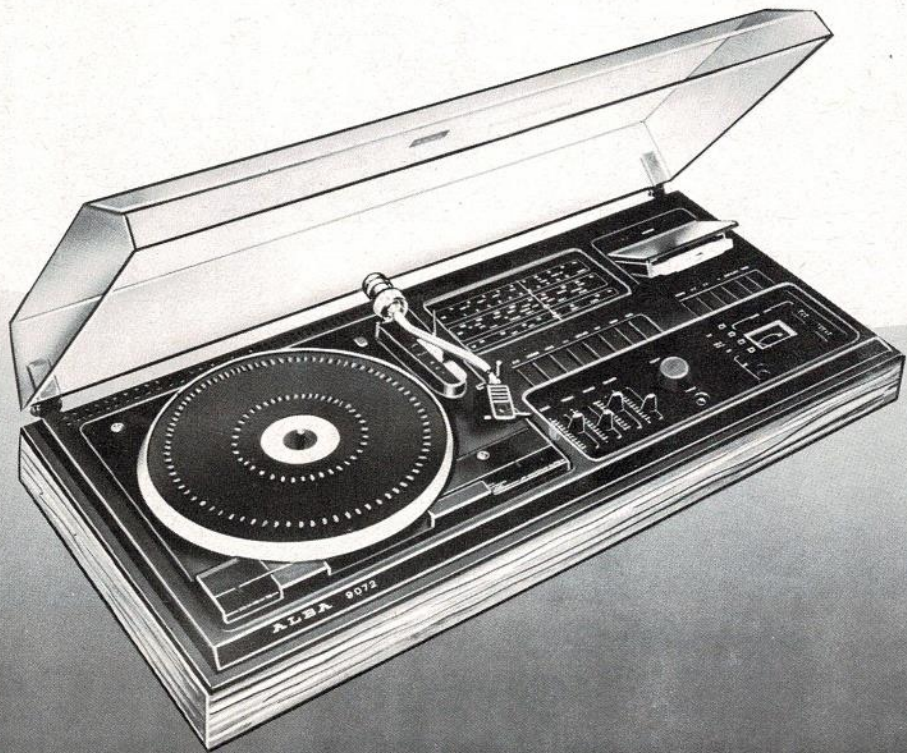
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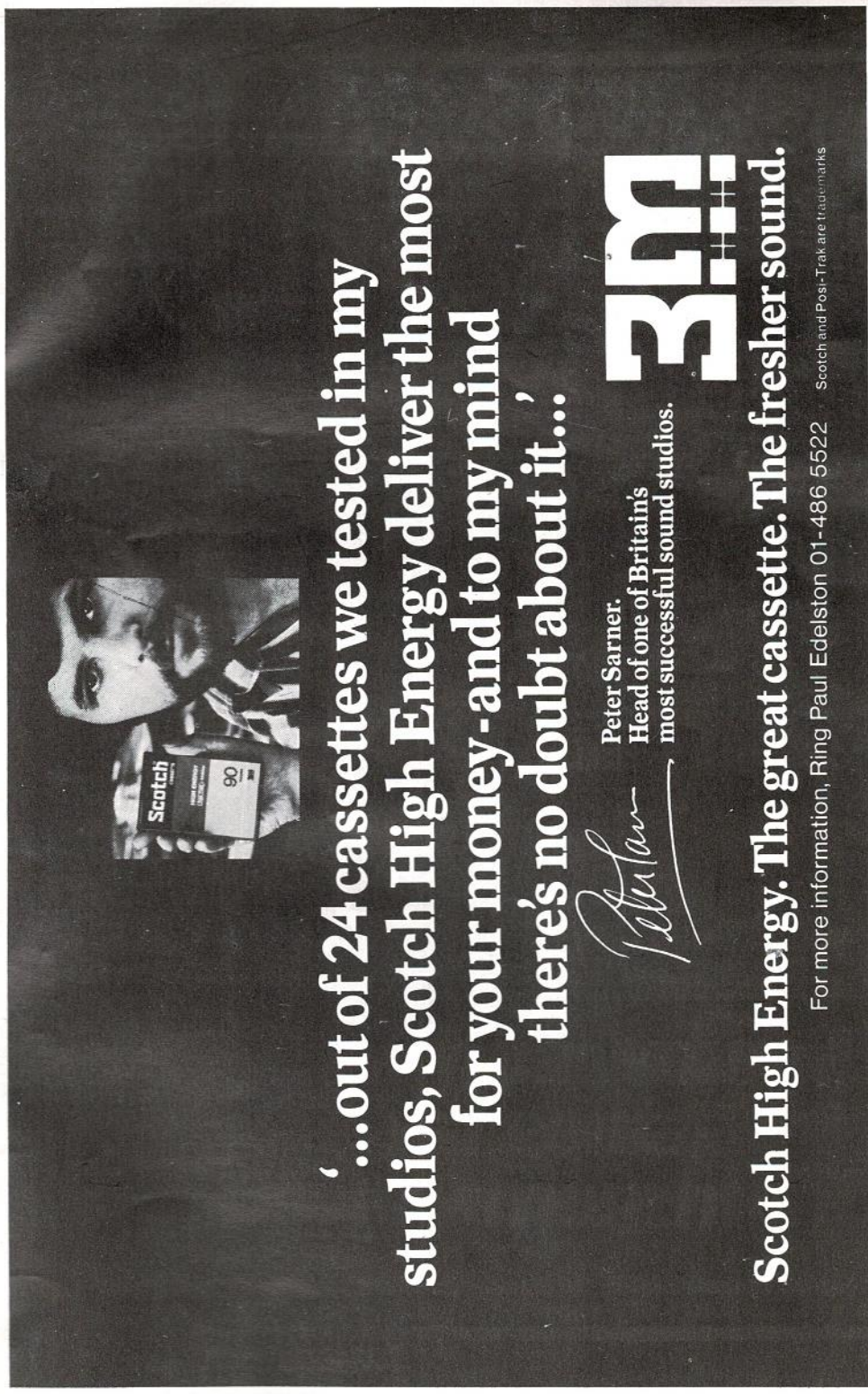
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