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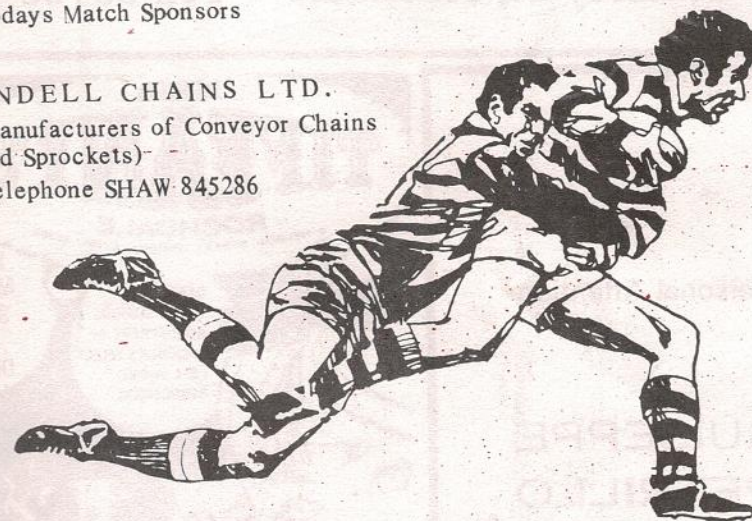
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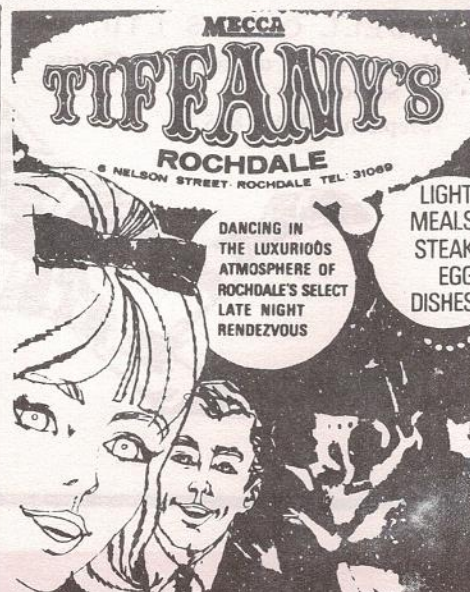
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Club News

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen, and welcome to the Athletic Grounds for this afternoon's 'Derby' game against our close rivals and neighbours - Oldham.

It is always a pleasure, contrary to what sometimes appears in the local press to entertain our neighbours and even more so on this occasion, as it gives us the first chance to extend personally our congratulations on their impending promotion to the First Division. I am sure that I speak for everyone when I wish them continued success next season.

On the home front, unfortunately we appear once again to be going through a period dogged by injuries and even at the time of writing we are certain to be without the services of Andy Wilson (leg injury) Gary Bailey (leg injury), Martin Burns (thigh injury) and possibly Colin Smethills (eye injury). However as in the past this season when we have been at our weakest, the players who have been called upon to stand in, have always given 100% and never let the club down, so we have no reason to enter today's game any less confident.

During the last week a letter received at the club and addressed to Mr. Paul Longstaff containing criticisms was not followed by the signature, only the words 'Hornets Supporters 6 of us'. Whilst we welcome supporters to write to the club with their criticisms and comments, we feel it unjust when people do not have the courtesy to put a name to them. Should we receive a name and address the '6 of us' will most certainly receive a reply.

TONY CHRISTIE SHOW

As this is our penultimate home fixture of the season, could I once again remind you that tickets (which are now going rapidly) are still on sale for the Tony Christie Show and can be obtained from the Secretaries office.

NEXT HOME MATCH

Our postponed league fixture against Huddersfield has been re-arranged for this coming Wednesday, 9th April, kick-off 7-30.

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(" ONWARD, HORNETS, ONWARD! ")

This afternoon we welcome our close neighbours and rivals from Oldham to the Athletic Grounds. When the teams are in the same division these traditional Christmas and Easter fixtures have always captured the public interest, and I am sure today's game will be no exception.

Oldham are already assured of a first division place next season, but will be eager to complete the 'double' over Hornets, having won at Watershedding - ings on Boxing Day. Hornets for their part are desperately trying to field a settled side with coach Paul Longstaff's plans continually being disrupted through injury problems and a win today would be particularly pleasing.

As I have already mentioned Hornet-Oldham fixtures traditionally take place at Christmas and Easter - times of peace and goodwill. These two virtues have sometimes been sadly lacking on the field of play. Sending off's have abounded, and of those who were there some years ago, who will forget referee Billy Thompson ordering Both Alan Hodgkinson and Peter Clarke from the field in the first twenty minutes, and Hornets reduced to eleven going on to win 8-2 in the mudbath that was Watersheddings?. Or Stuart Whitehead's 75yd solo try, again at Oldham when Hornets were in the middle of a twelve match undefeated run that was to terminate in the Players No. 6 final?. Yes, those derby games live on well after the final whistle has been blown and I am sure that many of the Oldham fans will have their own memories of past glories.

This afternoon's match is our penultimate home game of the season, and so your chances of picking up some of the excellent items offered for sale in our souvenir shop are nearly gone until next August. The quality and range of goods has been steadily improved over the season and a visit to the shop, conveniently situated at the rear of the main stand should prove well worth while.

Last Saturday the Supporters Club held a Jumble Sale in the VP lounge in aid of the Alan Hodgkinson Benefit Fund and raised £60 for this worthy cause. On Alan's behalf I would like to say thank you to all those who contributed jumble and to those ladies who manned the various stalls.

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Date	Opponents	Ground	Date	Opponents	Ground	
Aug. 3	(Fri.) Oldham (Law Cup)	H	Aug. 18	(Sat.) Workington (2-30)	H	
19	(Sun.) Leigh (L.C.C. 1st Rd.) ...	A	Sept. 1	(Sat.) Barrow (2-30)	A	
26	(Sun.) L.C.C. 2nd Rd.		8	(Sat.) Wigan (3-00)	H	
Sept. 2	(Sun.) Barrow	H	29	(Sat.) Blackpool (3-00)	H	
9	(Sun.) Huddersfield (3-30)	A	Oct. 5	(Fri.) Widnes (7-30)	H	
15/16	John Player Trophy 1st Rd.		12	(Fri.) Warrington (7-30)	A	
21	(Fri.) Dewsbury	H	Nov. 1	(Thurs.) Swinton (7-30)	A	
29/30	John Player Trophy 2nd Rd.		3	(Sat.) Whitehaven (3-00)	A	
Oct. 5	(Fri.) Bramley (7-30)	A	17	(Sat.) Workington (2-30)	A	
14	(Sun.) Doncaster	H	24	(Sat.) Oldham (3-00)	H	
21	(Sun.) Keighley (3-15)	A	Dec. 8	(Sat.) Whitehaven (3-00)	H	
26	(Fri.) Swinton	H	15	(Sat.) Blackpool (2-30)	A	
Nov. 4	(Sun.) Whitehaven	H	20	(Thurs.) Oldham (7-30)	A	
11	(Sun.) Huyton (2-30)	A	Jan. 5	(Sat.) Leigh (3-00)	H	
18	(Sun.) Batley	H	11	(Fri.) Widnes (7-30)	A	
25	(Sun.) Featherstone (2-30)	A	19	(Sat.) Warrington (3-00)	H	
Dec. 2	(Sun.) Halifax	H	26	(Sat.) Barrow (3-00)	H	
9	(Sun.) Whitehaven	A	Feb. 6	(Wed.) Salford (7-30)	A	
16	(Sun.) Bramley	H	15	(Fri.) St. Helens (7-30)	A	
23	(Sun.)		22	(Fri.) Wigan (7-30)	A	
26	(Wed.) Oldham	A	28	(Fri.) Leigh (7-30)	A	
Jan. 6	(Sun.) Dewsbury (3-30)	A	Mar. 7	(Fri.) St. Helens (7-30)	H	
13	(Sun.) Featherstone	H	28	(Fri.) Swinton (7-30)	H	
20	(Sun.) Huddersfield	H	April 2	(Wed.) Salford (7-30)	H	
27	(Sun.) Barrow (2-30)	A				
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9	(Sun.) Halifax (3-30)	A				
16	(Sun.) Batley	A				
23	(Sun.) Huyton	H				
30	(Sun.) Swinton	A				
April 4	(Fri.) Oldham	H				
6	(Sun.) Doncaster	A				

All matches kick off at 3 p.m. unless stated.

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COLTS FIXTURES 1979/80						
Date	Opponents	Ground		Date	Opponents	Ground
Aug. 18	Hunslett (3-00)	H	Dec. 1	Bradford Northern (2-30)	A	
Sept. 1	Hull K.R. (3-00)	A	8	Leeds (2-30)	H	
8	Castleford (3-00)	H	15	Bramley (2-30)	A	
15	Hull (3-00)	A	29	Dewsbury (2-30)	A	
22	Wakefield (3-00)	H	Jan. 5	Widnes (2-30)	H	
29	Castleford (3-00)	A	12	Hull K.R. (2-30)	H	
Oct. 6	Salford (3-00)	H	26	St. Helens (3-00)	A	
13	Hunslett (3-00)	A	Feb. 2	Oldham (3-00)	H	
20	Dewsbury (3-00)	H	9	Colts Cup 1st Rd. (3-00)		
27	Leigh (3-00)	A	23	Colts Cup 2nd Rd. (3-00)		
Nov. 3	St. Helens (3-00)	H	Mar. 1	Wakefield (3-00)	A	
10	Salford (2-30)	A	8	Leigh (3-00)	H	
17	Bramley (2-30)	H	15	Widnes (3-00)	A	
24	Hull (2-30)	H	22	Leeds (3-00)	A	
			29	Bradford Northern (3-00)	H	
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