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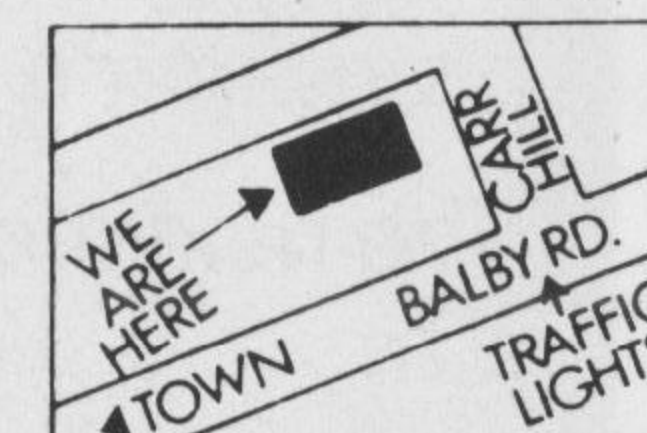


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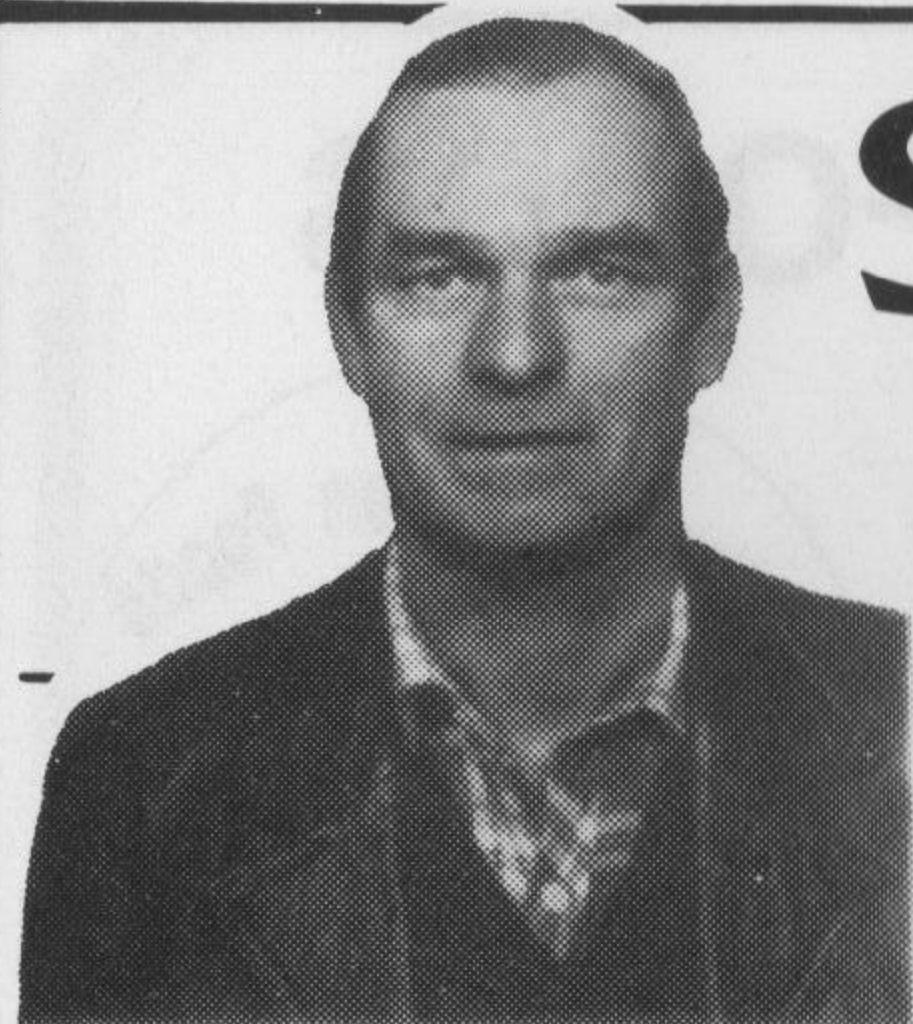
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The player I admire most is Geoff Fletcher from Huyton. He is doing a great job for Rugby League.

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For Mr Tattersfield piloted the club's gamble into the 'pools' run privately by the Dons - and the gamble paid off!

Says Mr Tattersfield: 'Yes, it's true to say now that we are not in any way worried about financial problems - thanks to the pools. It means tht we can now concentrate all our resources on ground developments and on building up the side.'



Mr Tattersfield joined the Board in 1953. A year later he was appointed Chairman, a position he has held ever since with exception of 1960, when he had to stand down because of business reasons. The present vice-chairman, Mr Edward Smith, took office for that season.

Mr Tattersfield's main object when he joined the club was to get full ownership of the ground. 'I am glad to say that I have seen that task completed.'

The Dons chief is confident that Rugby League has a future in Doncaster. He sees the day when crowds of 5,000 stream into the ground.

'I am convinced that the public of Doncaster will back us in strength once we produce a sound winning side. I am sure the day is not too far off when we can field such a side. And when we do, gates of 5,000 and more will not be impossible in such a sports-loving town as Doncaster,' he says.

Mr Tattersfield succeeded the late Mr Ralph Lewis as Chairman when the latter resigned following a serious illness in 1954. Mr Lewis had then been Chairman for two and a half years.

In looking over his years with the Dons, Mr Tattersfield finds it impossible to pick out individual 'stars' in the club's development.

'The work put in by directors, players and staff — and of course, by our army of voluntary helpers — over the years is fantastic. And although we are now on a better financial footing, there is still a lot of hard work ahead for everybody associated with the club. I am lucky to have such a grand team working with me in our fight to shape Dons into a first class club for players — and supporters.'



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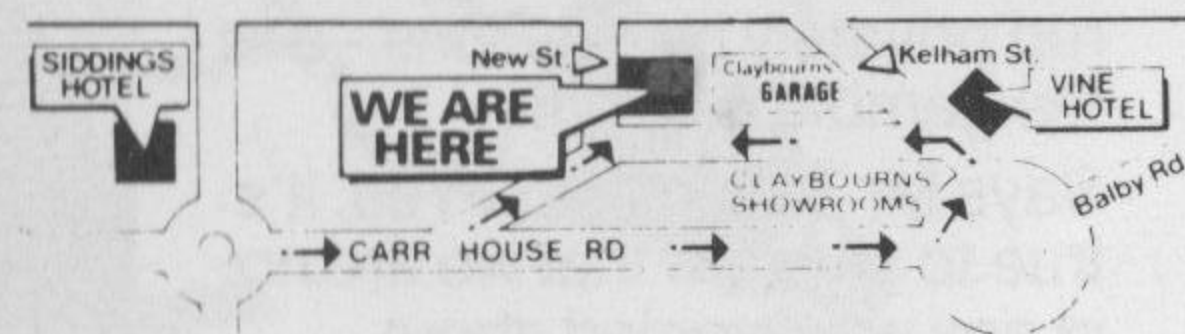
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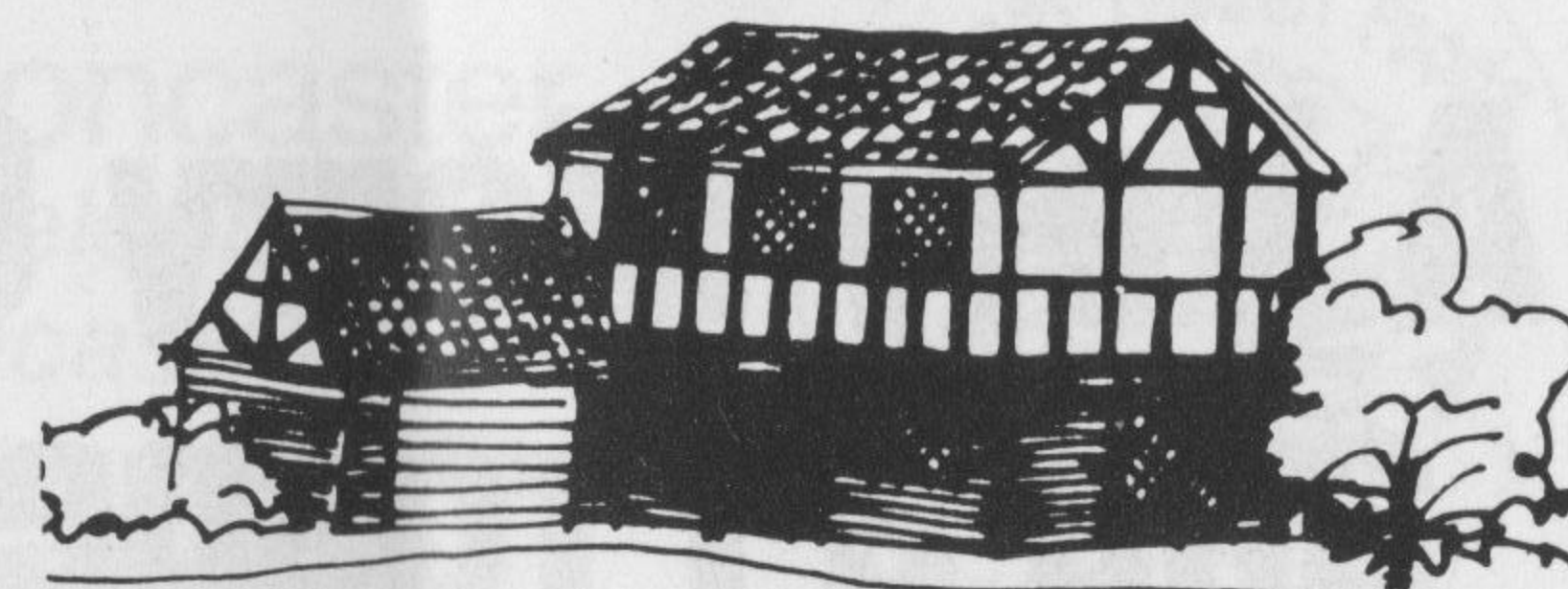


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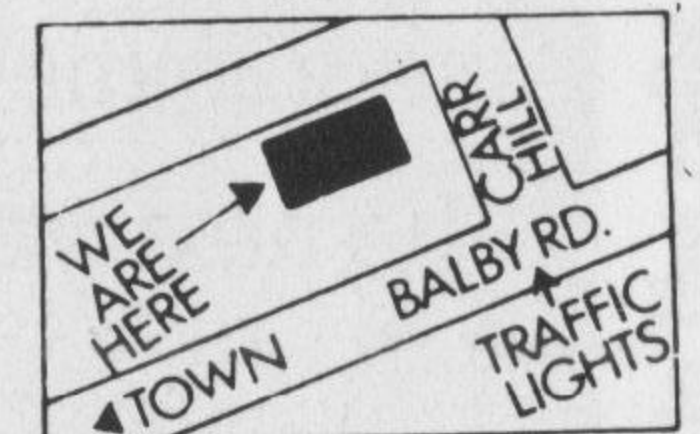
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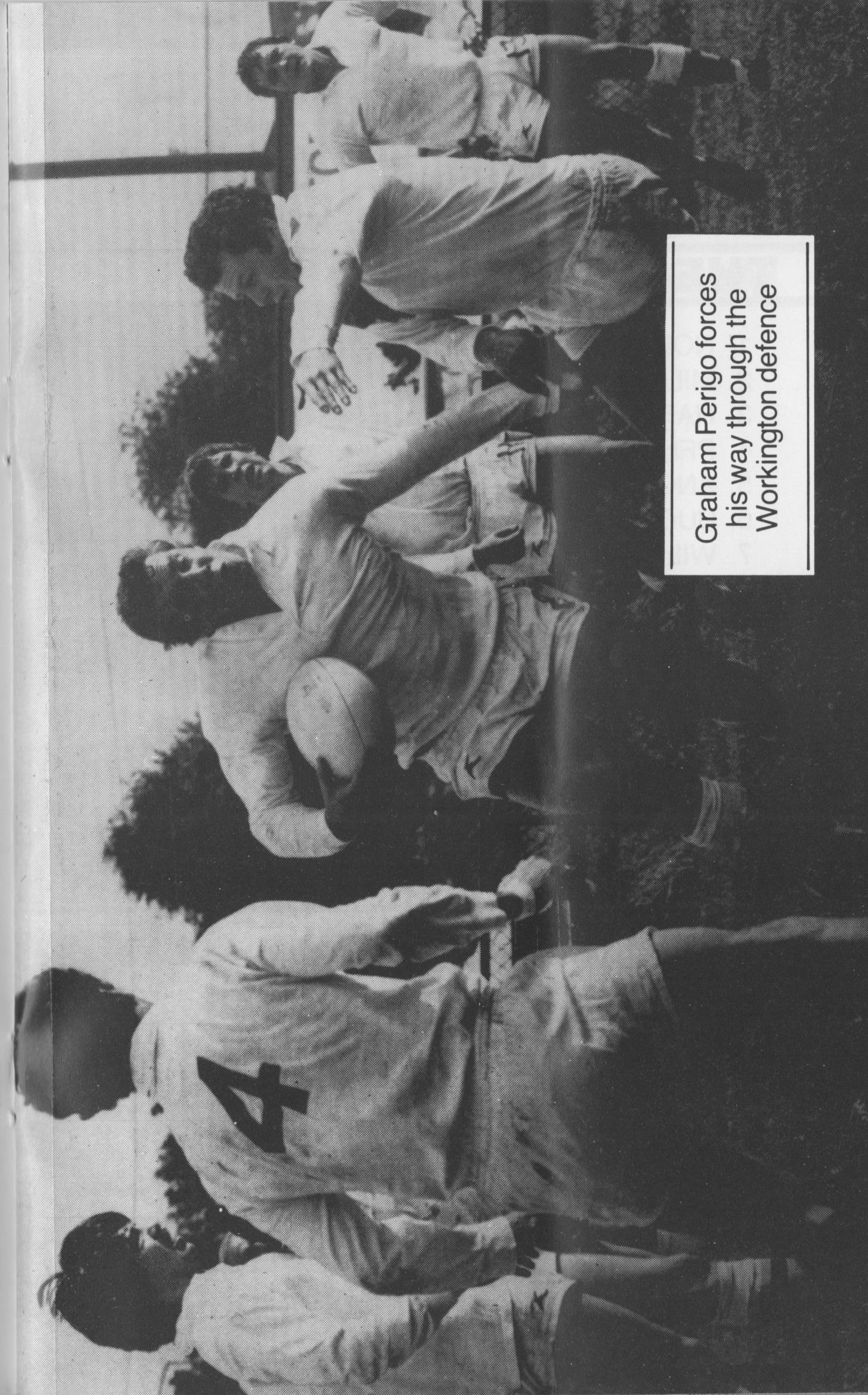
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3. HARRISON
4. PFLASTER
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6. BUCKTON
7. WILSON
8. FINNERTY
9. ANOTHER
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11. MASSON
12. PEAT
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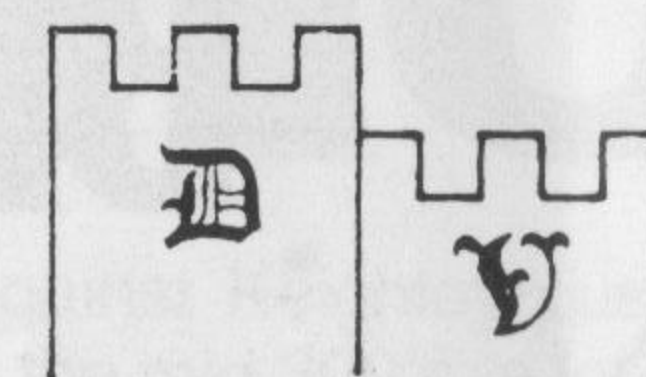
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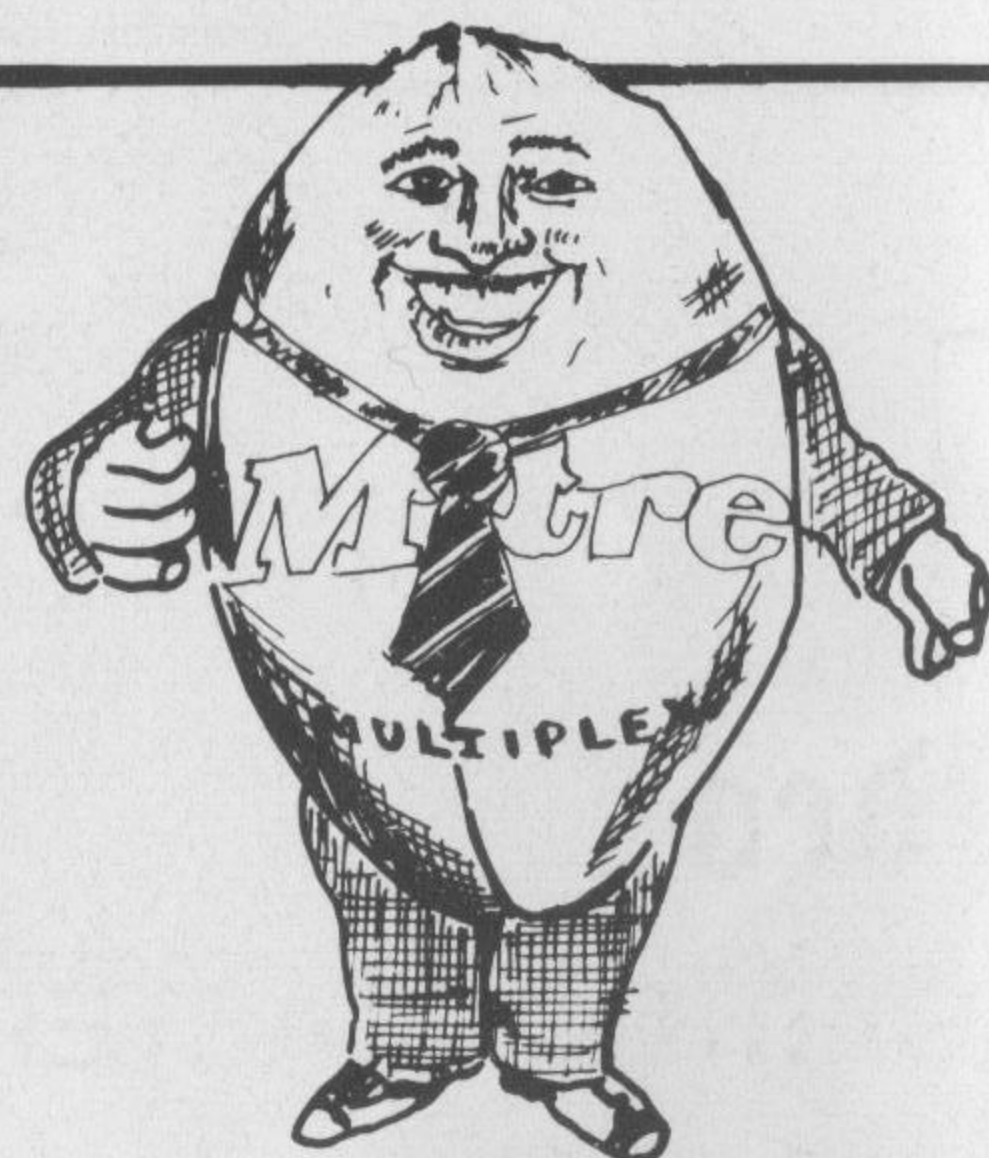
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# BEHIND the SCENES

with **MERVYN HAGGAN**

In trying to figure out what to say in my first article, I think I should introduce myself first. I have been connected with the Dons for almost eleven years. And joined the staff last April as Lottery Manager.

On the departure of my very good friend and mentor Harry Barton, it is with mixed emotions that I have taken over his role at Tattersfield. Without going too deeply into the many miracles pulled off by Harry to ensure the survival of the Dons, all I can say is I will endeavour to maintain the respect and friendship of all the many agents and friends who strive to keep OUR club afloat financially.

Any persons wishing to help boost our efforts, please contact me today at the office or telephone DONCASTER 783197.

*Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year  
from  
Directors, Players and Staff  
at Tattersfield*

# CLUBnotes

Yet another heavy defeat against Keighley pushed up our already very poor points against record up into the mid 300's, a long way ahead of anyone else in the Second Division and Coach Alan Rhodes must be extremely worried about these lapses that seem to come over the team at these times and will be taking some extra time in training to cut out these faults.

Two new players played in the team at Keighley an indication of the fact that all the coaching staff are pulling out all stops to strengthen the team.

Leading scorer John Buckton has not been seen at the Club since his substitution against Huddersfield the previous week and has therefore not been considered for selection by the coaches. According to the press John is not going to play for the club again. Which has there have been no firm offers, effectively puts him out of Senior Rugby, one cannot help but wonder how if the new players union had been fully operational, how they would view the idea of one of their members withdrawing his labour after being substituted by his union official. Hopefully this little affair will come to the right end with John returning to the club and continuing to impress clubs to help him find a new team.

# OurVisitors

Today's visitors from over the border are promotion challengers Oldham, currently lying in third place in the League, but with a game in hand over League leaders Carlisle.

With new signing ex-Great Britain Prop Brian Hogan and ex-Wakefield Hooker adding to an already very strong squad, Oldham look to be the strongest challengers for Second Division honours.

They gave a tremendous display against First Division Hull in the Semi-Final of the John Player and showed they wouldn't be outclassed when promotion does come.

Watch out also for ex Rugby Union stars Bob Mordell and Adrian Alexander, both big, strong running forwards and in the backs the goal kicking centre Mick Parrish whose try against Hull exposed tackling weakness in the highly expensive Hull side.



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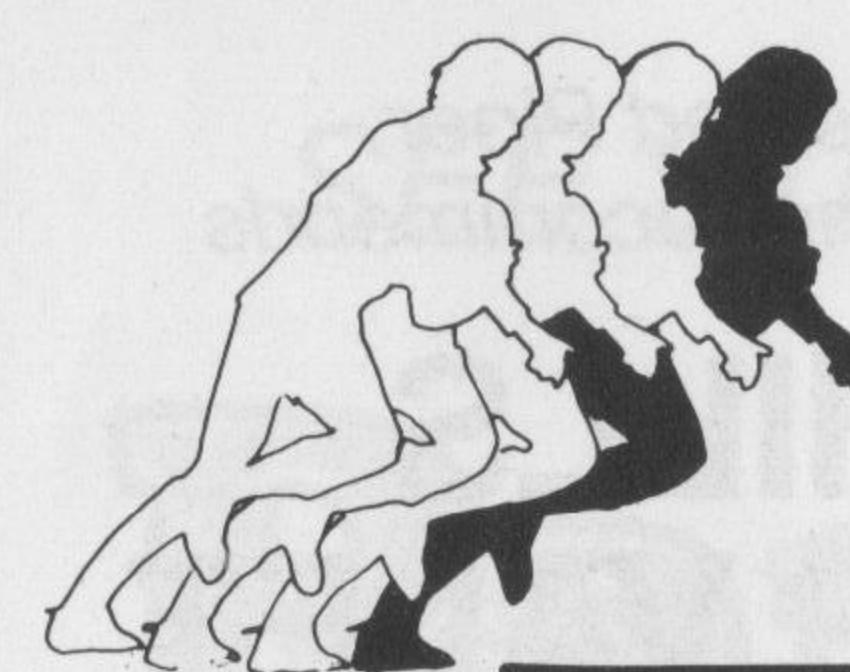
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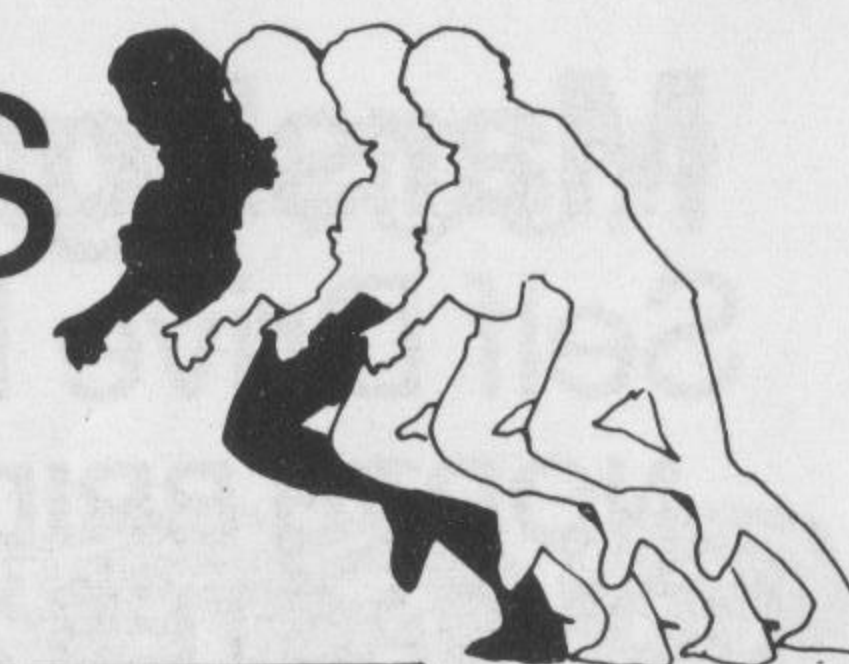
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### FIRST TEAM

#### AUGUST

Sun. 16 **Batley** 11-12 L  
County Cup rd 1 3:00 p.m.  
Sun. 30 **Rochdale** 3:00 p.m. 28-11 W

#### SEPTEMBER

Fri. 4 Salford 7:30 p.m. 59-13 L  
Thur. 10 **Batley** 6:30 p.m. 15-13 W  
Sun. 13 Swinton 3:00 p.m. 26- 3 L  
Sun. 20 **Workington** 3:00 p.m. 28-13 L  
Sun. 27 Oldham 3:00 p.m. 38-10 L

#### OCTOBER

Sun. 4 **Cardiff** 3:00 p.m. 19-12 L  
Sun. 11 Bramley 3:00 p.m. 25-14 L  
Sun. 18 Oldham 21- 7 L  
Sun. 25 **Carlisle** 3:00 p.m. 20- 2 L

#### NOVEMBER

Sun. 1 John Player Trophy rd 2  
Sun. 8 **Dewsbury** 3:00 p.m. 11- 5 L  
Sun. 22 Blackpool 2:30 p.m. 15-14 W  
Sun. 29 **Huddersfield** 2:30 p.m. 25- 8 L

#### DECEMBER

Sun. 6 Keighley 3:15 p.m. 44-18 L  
Sun. 13 **Oldham** 2:30 p.m.  
Sun. 20 Batley 2:30 p.m.  
Sun. 27 **Blackpool** 2:30 p.m.

#### JANUARY

Fri. 1 **Keighley** 2:30 p.m.  
Sun. 3 Huyton 2:30 p.m.  
Sun. 10 **Salford** 2:30 p.m.  
Sun. 17 Huddersfield 3:30 p.m.  
Sun. 24 Cardiff 3:00 p.m.  
Sun. 31 **Halifax** 3:00 p.m.

#### FEBRUARY

Sun. 7 Carlisle 3:00 p.m.  
Sun. 14 State Express  
Challenge Cup rd 1  
Sun. 21 **Hunslet** 3:00 p.m.  
Sun. 28 State Express  
Challenge Cup rd 1

#### MARCH

Sun. 14 Halifax 3:00 p.m.  
Wed. 17 Hunslet 6:00 p.m.  
Sun. 21 **Huyton** 3:00 p.m.  
Sun. 28 Dewsbury 3:30 p.m.

#### APRIL

Sun. 4 Workington 3:00 p.m.  
Sun. 11 **Bramley** 3:00 p.m.  
Sun. 18 Rochdale 3:00 p.m.  
Sun. 25 **Swinton** 3:00 p.m.



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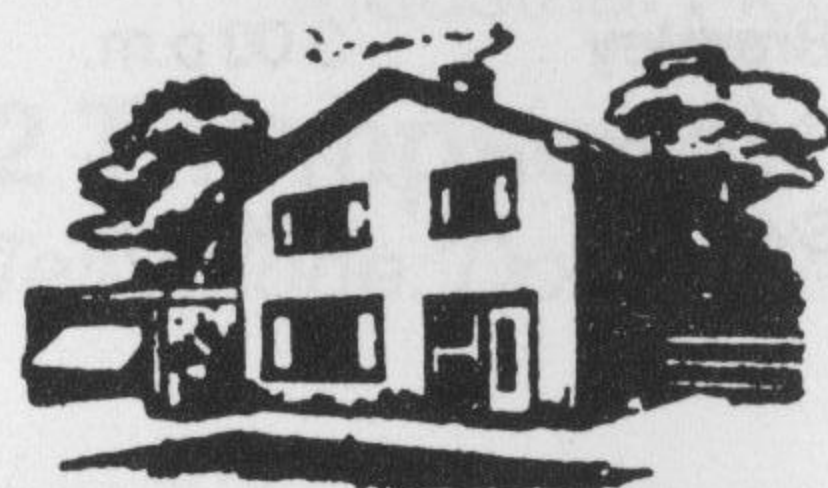
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## by **MIKE SINCLAIR** (Doncaster Evening Post)

Great Britain's 37-0 slamming of the French in front of 12,743 fanatical Humberside supporters has given a timely boost to our flagging fortunes at international level.

But don't expect it to be so easy when Britain play the return in front of a partisan crowd in Marseilles next weekend. That will be a different kettle of 'poisson' and so will the forthcoming clash with the Australians. But, after some heated battles in the past — generally with French referees in control — it is gratifying to see such a convincing

victory. It can do nothing but good for the game, although the effected are hardly likely to be felt down at the bottom end of the Second Division.

Supporters of teams like Doncaster and Huyton must find it difficult to relate to Rugby League at International level but the emergence of Henderson Gill as Great Britain's hat-trick hero must have brought a few wry smiles to the faces of Tattersfield regulars.

Back in September, before his transfer to Wigan, Gill lined up on the wing for Rochdale Hornets the day the Dons humbled them 28-11 and he had a nightmare.

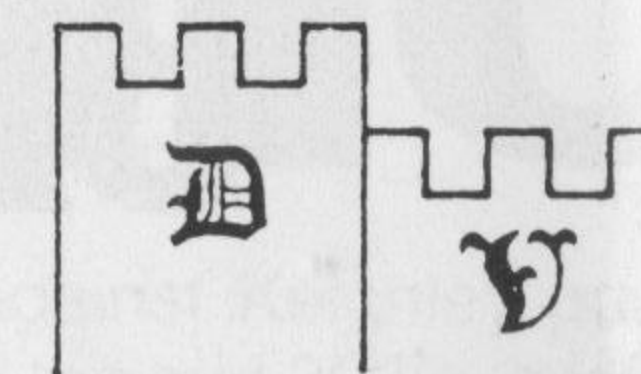
Gill dropped so many passes that he can consider himself lucky to have caught the team coach home. It might have been an 'off' day or it may have been the growing disillusionment of playing in a struggling team. But Gill has certainly been a revelation since his transfer to Wigan. He always had the speed but now he seems to have a lot else as well and he looks a fixture on the Great Britain wing for some time to come.

The big shock last weekend was Batley's 34-19 victory over Cardiff City's Blue Dragons. Batley, 14-12 ahead at the interval, pulled away in the second half and the victory must have given tremendous heart to former Dons player/coach Dick Lowe who is now in charge at Mount Pleasant.

He stepped up to take control after the resignation of his former Tatterfield coaching partner Tommy Smales and his side, who have struggled this season after showing a lot of potential in the previous campaign, turned in a sizzling seven try show to tame the Dragons.

Cardiff's combination of big-money Rugby Union signings and veteran League players — some of them a little too long in the tooth to possess much bite — are not doing nearly as well as expected.

This season's other new club Carlisle seem to have invested their team-building money much more astutely and their impressive 21-18 victory over Salford took them two points clear of Workington, Oldham and surprise team Keighley at the top of the table.



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C L U B N O T E S

Once again due to the high costs involved in producing a programme, we are having to use the one sheduled for the original fixture. So apologies if some of the features are a little dated.

After last Sundays surrender to Swinton 31-2 Player/Coach Alan Rhodes was to say the least "not pleased" with the performance of some of the team. While giving the lads full credit for some good performances early on in the season, he feels that they must accept the criticism levelled at them in the past few weeks, the only exception being the game against Bramley.

On Wednesday at Huyton we were again beaten, the margin seventeen points to eight. This was Huyton's first doublelofo the season and brought them to within one point of us in the league table. With only a few matches remaining this is too close for comfort.

The State Express Challenge Cup Final at Wembley turned out to be a very good game, with Hull looking dead and buried at one stage. But perseverance and that will to win made this one of THE comebacks of this season. If the replay at Elland Road, Leeds on the 19th. May 1982 is as good as the Wembley game then we are in for a real nail biter before the Cup ends up in the Trophy Cupboard of either Widnes or Hull..

Talking of nail biters, our visitors tonight Oldham are involved in one for the Second Division Championship. they are nip and tuck with Carlisle for who walks away with the title.

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2. Keith MILLETT
3. Ray WILSON.
4. David NOBLE.
5. Bob HARRISON
6. John BUCKTON
7. John RUSSELL
8. John PEAT
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