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WATERSHEDDINGS SURVEY

THE postponement last weeks and of our game at Doncaster means that we now have three outstanding games in the Seemed Division with only one of them re-arranged at the time these notes were written.

Our first postponement occurred on November 15th when, because we were involved with Leeds in the third round of the Player's Trophy, the game against Cardiff City at Ninian Park, had to be called off.

Luckily, we had a blank date on Sunday, January 31st and Cardiff, who were due to play Huyton that day, re-arranged their fishers so that we were able to slot in nicely for our very first trip to Ninian Park on January 31st.

Our next postponement came on November 29th when our game at Hunslet was called off because of the John Player Traphy semi-final against Hull at Headingley the previous day.

There are additional problems involved in fixing an alternative date for this game because Hunslet share Batley's ground at Mount Pleasant.

Either Batley or Humalet use the ground every Sunday and as there are no floodlights there, either, it could prove difficult finding an available date for the match.

The most likely outcome is that the game will be played as an evening fixture in mid-week at the end of the season when the nights are lighter and the clocks have been altered.

We have already tentatively suggested to Hunslet that, because of their special problems with having no ground of their own, they could always play their "home" game here at Watersheddings.

Hunslet did not reject the idea out of hand completely but as they are currently one of four teams in joint fifth place in the Beneald Division they have not ruled out the possibility of promotion and they do not want to surrender home advantage if they are in with a chance of going up.

Similar problems will arise with the re-arranging of the Doncaster match because they, too, do not have floodlights on their ground at Tatters Field.

This game might also have to be played in mid-week at the end of the season and if we are not careful we are going to run into an and of season fixture glut which is no good to anyone, least of all a team that is bidding to win promotion.

It must be noted that out of the 12 games we have played so far, eight of them have been at Watersheddings and only four played on opponents grounds - at Halifax, Huddersfield, Dewsbury and Blackpool

We already have a great deal of travelling to do in the next few months and the last thing we want, if it can possibly be avoided. In a run of away games when the promotion battle gets really hot in the last few weeks of the season.

You will note that our next game, at Rochdale Hornets next week-end, has been switched from Boxing Day to Sunday, December 27th, with a 3 p.m. kick-off at the Athletic Grounds.

After that we play Balford away on Sunday January 3rd.

As today's game against Workington is the last before Christmas and the New Year all at Watersheddings wish a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all our members, supporters, fans and friends and link with that the hope that we can have a run in the Challenge Cup to equal the interest created with our progress to the semi-final of the Player's Trophy.

As you will have read in the Press, we have eight home games left starting with today's Workington match and the committee have announced a cut-price season ticket deal covering the second half of the season.

The offer is a seat for £15 (a saving of £2.60), a standing ticket for £10 (a saving of £2) and a ticket for pensioners and juveniles of £5 (a saving of £1.40).

In addition to the eight Second Division games left, which include games against Workington, Cardiff, Rochdale and Salford, there are several "A" team matches, all included for the cost of the ticket.

The club feel that the tickets represent good concessions and that they will make ideal Christmas presents for anyone looking round to buy a present for a keen fan.

Obviously, to get maximum benefit, the offer should be taken up before today's game but even after today's match the offer is worth considering for a Christmas present.

The club's Christmas Draw, which should have taken place last Monday evening, was postponed because of the atrocious weather and the postponement of matches which had made it difficult for supporters to return their tickets on time.

The draw will now take place tomorrow night in the Social Club and anyone with monies, counterfoils or unsold tickets should ensure that they are returned at today's game or certainly tomorrow at the latest.

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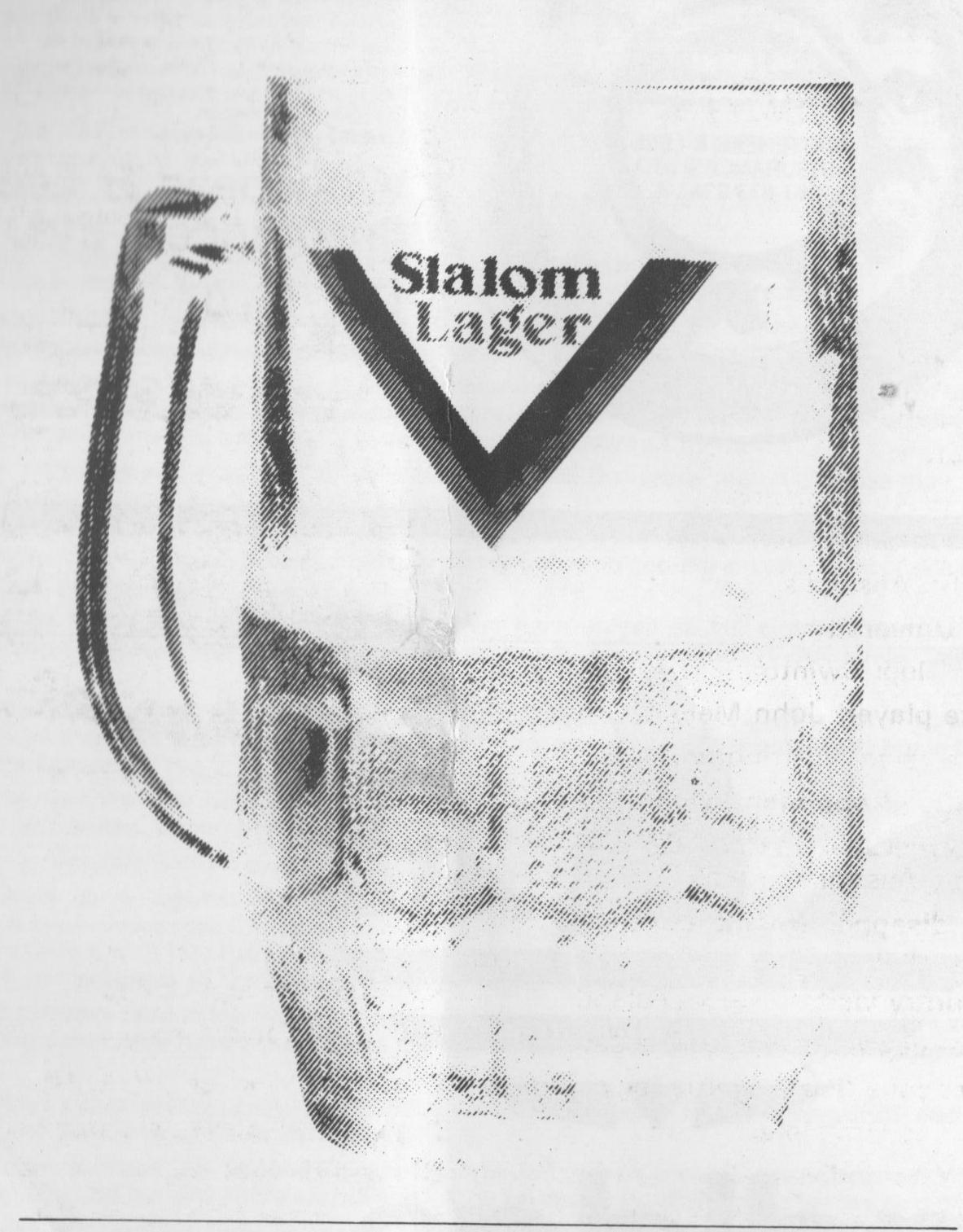
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PERSONALITY PROFILE

DAVE NICHOLSON

Age: 27.

Born: England.

Height: 6ft.

Weight: 14 stone, 10lbs.

Car: Datsun Sunny.
School: St. Anselm's.

College/University:

Previous club: Swinton.

Favourite player: John Mellor.

Favourite team: Warrington.

Most difficult opponent: None.

Most memorable match: BARLA Test Match v Australia.

Biggest disappointment: Losing semifinal to Hull.

Best country visited: New Zealand.
Favourite captain: Reggie Bowden.

Miscellaneous likes: Ornithology.

Miscellaneous dislikes: Snow:

Favourite comedians: Canon and Ball.

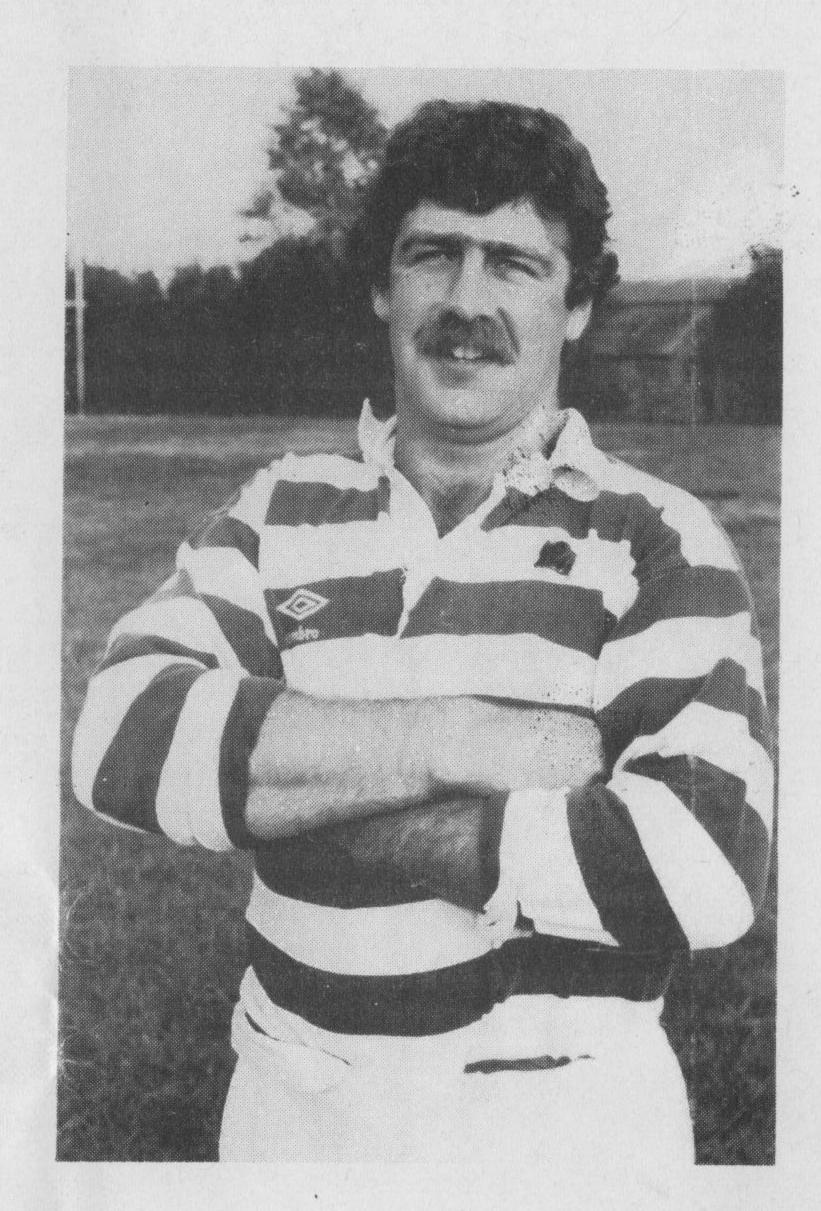
Favourite singer: Barbara Dickson.

Favourite actor/actress: Alan Alda, Gwen Watford.

Favourite film: "MASH"

Favourite L.P.: "Answer Me" by Barbara Dickson.

Favourite single: "Spirits in the Material World" by Police.



Favourite group: Police.
Favourite food: Fish.

Best friend: Joyce (my wife).

Biggest influence on career: Mick Ellis.

Biggest drag in rugby: Losing.

International debut: BARLA v France, 1977.

Personal ambition: To win international cap at professional level.

Rugby ambition: To win promotion to First Division with Oldham.

Who I would most like to meet: Canon and Ball.

TODAY'S VISITORS

OUR promotion rivals Workington Town come to Watersheddings today and there is always a special welcome for the Cumbrians in view of all the connections between the two clubs over the years.

Former Oldham winger Ike Southward, now assistant coach at Derwent Park, will be sitting on the Town bench today because there is nothing he likes better than to return to Watersheddings and renew old aquaintances.

Prior to last week-end, Town were in second place in the Second Division, behind leaders Carlisle, and followed by Oldham and Keighley in third and fourth places with Salford and Halifax on the fringe of the top four.

The Cumbrians have an excellent home record, having been beaten up there only by Halifax, but their away form has tended to be a little uncertain with the result that they have dropped away points at Halifax, Swinton and Salford.

At Derwent Park, however, they have been running in high scores and their total points - 294 in 14 games - gives them an average of more than 20 points per match.

Only Salford have a higher scoring record and it is significant that Workington have two players who are figuring regularly in the weekly scoring charts - full back Lynn Hopkins and centre John Jones.

Welshman Hopkins has landed 82 place goals, three drop goals and five tries for a

total of 182 points - more than any other player in the game this season.

The 24-year-old school teacher, now settled on the west Cumbrian coast, is skipper of the Town side and has been producing the sort of form which has had many Cumbrians urging his selection for the Welsh team.

Centre Jones is very much a local lad - from nearby Whitehaven.

For a time, earlier in the season, he was in the lead in the list of the league's try scorers but he is now in joint third place with Widnes winger Keith Bentley.

Leigh's Des Drummond tops the charts with 17 tries followed by Hull KR stand-off Steve Hartley (16) with Jones and Bentley on 14.

A big and fast centre three-quarter, Jones won county honours for Cumbria earlier this season and is clearly a big threat to the best of defences.

Yet another big name in the Town back division is that of New Zealand Test halfback Shane Varley, though the Cumbrians have recently sold Keiron O'Loughlin to Widnes for a big fee.

Two other well-known personalities who are unlikely to play today are Bob Blackwood, our former forward, and John Cunningham, the ex-Barrow and Hull KR man.

Both have been disciplined by the club after an internal matter and are unlikely to be in the party to travel to Oldham.

Apart from Welshman Hopkins and Ray Wilkins, now in his testimonial year, and the Kiwi Varley, most of the Town players are local products from either the amateur game or the Union code in West Cumbria.

The Pattinson brothers, Bill and Bobby, continue to be stalwards of the rugged Workington pack, alongside other local lads in Alan Varty, hooker John Lightfoot, Alf McCarron, Ian Hartley and Ray Lewis.

A new name to appear on the scene this season is that of George Fiddler.

Under the guidance of Tommy Bishop, Town look destined to make an early return to the First Division and they can be expected to give us one of our biggest tests of the season in today's game.

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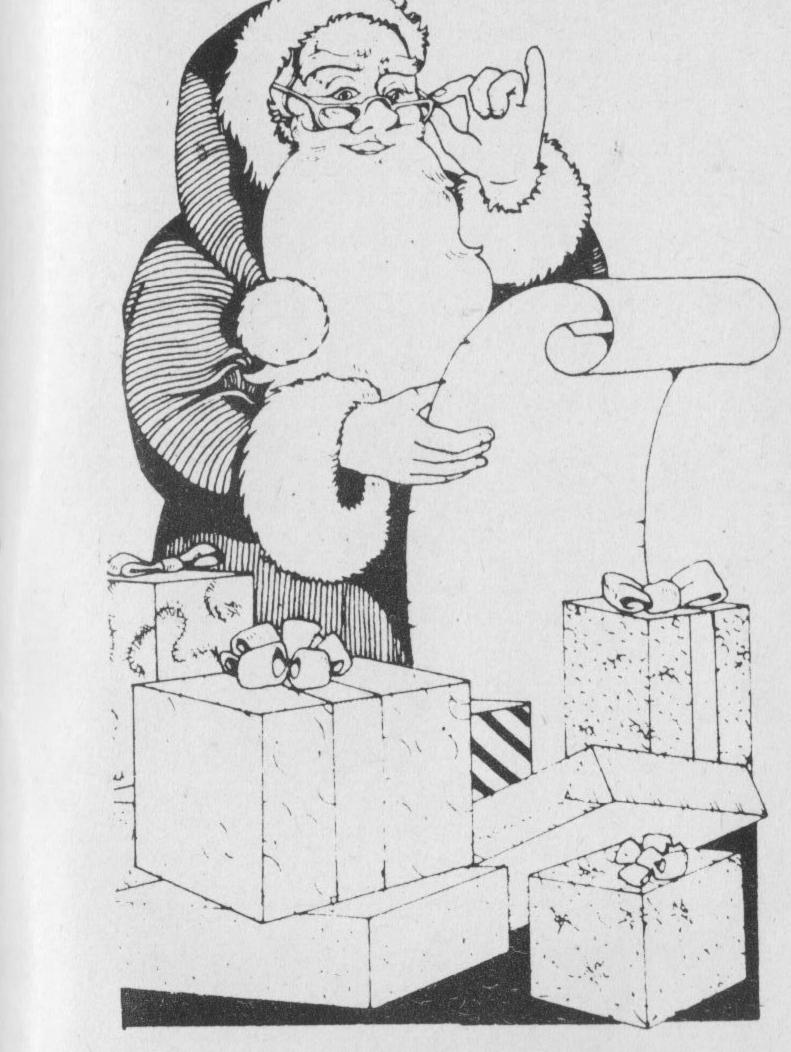
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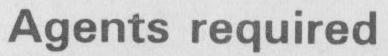
Season's Greetings from all at the Development Offices

Wishing all agents, lottery ticket buyers and supporters

A Very Merry Christmas

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More agents are needed to sell the club's lottery tickets at home, work and desperately on match days in the terracing in front of the main stand, and in the main stand seating areas. If you can help please contact me and I will gladly give you the various details and information.

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Anyone wishing to become a member of the Supporters' Club should contact any of the above named persons. Membership only £1 which includes a fabulous Supporters' Club diary.





The Supporters Club wishes all members

The Compliments of the Season

and wishing them every success in the New Year

Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Dance Tickets are available from any Supporter or Social Club committee member. Limited supply only. Adults £2.50; Children £1.50.

Christmas Draw

Christmas Draw Tickets now on sale. Help us to help the club to make this a success. Buy or sell some now. The draw will be made tomorrow night, December 21st, in the Social Club.

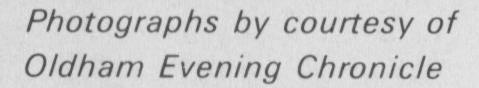
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A supply of the above items has now been received and these can be purchased from the Souvenir Shops at Waterhead end of the ground at the following prices.

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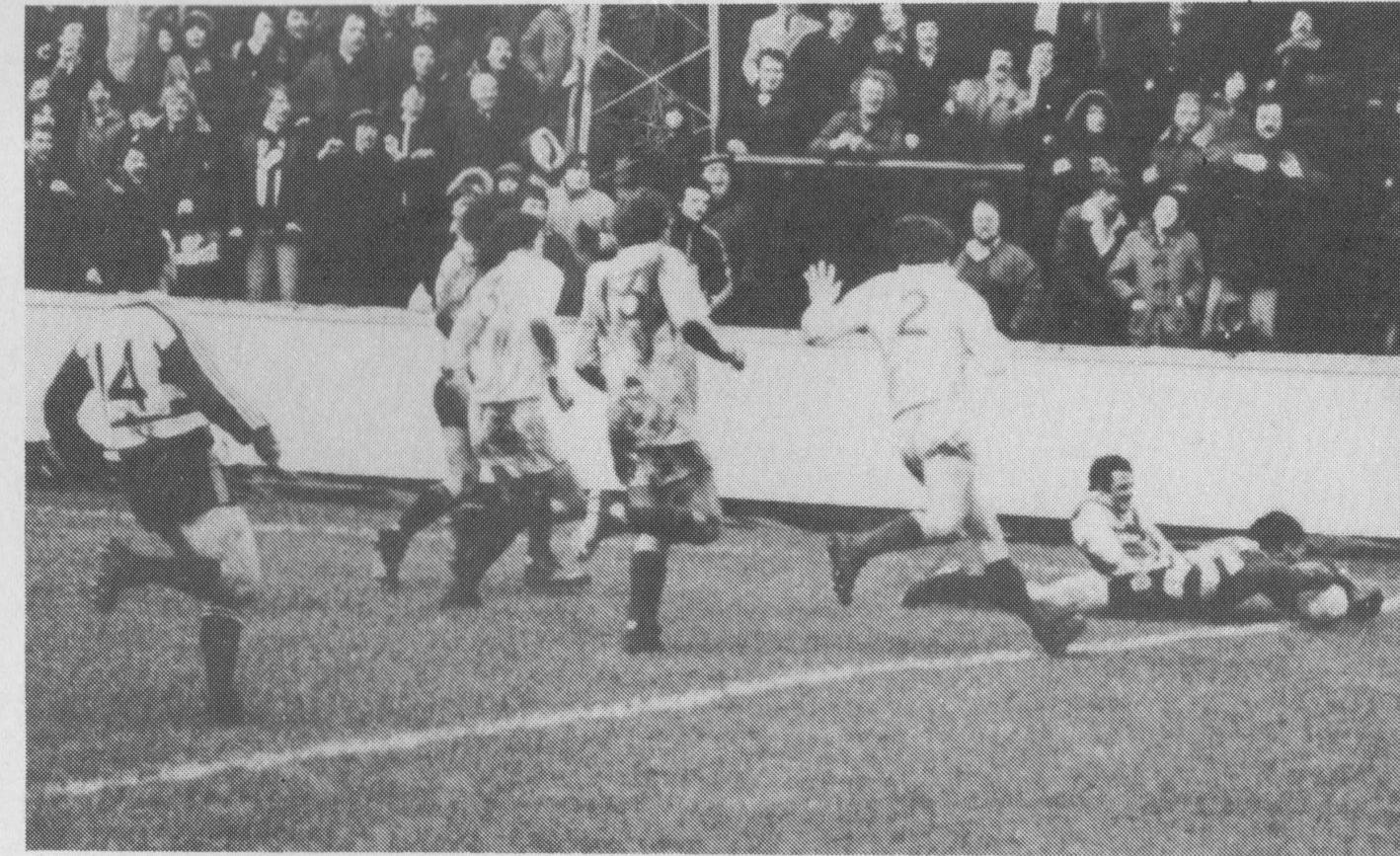
DO YOU REMERS!

Action from the last time Warrington played here when Oldham won 18-7 on March this year in the second round of the Challenge Cup.

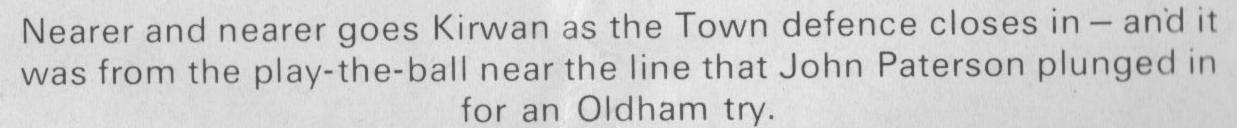




Paddy Kirwan sets off on the break that split Town's defence.



A near thing as Geoff Munro stretches for the line after a cross-field dash late on, but the try was disallowed.





FEARS REMOVED

by Brian Batty (Daily Mail)

IF there were any fears that Hull should not warrant staging a Great Britain-Australia Test they were removed by the fans rolling up for the French international.

In the week leading up to the French game the signs had not been too encouraging and there was talk that officials might be happy to settle for a 10,000 attendance.

But in the end revised figures revealed that 13,043 turned up to give these games the sort of atmosphere that they have been lacking for so long.

And those fans were rewarded with almost a record win as the backs produced the type of football that cannot be surpassed for entertainment.

The outcome was that exciting Calypso-kid wingers Henderson Gill crossing three times - and Des Drummond, grabbing a brace of tries, set up a British record with a five try tally.

'Those five tries from an international pair were a record for any game. They were tremendous,' declared League official David Howes.

It was a pity that Steve Hartley had to retire hurt after claiming another superb try and making the most of the masterly distribution that has been delighting fans throughout the game this season.

Australia's Test referee Greg Hartley admitted he was most impressed by the British backs. 'I was really taken up by that young scrum half Andy Gregory', he declared.

It is certainly going to be a sad day for Rugby League when crowds in Hull stop rolling up because elsewhere the attendances are a little disturbing.

The mid-Yorkshire area is the most worrying and there are going to be greater problems at Cardiff unless they can quickly revive interest in the code in the second half of the season.

Talking about grounds I was disappointed to see Soccer's Jimmy Hill on television having another go at Fulham. This time he was blaming the state of the pitch on Rugby League players and claimed it was causing problems for the Soccer.

But Fulham player coach Reg Bowden hit back to say: 'Hill is right off beam. The groundsman insists it is the sliding tackles of the Soccer men who are ripping up the ground. He reckons the rugby lads could play five times a week on that pitch and not spoil it'.

MORE HISTORY OF WORKINGTON TOWN

by Tom Webb

WORKINGTON TOWN was formed to join the Northern League when Rugby League football was resumed in 1945-46 after the war period when a War Emergency League had been conducted.

The Supporters' Club connected with Town was the best in the country with enthusiasm at its peak. Among the officials was Jim Hodgson who became Supporters secretary and in due course secretary of Workington Town. He was a hard working official who laboured long to promote the interests of the club and he enjoyed the many successes gained by the club.

In 1950 as the "Sporting Chronicle and Athletic News" reported, Workington had a population of 30,000 which was "rugby mad", a supporters' club with 5,200 members and average gates of 12,000. Four of the club's ten directors were also directors of the Workington soccer club. These were Tom Mounsey, a fruit merchant, Harry Tognarelli, a cafe proprietor, Dan Richardson, managing director of a local newspaper, and Joe Mason, a licensee.

The chairman was James Graves, a solicitor and cinema proprietor who had learned about Rugby since the club was formed. Frank Stevenson, a hotel proprietor, was delegate to the Rugby League Council and the voice of Cumberland on the Tour Selection Committee. Other directors were Tom Mitchell, a farmer, spoken of as "a live wire"; W. A. Walker, building contractor and former Mayor of Workington, Herbert Parkinson, a licensee, and Tom Smiley, also a licensee.

At that time Billy Holding, former Warrington full back was coaching the "A" team and Harold Dobson, son of the famous A. S. Dobson of Featherstone who was for a long time one of our leading referees, was first team trainer. John Wilson, the baggage man had transferred his services from the soccer to the rugby club.

Players around the period included Jock McAvoy who had also been with Warrington, Hull Kingston Rovers and Whitehaven. John O'Neill a good young centre and Ike Southward who delighted us at Watersheddings during his stay in Oldham. Ike formed a most successful partnership with O'Neill which brought many tries to which lke often added the goal points.

Danny Leatherbarrow, Bill Wookey, Harry Archer, Sol Roper, Norman Herbert, Herbert Eden, Andy Key, Brian Edgar, Ces Thompson and Ben Eve were all contemporaries of Ike Southward.

Gus Risman had, of course, laid the foundations of the club's greatness and the supply of burly Cumbrian forwards seemed to be never ending. Even so Town would sign such stars as Norman Herberts from Lancashire, and Australians of the calibre of Mudge and Paskins. The club would raid other areas, including Scotland and Wales for the likes of McAvoy and Ray Glastonbury.

Some of Workington Town's greatest forwards in recent years have made the journey southwards to join top Lancashire clubs. Eddie Bowman joined Leigh before his recent move to Wigan. Peter Gorley linked up with St. Helens and his brother Les with Widnes. A little earlier Harold Henney had moved to Salford.

John Risman and Iain McCorquodale, the latter the son of Oldham supporter of many years, Dougal McCorquodale, gave great service to Town before helping to establish Rugby League in Fulham. Both moved to Blackpool in a bid to take Blackpool to the top of the Rugby League game, although success had not yet been achieved by the Seasiders.

Now languishing along with Oldham in the Second Division, Town has the potential to get back to the First Division in a very short time.

FLASHBACK

by courtesy of Tom Webb

How many of our supporters remember the corresponding day 5, 10,15 years ago. FIVE YEARS AGO

WIGAN 18, OLDHAM O

OLDHAM: Murphy: Elliott, Barton, Wainwright, Lund; Treasure, Paterson; Hughes, O'Mahoney, Hicks, Pollard, Herbert, Reynolds. Flanagan for Hicks.

WIGAN: Fairburn; Vigo, Hill, Davies, Hornby; Taylor, Nulty; Doran, Martland, Regan, Irving, Sorenson, Karalius. Dootson for Regan.

Scorers: Wigan: Fairburn 3 goals, Regan, Irving, Taylor and Nulty 1 try each.

Referee: B. Shooman. Attendance: 2,776.

TEN YEARS AGO

BRADFORD NORTHERN 7, OLDHAM 14

OLDHAM: Murphy; Elliott, Larder, Siddall, Wilde; Hill, Davies; Wilson, K. Taylor, Walker, Daley, Bonser, Clark. Reynolds for Larder.

BRADFORD NORTHERN: Tees; Thompson, Lamb, Watson, Redfearn; Treasure, Blacker; Hinchcliffe, Outlaw, Hill, Gallacher, Jackson, Fearnley. Joyce and Small for Fearnley and Hinchcliffe.

Scorers: Oldham - Larder 2 goals, Davies 2 goals, Murphy and Siddall 1 try each. Bradford Northern - Tees 2 goals, Lamb 1 try.

Referee: J. W. Ditchfield. Attendance: 4,279.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

OLDHAM 14, LEIGH 5

OLDHAM: Murphy; Elliott, Holroyd, Collins, Dolly; Warburton, Canning; Wilson, K. Taylor, Ogden, Smethurst, Irving, Parker. Buckley and Hill for Murphy and Collins.

LEIGH: Tyrer; Ashcroft, Lewis, Hoffman, Collins; Briggs, Miller; Davies, Higgs, Murphy, Welding, Martyn, McVey.

Scorers: Oldham - Warburton 4 goals, Dolly and Hill 1 try each. Leigh - Tyrer 1 goal, Martyn 1 try.

Referee: J. Manley. Attendance: 2,866.

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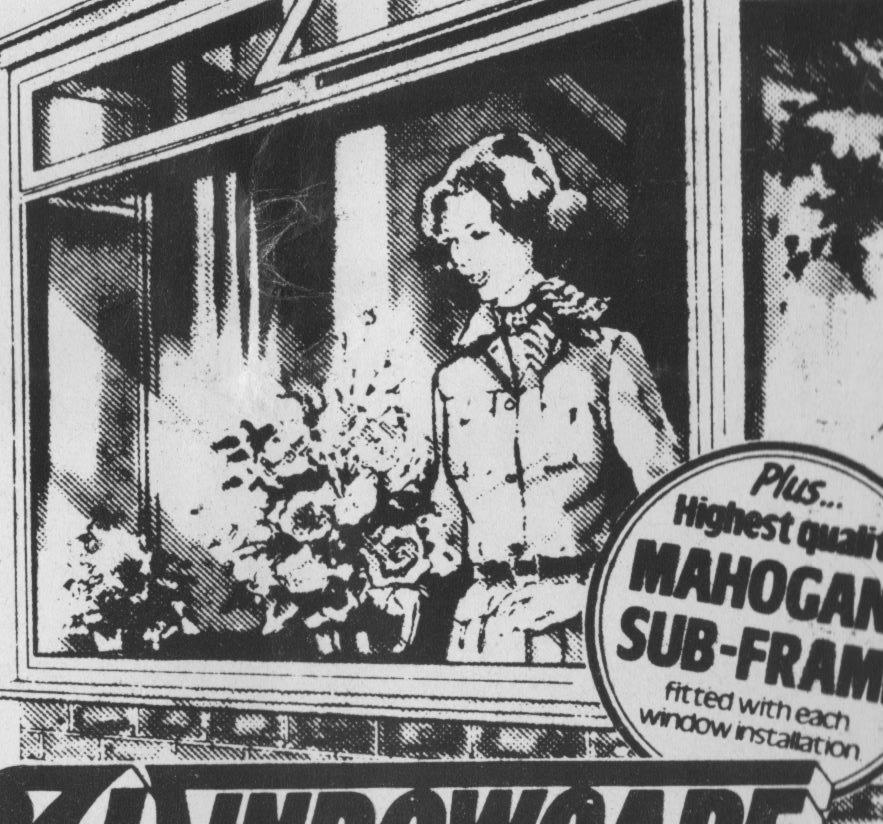
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LEIGH'S John Woods adorns the cover of the December issue of OPEN RUGBY in a sparkling full-colour action picture.

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There's news of the latest OPEN RUGBY/COURVOISIER Award, and this one has special interest for Humberside people.

Colts Rugby comes under the spotlight, with an interview with Colts Manager Harry Jepson and International captain, Hull's Lee Crooks.

Oldham's progress is monitored in an interview with coaches Frank Myler and Peter Smethurst.

It's international month for the Great Britain team, and there's a four-page feature on the current state of play both in England and France.

A stunning photo-feature takes readers on a trip to Alt Park, Huyton, and a day in the life of R.L.'s strugglers.

There's full Amateur Rugby League coverage in the BARLA Month supplement.

An in-depth look at Widnes, the game's most consistent club.

The history of Rugby League in Wales continues.

For Cumbrian fans, a tribute to Paul Charlton, news of Carlisle's progress and action pictures of Barrow stars.

Exclusive photo coverage of Fulham's new Morrocan wing signing, and Wigan's Henderson Gill.

And introducing a brand new series of Rugby League cartoons by top cartoonist Kevin Macey whose work has previously appeared in, among others, "The Guardian", and "Time Out", plus the Fulham programme.

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RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT

By Alan Burke
Public Relations Officer, Oldham Amateur Rugby League

RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL was due to receive an early Christmas present this morning when the British Amateur Rugby League Association held a Special General Meeting at the George Hotel, Huddersfield. Following recent meetings between BARLA and representatives of the Rugby Football League, the amateur body called this morning's meeting to change their rules regarding youth players, and thus hopefully end the disputes which have occurred between the two organisations for the past three seasons.

At their meeting with the RFL, representatives of BARLA attempted to obtain an agreement with regard to the professional clubs' youth sides at under-17 level, in as much as these teams would merge with local amateur clubs, and that, in future, senior clubs would only organise teams at Colts level. This was achieved after hard negotiation, and, in return, BARLA officials agreed to recommend to their members the acceptance of several points relating to Colts' rugby.

The RFL officials agreed that there should be some restriction over the movement of amateur players who wish to compete in both the RFL Colts' League and for an amateur club, and so it was agreed that only three such players will be allowed to appear in any one amateur side. It was also agreed that a clear dividing line be set up with regard to the selection of players for County and International honours. In future, the RFL will only select the young professional players for their representative honours, thus leaving the amateur colt players eligible for players in the BARLA teams.

BARLA administrators were strongly recommending the acceptance of these proposals to their members at this morning's meeting, and if the expected backing is given, it will at last bring to an end a situation which could only have brought great harm to the entire 13-a-side code. Amateur League administrators would also have more control over the amateur players who compete in the Colts' league, while such players would also be able to compete at Rugby League Football twice in a weekend, without any singular amateur team gaining the benefit of fielding several players with senior club experience.

The situation is also made clearer by the Rugby Football League allowing their Colts' teams to register a total of only 25 players, and which is in line with a rule already applied to amateur sides. Another major step will also be the formation of a BARLA - RFL Liaison Committee, which will comprise of members from both organisations, and which will meet on several occasions throughout each season to discuss any problems which may arise between the amateur and professional codes, and which can only be of great benefit to the entire game of Rugby League Football.

Should the proposed rulings have received the expected backing of the BARLA members at this morning's meetings, the amateur body of the Rugby Football League have already decided that they would only come into force from the beginning of next season, and that, to avoid any confusion regarding County and International honours, the current rulings would still operate for the remainder of the 1981-82 campaign.

Ten Oldham Amateur League youth players are among the squad from which this season's Lancashire Under-19s side will be chosen, and which is the highest representation from any district. The upsurge of youth talent in the town has now placed Oldham among the top areas in the amateur code, and following last season's success in the BARLA Under-19s Inter-League Final, the local youth town-teams are again to the fore. The under-19s have reached the semi-finals of their tournament for the third consecutive season, and will entertain the Heavy Woollen League in the New Year, while the under-17s are still awaiting their quarter-final tie at home to Warrington. The Oldham open-age town-team also produced another fine effort before going down against the Humberside League in their quarter-final encounter on the East coast, although five senior local players have also been selected for their County squad.

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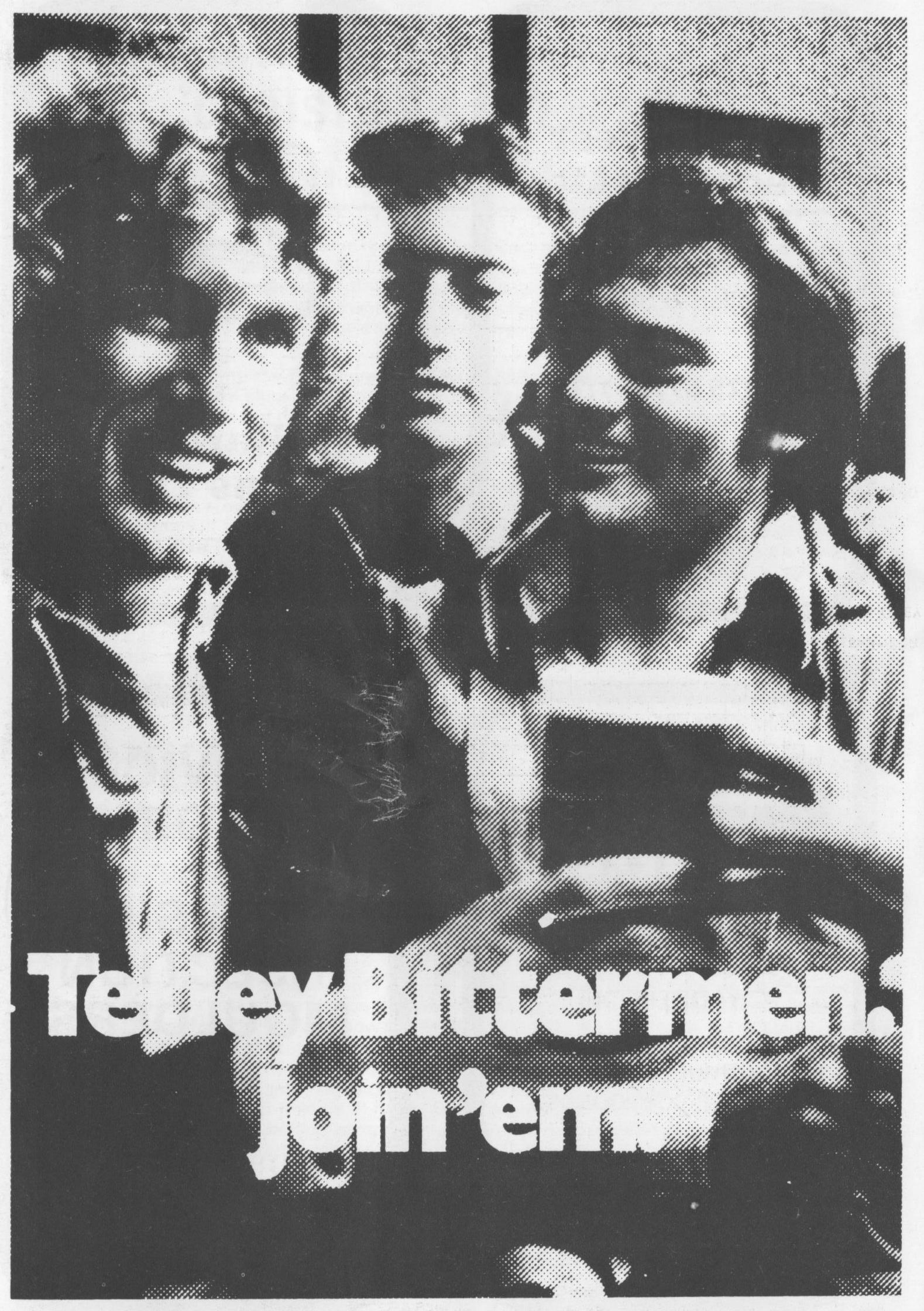
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v. St. Helens	Ashton 1dg, Platt 1g, Caffrey 1T, Ward 1T, Ashton 1T.
v Salford	Parrish 2g, Caffrey 1T.
v. Hunslet	Parrish 6g, Kirwan 1T, Ward 1T, Hunter 1T, Nicholson 1T
v Blackpool	Parrish 5g, Hunter 1T, Worrall 1T.
v Dewsbury	Parrish 5g, McEwen 1T, Ashton 1T, Owen 1T.
v Huddersfield	Parrish 8g, Ashton 3T, Taylor 1T, Ward 1T, Worrall 1T, Kirwan 1T.
v Swinton	Parrish 3g, Ashton 1dg, Kirwan 1 T.
v. Doncaster	Parrish 7g 1T, Taylor 1T, Caffrey 1T, Ashton 1T, Kirwan 3T, Herbert 1T.
v Halifax	Parrish 3g, Flanagan 1T.,
v Keighley	Parrish 3g, Goodway 1T, Flanagan 1T, Nicholson 1T, Murphy 1T, McEwen 1T.
v Doncaster	Parrish 3g, Parrish 2T, Taylor 1T, Alexander 2T.
v Dewsbury	Parrish 4g, Platt 1T, Kirwan 1T, Flanagan 1T
v Huddersfield	Parrish 2g, Caffery 1T, Goodway 1T, Nicholson 1T
v Carlisle	Parrish 2g, Murphy 1T.
v Leeds	Parrish 4g, Flanagan 1T, Nicholson 1T.
v Halifax	Parrish 2g, Kirwan 1T, Murphy 1T, Platt 1 dg.
ý Hull	Parrish 1T, McEwen 1T.
v Huyton	Parrish 6g, 1T, Ward 3T, O'Neill 1T, Caffrey 1T, Munro 1T.
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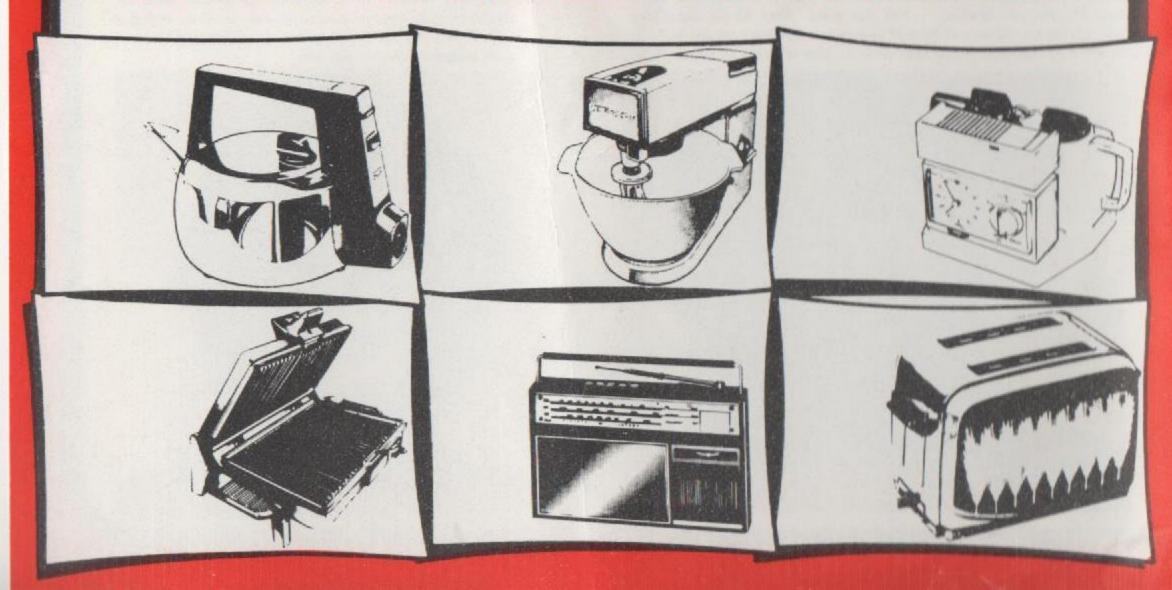
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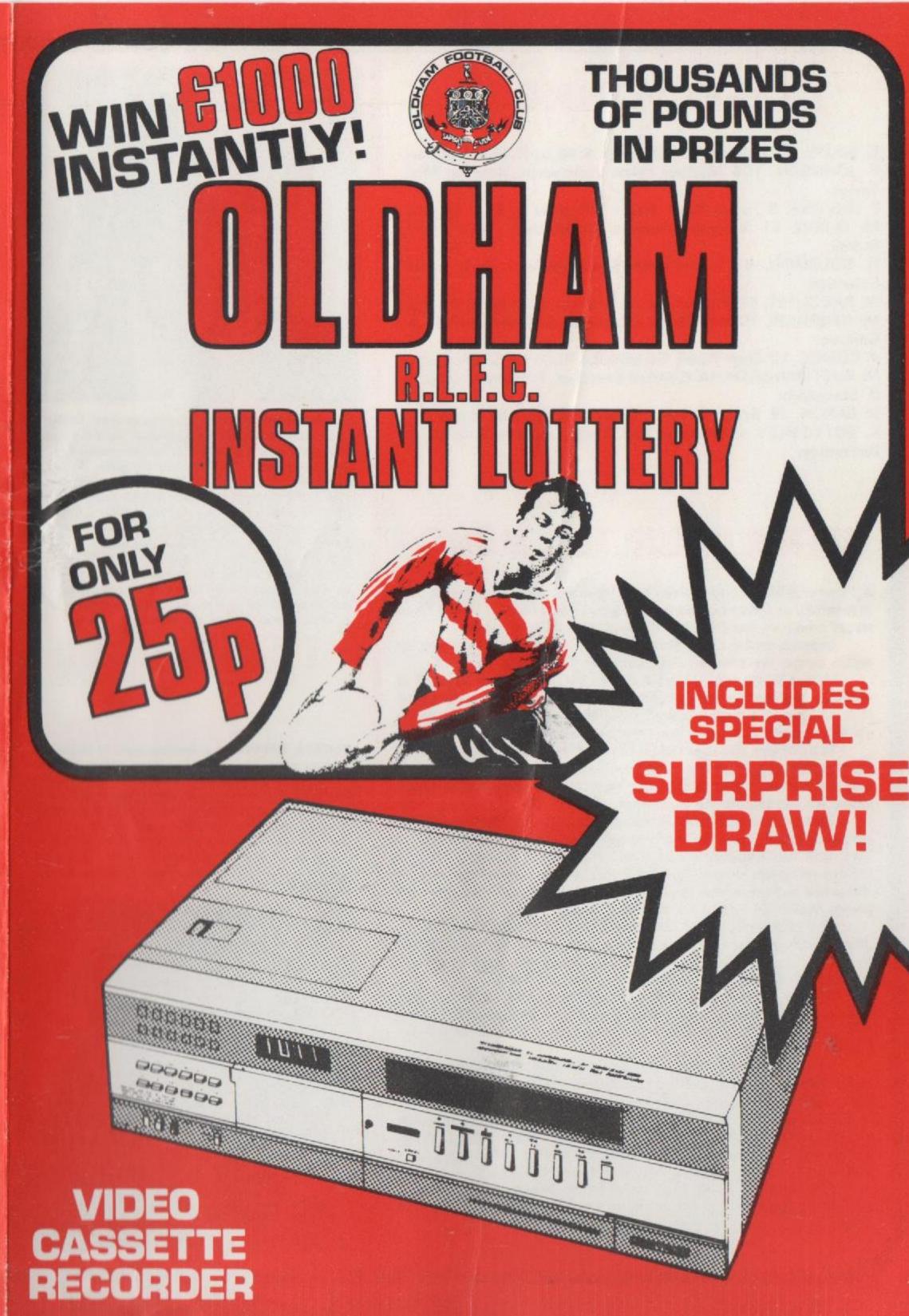
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Indeed, some clubs fear they may not be able to open up again come the start of next season; it's as bad as that!

We at Watersheddings have to try and ensure that all is well to steer our famous Oldham club into the next century and that will mean a concerted effort over the next year or so to do as well as we can from the commercial point of view.

We believe the town of OLDHAM benefits from a successful Rugby League club in many ways, not least commercially, and we further believe that our new lottery gives tremendous value for money to the customer.

One of the complaints heard about our previous lottery was that there were too many small winners, 20p for instance. That will not happen again. The chances of winning on this lottery are even better, but the emphasis is placed on putting the prize money where the client wants to see it – namely, on prizes worth £1, £5, £10 and the like.

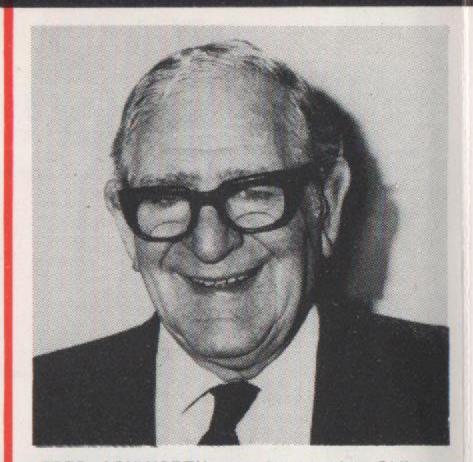
Top prize will again be £1,000, but instead of the 20p or 25p prizes in great numbers there will be many, many more bigger prizes so that our Lottery supporters really do have something worth while to show for their success.

On top of that, at frequent intervals, a draw will be made containing all those tickets which qualify – and the prizes will really be something, a video-recorder, for instance, or maybe even a holiday.

There are three separate games on our new ticket ... buy one today and see if you can land the top prize of £1,000 to jet you away for a holiday in the sun!

Early reaction to the new ticket is tremendously encouraging. Word coming back from outlets and agents to Clegg Street is that the ticket has been well received by the public already ... and we are confident that this trend will continue.

One agent has already sold three times as many new tickets in the same time span as he was selling the former ticket. It's proving as popular as that!



FRED ASHWORTH — a long-serving Oldham rugby man, who has been involved over the years with just about all there is to be involved in at Watersheddings, both as player and club official. A Cumbrian, Fred came to Oldham as a very young man in the Roaring Twenties and he has given the club more than 50 years service as player, official and money-raiser. He played in the team during the twenties — when Oldham appeared in four successive cup finals — and was a leading club administrator during the Fabulous Fifties. Fred is an area representative covering Saddleworth and will be delighted to make your acquaintance — that is, if he doesn't know you already!

TERESA WILSON — a leading light in the team looking after things in the Clegg Street offices. Teresa knows all about the need for earning that little bit extra, if you are an agent, or going for that big win if you are a punter because she is a mother of five, ages ranging from eight to 19, and all families take some taking care of these days. Her hobbies include breeding and showing Chinuahuasand Pomeranians ... dogs to the uninitiated.



MEET THE TEAM

THE success of a commercial organisation, like the success on the field of play, is due to teamwork ... and we believe we have one of the finest "teams" available in the men and women we have assembled at our Clegg Street head-quarters to help promote the Oldham Lottery.

Promoting the lottery inevitably means promoting the Oldham club and the Oldham team – and you would not support the players from the terraces or help the club in other ways if you were not interested in the future well-being of the club.

Even if you cannot become a regular agent you can do the club a great service by promoting the lottery whenever you get the chance and letting us know where there are possible new outlets for us to follow-up, such as the corner shop, the hairdressers, your local garage, off-licence, public house or club.

Basically, our administrative and sales force team is composed of five men and women who will be only too pleased to help and talk to you personally about the lottery and all it has to offer.

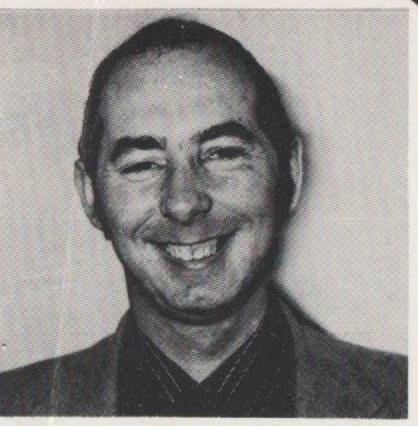
As a supporter, one of the best ways you can actively support the team and the club is to get involved in the Lottery ... and you can do this in a variety of ways.

First and foremost you can be a regular subscriber to our new lottery ticket.

Then, if you have a desire to help even further, you can become an agent. This way you are not only playing an active and crucial role in the future of the club, but you can pick up generous commission and bonuses on your sales, receive an agent's FREE pass to home league games, and go into a special agents' draw to be held at regular intervals for valuable prizes.

SUE DERBYSHIRE—one of our area reps, Sue has two children aged 13 and 10, Helen and Jane. She has had nearly three years experience of lotteries, having worked for Ashton United and Oldham Rugby. She is a keen badminton player, she loves dogs, and she enjoys reading—but you won't find an RL coaching manual in her library at home! Sue is not keen on rugby, but she is keen on her job—and that means she is keen to meet YOU.





NORMAN EDOUARDES — a former soccer man who has seen the Rugby League light, as it were! Aged 31, Norman was formerly associated with Newcastle United and Oldham Athletic but he is now a converted RL fanatic. He has watched all Oldham's matches this season—home and away—and his son Paul, aged 8, is keen to start playing the game with a local amateur club. Norman and his wife, Jackie, have two children, Paul and 11-year-old Maria.

BERNARD McDERMOTT — one of our area managers, who co-ordinates the efforts of the area representatives and the sales force. Aged 25, Bernard spent three years at Oldham Athletic before switching codes a few weeks ago. Since then, he has been a regular supporter at Oldham's games, though it is still a fair bet that he knows more about a good lottery ticket than a good handling movel He is a keep-fit fanatic and he loves to play soccer and tennis as well as doing a bit of running; he finished the first Pony Marathon just behind Jimmy Saville.

