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 Mansfield 0, Bury 2
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 Swindon Queens Park Rangers

DIVISION FOUR

Barrow 2, Northampton 2
 Darlington 0, Chester 0
 Exeter 3, Southport 2.
 Gillingham v. Torquay—Postponed.
 Shrewsbury 4, Watford 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Division One)

Aberdeen 0, Motherwell 4.
 Celtic 7, Stirling Albion 3
 Dumbfries 2, Dundee 1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Division Two)

Berwick 2, Montrose 1.
 Brechin 4, East Stirlingshire 0
 Dundee United 3, Albion 4
 Forfar v. Ayr, abandoned after 26 minutes (no score).
 Hamilton 0, St. Johnstone 1
 Queen's Park 2, Cowdenbeath 3.
 Stranraer 2, Aho 2.

WORKINGTON 0 0—0
 OLDHAM 4 5—23
 WARRINGTON ... 2 5—19
 HOENETS 0 0—0

RUGBY LEAGUE

Blackpool B. 23, Castleford 10.
 Bradford N. 27, Whitehaven 12.
 Dewsbury 8, Huddersfield 18.
 Doncaster 13, Liverpool City 7
 Featherstone Rovers 20, Keighley 11
 Hull K R 13, Hunslet 8
 Leeds 7, Hull 32.
 Salford 12, Leigh 16
 St. Helens 32, Swinton 3.
 Wakefield Trinity 13, Batley 4
 Widnes 17, Barrow 8.
 Wigan 27, Halifax 7
 York 16, Bramley 5

Springboks do scoring

St. Helens took an early lead with a fine try by South African VOLLENHOVEN which was not converted. FEARIS then put them further ahead with a penalty. VOLLENHOVEN got his second try for St. Helens after a run half the length of the field. FEARIS converted. BLAN scored a good unconverted try for Swinton, but just before half-time, PRINSLOO, the South African, scored a try for St. Helens, converted by FEARIS. Half-time: St. Helens 15, Swinton 3.

Hull the masters

Hull's forwards soon mastered Leeds at Haringley. Taking full advantage of poor cover defence, they ran up 11 points in 14 minutes with tries by WATTS, GILL and MATTHEWS. GILL added one goal. For a time the Leeds defence rallied, but Hull came again with SYKES and HAMBLING crossing for tries and SYKES adding two more goals. Half-time: Leeds 2, Hull 21.

23-0 AFTER POOR FIRST HALF OLDHAM FINISH IN STYLE

INJURIES forced Oldham to make changes and positional switches for the game at Workington. Alan Kellett and Ron Rowbottom were left out of the side, both with leg injuries. Alan Davies was switched to out-half and John Noon moved into the right centre. Sid Little crossed to the open side of the front row, and Des McKeown came in one the blind side. Workington replaced injured Roper at scrum-half with McDowell.

OLDHAM: Ganley; Cracknell, Noon, Ayres, Eddy; Davies, Pitchford; Little, Keith, McKeown, Winslade, Kelly, Turner

WORKINGTON: Stephenson; Southward, Wookey, O'Neill, McArthur; Faulder, McDowell; Herbert, Moss, Armstrong, Stamper, Martin, Eve.

Referee: Mr. A. Howgate (Dewsbury). A deep kick off from Workington was taken by Oldham but they were dastened down in their own quarter. There was some fast passing to the left wing but McArthur lost the

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ball, the advantage returning to Oldham.

A lively break by Ayres from a successful scrum promptly moved Oldham to the Workington quarter and a try was on the way. First McKeown, Winslade and then Turner tried a break from close in but it was a Winslade pass to KELLY that brought him his first try for Oldham in the fourth minute. GANLEY kicked the goal.

Oldham followed up the scoring effort with some lively breaks and Kelly made a good run through the

middle. A Noon break looked good but he passed a shade too soon to Cracknell who, when challenged, lost the ball.

Workington had a try disallowed in the 12th minute. A Stephenson kick was taken by Ganley close to the line but his pass was lost by Kelly. Herbert touched down over the line but the referee ruled a knock-on.

The Cumbrian side won the scrum but then lost the ball for Pitchford to kick it 40 yards into the other half.

Twice Workington lost possession but each time they got the ball back.

After a tough attempt by Workington to break out of their own half, Faulder put through a kick, which Eddy took and made a spirited run to beat three men and run close to the Workington "25."

A loose ball quickly made Oldham dash to their own quarter, where Ganley was penalised for delaying at play-the-ball. Stephenson tried for a Workington goal but his kick went wide.

In the 21st minute Oldham were again penalised, this time Turner offended at play-the-ball. Workington brought in McArthur to try for a goal but as he kicked referee Howgate blew his whistle for a Workington off-side.

Then, for the first time in a long spell, Oldham held the ball long enough to attack. After some spirited midfield bursts, Pitchford put in a low kick to find touch in the Workington quarter, but from the scrum O'Neill intercepted to end any danger.

Oldham recovered the ball seconds later, and Winslade combined with Turner near the Workington line. A pass went astray and possession was lost.

With the aid of a penalty Workington pulled away and Southward set off a fast run. He was taken on the halfway line. When he tried an inside pass Ayres picked up the ball to save the situation and put Oldham again on the attack.

Oldham moved the ball across the field, but a fumbled pass caused a scrum. At it Workington were penalised. From 35 yards Ganley was short with a goal attempt.

A Noon mistake almost cost Oldham a try. His pass from a scrum move was taken by Wookey and he sent Southward racing away. Kelly took him just a yard from the line and forced him into touch.

Workington won the scrum and McDowell got across the line, but the referee ruled he had bounced the ball going over.

Half-time:
WORKINGTON 0 0—0
OLDHAM 1 1—5

Oldham had spent the first half defending against a side that played better as the game pro-

Barlow hits 3 for City

THE game at Maine Road between City and West Ham opened with fast-moving raids by both sides. A clearance by Trautmann to Barlow saw the inside man open up a splendid attack, and with Hannah in a fine position as the movement ended his forceful shot forced Gregory to a full-length dive to turn the ball round the upright.

West Ham were playing some fine football and one of their four-man efforts provided such thrilling football that the Maine Road crowd rose to them with loud applause. Hannah sparked off another City attack, but Hayes spoiled the finish by shooting wide.

Half-time: Manchester City 0, West Ham 0.

After being outplayed for most of the first half, City took a dramatic lead after 52 minutes when Fagan shot and BARLOW nipped smartly in to foot the ball out of Gregory's hands and score from close in.

City went further ahead three minutes later. Cheetham fooled them all with a smart cut-through and an ideal pass to BARLOW whose shot passed right under with a whizz-bang cross from Fagan which beat everybody in the goal-mouth for BARLOW calmly to side-foot the ball into the net for his hat-trick.

Only goal gives 2 points

A 20-SECOND goal by centre-forward Albert Bourne proved to be the decider at Boundary Park, where Athletic registered their third successive win.

ATHLETIC: Teece; Naylor, West; Hobson, Murphy, Hall; Bazley, Robinson, Bourne, John, Phoenix.

WORKINGTON: Wright; Brown, Rollo; Aitken, Tennant, Alexandra; Hinchliffe, Armstrong, Gordon, Robson, Dixon.

Referee: Mr. L. Howarth (Beverley). Ray John, Athletic's new capture from Exeter, made a spectacular start to his Boundary Park debut

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instigating the move which gave BOURNE a 20-second goal.

Beating two men, John slipped the ball to Robinson, who pushed it forward to Bourne. Holding off two defenders, Athletic's leader crashed a left-footer into the far corner.

A cock-a-hoop Athletic swept right back on to the attack, and there was almost a second goal as Bazley crashed over a centre, but Phoenix's header dropped onto the top netting.

Workington were reeling under this quick onslaught, and only a brilliant save by Wright prevented Bazley increasing the lead with a cracking left-foot shot.

At last, Workington got away, and though looking offside Robson went through to let loose a shot

which Teece could only push round the corner.

The corner was cleared and a foul on Robinson took play back into the visitors' half, but keeper Wright came out to collect a Hall shot.

Athletic were still on top, but a breakaway raid from Workington forced Hobson to head back to Teece as Armstrong ran in. And then Hinchliffe rounded West to flash a shot right across the face of the goal.

John punched the ball through the middle for Robinson, but it was just too far ahead and Wright dashed out to smother it.

Then the visitors swept into the attack and a timely tackle by Murphy whisked the ball off Gordon's toes. Again John came into the picture as he found Bourne, but Athletic's leader fell as he shot and Wright was able to save easily.

Well in the game

Teece picked the ball off Gordon's head following a Dixon centre, but Workington were on the offensive and the outside-left had another chance as he cracked a drive just over the bar.

Workington were now well in the game, and as Teece came out of his goal to narrow the angle Dixon might have given them the equaliser. From 15 yards he tried to lob the ball over the advancing

Athletic

keeper's head—but it curled inches outside the far post.

At last Athletic got away with a free-kick from midfield, but as John darted in Wright snatched Naylor's kick to safety.

Then came a good move from the Athletic front line as Bourne found John, but Aitken stabbed the ball out of the inside man's reach. It rolled to Phoenix, but a crisp shot flashed a couple of feet outside.

It was followed by a let-off for Athletic as Gordon launched himself at an Aitken centre. His angled header bounced on the top of the crossbar and fell behind.

Then came another lightning raid from Workington, with Teece making a brilliant save from a point-blank Dixon shot. He could not hold the ball and it was hustled into the net by Gordon, but the referee disallowed the goal.

Half-time:—

ATHLETIC 1
WORKINGTON 0

Athletic had made a brilliant start to this game, but at the close of the half there could be no doubt that it was Workington who were on top. Their efforts had deserved an equaliser, and only desperate tackling by the hard-pressed defence had saved the day.

A Hall centre quickly brought Wright out to clutch the ball as Bazley and Robinson ran in. Then Robinson sent Bazley away, but his

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 Burnley 3, Tottenham H. 1.
 Everton 2, Portsmouth 1.
 Leeds 1, Notts Forest 0.
 Leicester 1, Wolves 0.
 Manchester City 3, West Ham 1.
 Preston NE 3, Manchester Utd. -
 West Brom 4, Chelsea 0
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 Derby 1, Brighton 3.
 Scunthorpe 1, Liverpool 2.
 Sheffield W. 2, Middlesbrough 0.
 Stoke City 5, Huddersfield 1.
 Sunderland 0, Cardiff 2.
- DIVISION IV**
 Accrington 4, Reading 3.
 Bradford City 0, Plymouth 0.
 Hull 5, Doncaster 1.
 Newport 4, Bournemouth 1.
 Southampton 2, Stockport 1.
 Swindon 2, QPR 0
 Wrexham 2, Tranmere 5.
- DIVISION V**
 Aldershot 3, Bradford 3.
- SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. I)**
 Carlisle 2, Crewe 0
 Coventry 4, Hartlepool 1.
 Gateshead 1, York 0.
 Millwall 4, Port Vale 2.
 Walsall 0, Crystal Palace 2.
- SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Div. II)**
 Airdrie 4, St. Mirren 2.
 Falkirk 2, Third Lanark 0
 Hibernian 4, Partick Thistle 0.
 Kilmarnock 2, Raith 0.
 Queen of South 2, Clyde 1.
 Rangers 5, Hearts 0
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 Morton 3, Arbroath 4.

Somerses 6, Gloucestershire 12.

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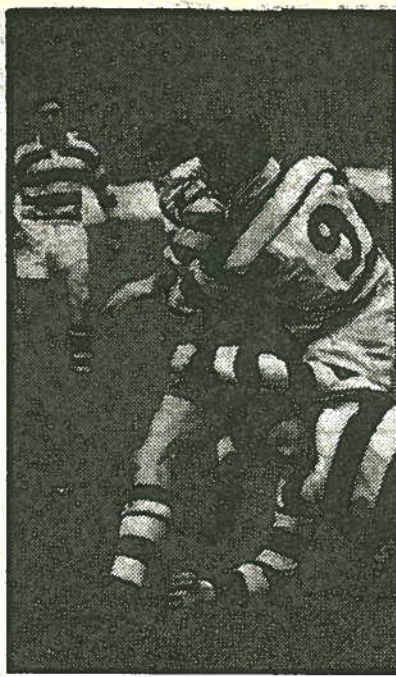
Mr. T. Howarth, of Chadderton, asks about the ruling on suspended players. Suspensions take effect the day after they are imposed except for a "sine die" suspension which takes effect immediately.

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Any first-team League or Cup game counts towards a suspension, and any club game (first team or reserve) arranged before the player's misconduct excepting charity or friendly games played during the close season. If a player has been selected for a representative match, this also counts.

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Two matches in one day can count towards a player's suspension if the times of kick-off have been published before the players' misconduct, and provided that the second match does not begin within an hour of the first match ending. Postponed matches do not count toward a player's suspension.



Cracknell is having a good season with Oldham, and he had a great match against Widnes last Saturday. He didn't always escape scot-free, and this photo shows him being stopped with a double tackle by Kemel and Major.

Firm discipline leads to good management

THE minor storm surrounding 22-year-old forward Des McKeown looks as if it is about to peter out. McKeown had good reasons for wanting to leave Oldham, but the full committee promptly showed, when they got his request, that they had better reasons for keeping him. They made him first-team reserve today.

As far as McKeown is concerned, he simply wants a heart-to-heart talk with the president, Mr. W. Howard—a talk which leaves me in no doubt that it will end happily.

Unhappily McKeown is not the last of Oldham's troubles. Right now they are having "differences" with one of the star players, and the situation may well explode in the next week.

So many times this column has stressed the paramount importance of sound management, acknowledging that staying on top is a tough, sometimes discouraging business.

Whims and fancies

Regardless of league placings and Cup prospects, the only safe course for any club is one of firm discipline. The policy may have a heavy cost initially, but eventually happiness and contentment are the welcome outcome.

From time to time, players make justifiable requests to the club. Officials may not think they are justified, but even they can recognise and understand the reasons.

They have also to contend with whims and fancies of other players who, aware of their star value, get temperamental. That is the time when discipline has to stand firm.

Oldham are facing another very tricky situation, and they must know that whichever way they turn they will not come out unscathed.

The prompt transfer of Don Vines earlier this season left little doubt that where the club thought they were right, they intended keeping right.

I do not say that drastic action is the only way to deal with a situation because Oldham cannot afford to keep losing their stars. At the same time it is of little use to adopt a "win-at-any-costs" attitude that can only result in a thoroughly unhappy club.

Truly, Oldham's officials are faced with a very delicate situation, not helped by the very unofficial interference of another

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club. It will be interesting to see how things work out.

O'Brien's luck

Winger John O'Brien scored two tries against Wigan "A," but the following week he was off the team. Oldham had to find a place for the new man, Sean Quinlan, and out of the first team was Geoff Sims, who also wanted a spot on the "A" team.

This meant that O'Brien had to step down despite a rattling game the week before—an example of the fortunes of rugby and the loyalty of local players who make good.

Quinlan is a winger set for a great future in the game—and that is Frank Stirrup's opinion. Last week he saw Quinlan play for the first time and he liked both tries the Irish winger scored.

Not only Stirrup was bubbling over about Quinlan. Mr. Fred Ashworth—one of the men who chased his signature—was pleased with his play. Fred commented: "He is a really steady player and has speed. They were two cracking tries he scored and he is still not at peak fitness."

Is Quinlan ready for the first team? "For me he can go in anytime," said Fred.

Manager Jenkins would have played him today at Workington, but Quinlan still has work troubles. I understand, however, that he will not be risked against Wigan next week.

Welsh RU trial

Oldham were not represented at the Welsh trials today. I was sure they would send somebody, but official and unofficial comment is that there will be nobody there from Watersheddings.

Don't think that puts Oldham out of any bidding. They have a crafty scout who will almost certainly watch for them, and if there is anybody that might interest the club they will know all about it when they meet on Monday night.

Although lots of the clubs were at the trial, I do not anticipate any rush of signings. The usual line that Rugby League men get at a Union trial is: "I must wait to see if I get a cap."

Sandy's illness

Missing from the Oldham board-room these last few weeks has been that well-liked official, Sandy Campbell. He is in Oldham Infirmary, and is described as being "fairly comfortable"—if Sandy can be at all comfortable without rugby.

During his stay, many friends have popped along to see him and on Saturday night Quinlan made a flying visit to the hospital.

Driffield plays former champion

Leslie Driffield, of Leeds, and Tom Cleary, of Australia, both former world amateur billiards champions, began a match in Calcutta last night which could decide second place in the world championships.

Wilson Jones, of India, became the new world champion on Thursday. At the end of last night's session, Cleary had scored 1,570 against Driffield's 1,508 and 122 in play.

England's table tennis victory

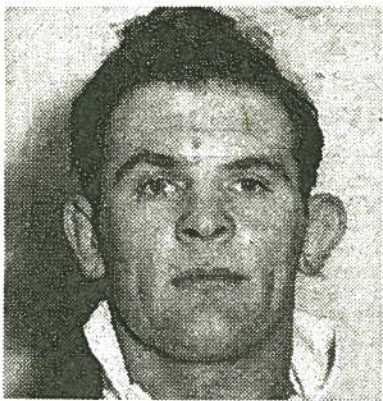
England, represented by Johnny Leach (Essex) and Ian Harrison (Gloucestershire) defeated Holland, represented by Frans Schoofs and Piet Weel, 4-1 in a table tennis match at Scheveningen last night.

England won all four single and lost only the doubles in which Leach and Harrison lost 21-19, 18-21, 21-18, 21-13, 22-24.

The English victory avenged a defeat by Holland three months ago, when Brian Kennedy (Yorkshire) and Bryan Merrett (Gloucestershire) visited Holland and lost 2-3.

... AND THEN I SIGNED

No. 5: Geoff Kelly



THE message came to me while I was in the bath after a training session at Rochdale. "Secretary Albert Yorke wants you, Geoff," I was told. But I never dreamed what he wanted me for.

I must say here that I had tried and failed for some time to get to another club. So keen was I that last season I asked the club to forget my benefit and give me a free transfer instead.

When I arrived at Mr. Yorke's office that Tuesday night several weeks ago, my heart missed a beat when he asked me if I would still like to go to another club. Cautiously I replied: "Well, it depends where."

I think my heart just stopped when he told me the club was Oldham and in a crack came my reply: "I would crawl on my hands on knees to get to Oldham," I said.

Honestly, you just cannot imagine the thrill of a club like Oldham wanting you to play for them. So many seasons on the wrong end of the league table, so many seasons of defence being more important than attack.

Suddenly you are asked if you will join a club at the top—a club that years ago dropped the shroud of

wasted no time putting my name on them.

I am aware that a lot of Oldham supporters have criticised the club for "buying an old 'un." But I don't think 28 is too old, and I can think of a lot of top men older than me.

Telling the story of how I signed also gives me a chance to say something else. It is that I have never been happier playing Rugby League, and I am only sorry that a bad spell should crop up just when I arrive.

Yet one of the team's defeats—the game at Salford—left me with a warm thought. As I tackled and tackled, I noticed that the team were not as used to it as me.

"Geoff," I said to myself, "you have joined a team that lives for attacking, and when they get over this lean spell, if you are going to stay with them, you are going to have to put more into attack than you have ever done before."

I haven't reached what I think is my top form yet, but believe me, I intend to train and play my hardest to try and bring a happy ending to the story of my signing with Oldham.

inferiority and assumed the champions robes.

It didn't matter to me that Oldham had just three matches in mind and that afterwards I might be permanently relegated to the reserves. It left me with a challenge to use those three matches to stay on the first team.

Yes, I would go to Oldham and they were ready to pay the £200 Rochdale asked. A couple of officials were there with the forms, and I

Blackpool: You can count us out

Club topics in the Rugby League

He just does not fancy packing up his job in St. Helens.

TOM REAKES, Leigh's former Welsh Rugby Union centre, could soon be playing for a club nearer his home in the town. Twelve months ago he was signed by Workington, chiefly to be a standby in case of cup-tie injuries.

Workington thought at the time that they could get him to move to Cumberland. But Tom still lives in his bungalow at Leigh. To have him living there and just travelling to Workington or to catch up with their team on match days was not a happy arrangement.

So they have agreed to let him go to Batley. But before the Yorkshire club clinch the deal, they want to see Reakes play. They thought of watching him against Oldham this afternoon.

CEC THOMPSON, Workington's hard-grafting, dusky second-row forward, has turned to commentating. Still out of the game himself with a thigh injury, he is helping out with the hospital broadcast relays from the Workington ground.

Some of the Workington folk who have listened to his eye-witness accounts say "He seldom misses a pass." Today he was to give a hand in relaying the commentary on Oldham's game from Derwent Park.

GET an ex-player on the committee. That's the way to make progress these days, it seems. Leeds apparently think so. They have just appointed Arthur Clues,

former Australian forward, to their committee.

And there is a rumour that another ex-international Leeds player may soon join him.

The ex-player idea certainly seems to be working at Salford. They consider their prospects have never been brighter since two former players joined their board.

Alf Ellaby, former famous winger, and Frank Smith, ex-Castleford forward, have a say there. In addition, if Castleford needs further guidance, there is Albert Dobson, one-time star referee, also on the board.

LEIGH'S tragic loss of Peter Foster meant finding a new captain for the Leigh team and changes in the training set-up. Taking over the captaincy is **Bill Robinson**, front-row forward.

Don Gullick, recently helping out with the coaching, will now be responsible for the first team, with Gerry Helme, Warrington's former half-back, looking after the reserves.

BRIAN BRIGGS, the St. Helens international forward had a shock the other day. A newspaper report said that he might be playing for Halifax before the New Year.

Harry Cook, the St. Helens chairman denied they were considering parting with the red-haired Yorkshireman and Brian chipped in with the last word. "Me move? I just daren't. Abe Terry has just turned over my garden for me. He would say something if I did."

Part of Briggs's settling-down moves at St. Helens has been to buy a house next door to Terry at Rainhill.

WHILE Batley were busy tanning Rochdale Hornets last week, **Albert Fearnley**, former Hornets, Oldham, Halifax and Featherstone forward, was next door—sprinting on the Batley track.



Albert Fearnley

Albert has been out of the Batley side injured but he can't put in enough time to get back to the team. Their fine show against Hornets must have made him even more eager.

HORNETS, no matter how they try just cannot shake off the gloom. And the latest to do a bit of wondering is coach **Bryn Goldswain**.

He has had to sit back this week and listen to reports of Hornets' directors looking for another coach while he struggles on with the under-talented team. Not very nice!

Bryn is not commenting yet on his position at Rochdale, but I can tell you this. If the Hornets' board decide Jim Sullivan is the man to pull them out of their trouble, Goldswain, with 17 years in rugby, will not be out of work long.

I understand a top Yorkshire club would seriously consider taking Oldham's former loose-forward on as manager. But Bryn is keeping quiet about everything until the club have stopped talking and made up their minds.

BLACKPOOL BOROUGH are likely to tell the Rugby League they do not want a fixture with the Australian tourists next season. It is not because they would not like to meet the tourists. They would be delighted.

Remember what a great show they put up against the New Zealanders three years ago, but their ground, one of the smallest in the game, has not got the accommodation to cope with all the fans who would want to see the match.

They realise that to put the game on the Stanley track would not make the match financially worth while for them or the tourists. Blackpool's soccer ground? It was on this Bloomfield Road ground that they played the New Zealanders.

But Blackpool Borough are not so sure they could make similar arrangements this time. So they are on the point of telling the Rugby League to count them out this time.

BARROW tried a novel way to try and persuade **Roy Robinson**, one of the St. Helens forwards on transfer, to sign for them. But it did not come off. They got Joe Ball, the old St. Helens full-back who is now on Barrow's books, to go down and have a chat with Roy.

It happened on Sunday. A Barrow director hopped into his car and took Joe with him to St. Helens. They thought he would be the best man to tell him about the Furness club and the town.

But though Joe could tell Roy that since he moved to Barrow four seasons ago he had been to Wembley, it did not impress Robinson.

BOARD CAN KILL ALL THESE RUMOURS

You can't buy stars with a slender purse

ROCHDALE'S cheerful manager, Jack Marshall, takes a very sensible attitude for the manager of a struggling club. "If you haven't got the money then you have to find the players by some other means," is, I think, a fair summary of his views.

It is just as well that is how he feels for it is exactly the position he faces. To make his name in the managerial game—and already he is the most popular manager with local folk the club has had for a long time—he has to achieve something on a shoestring budget.

This week, for instance, his inquiries have been directed towards Ron Phoenix, Manchester City's half-back whom he has had watched and would like very much. But City wants a fee, apparently, of over £5,000. When Mr. Marshall also introduced Johnny Hart into the conversation with Mr. Les McDowall a similar figure was mentioned.

Fees of this kind put Rochdale out of the running. Some supporters, who can hardly realise the cost these days of merely keeping the club going, want to know why other Third Division and Fourth Division clubs can pay such fees and even bigger ones at times. The answer is too simple: Gates.

In what is normally the best part of the season financially, Rochdale's highest League attendance has been 8,442 in the first home match against Plymouth Argyle. Since then there has been three of under 5,000.

Prices too high

The position is this: Rochdale must have players of this class to do anything in the Third Division. But they cannot afford to buy them. Is it stalemate, then, with Rochdale sinking to the sphere in which they can hold their own? I am afraid it is at the moment unless miracles are

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worked. And the only miracle Mr. Marshall might produce which would have the desired effect, is the finding of a goalscoring front line. That, of course, is the sing I have been singing in this column all season but with virtually half the campaign gone Rochdale still have the low record for goalscoring in the Third Division, the unenviable distinction of having scored more than one goal in only three of their 28 League and Cup matches, and the possibility of a defensive crack-up being added to forward troubles of the undue strain.

An interesting perusal of the records shows that the forward lines which have scored more than once were: Wainwright, Finney, Dailey, Spencer, Maguire; Green, Finney, Lord, Spencer, McBain; Brown, Wainwright, Finney, Spencer, Maguire. Grant, McGuigan and McGlennan have equally shared the wing-half duties behind these three lines.

The most interesting fact about Rochdale's Lancashire Senior Cup game at Old Trafford on Monday night was that the attendance numbered 7,644 after it had rained heavily for an hour immediately before the game. Undoubtedly, Rochdale were beaten by a better team but the result was very open until United got their second goal to make the score 2-1 in the 75th minute.

Contrasting decisions

The Rochdale Referees' Association had a discussion at their meeting on Wednesday on uniformity among referees in giving decisions. The Old Trafford match and the games against Bradford City and

Hull City produced decisions directly in contrast—just the sort of thing on which many referees wish to have firm rules.

Against Hull City each side had a goal disallowed after the ball had come to the scorer off a defender. They were "played on-side" but the referee disallowed both goals. At Old Trafford on Monday, United's second and third goals were scored each time after the linesman had flagged a United forward off-side in the leading-up play. The only possible ground on which the referee could let play proceed in these instances would be because the man had been "played on-side."

Here there are two absolutely opposed interpretations of the same rule. It should not happen. I would amend Law II so that a player cannot be played on-side except by the goalkeeper. At Valley Parade a Wainwright goal was disallowed because a linesman flagged another forward off-side Wainwright was not off-side and the other player was well away from the spot and not interfering.

These incidents could be multiplied a hundredfold in a season. The referee's interpretation either gives or denies a goal when the law could be framed so as to give equal justice to every team. Let a player in an off-side position be under no doubt at all that it is impossible for him to gain any advantage. I would even include the goalkeeper if that is the only way to get a change.

PPLAYER news at Spotland is that Gordon McBain remains in Scotland aloof and suspended. A pity, this. Terry Mulvey—remember stocky Terry who made a remarkably promising debut at Hartlepool in March, 1957?—is currently doing his National Service in Berlin; today Manager Marshall was giving a trial to 19-years-old Dennis Hogarth, a Scottish inside-forward, who is serving at the same camp as George Heyes and 18 months ago was a Scottish Youth international.

Mr. Marshall might not be able to flash big cheques but he keeps trying everything else.

Dansie and Mackay in excellent form

Neil Dansie scored 103 not out to help South Australia total 215 for nine wickets on the first day of the Sheffield Shield match against Queensland at Brisbane today.

Test allrounder Ken Mackay gave a fine display of seam bowling on the rain-damaged pitch, taking five wickets for 51.

Haggate swamp league leaders 8-2

THERE was a complete change at the head of the First Division table as a result of last Saturday's games.

Railway Street, who have been at the top for several weeks, lost their second game in succession and are deposited by Rochdale Athletic who have three games in hand.

Walsden, who also won, take second position on goal average over Railway Street.

Railway Street visited Haggate Lads and were swamped during the first half, Haggate leading 6-0 at the interval.

In the second half, matters evened up considerably with Railway Street more in the picture and each side scored twice to give Haggate an 8-2 victory. Moores (3), Wilson and Greaves (two each) and Buckley scored for Haggate and Marsden (2) for Railway Street.

Rochdale Athletic visited Industry and after the teams had shared four goals at the interval, Athletic ran out 6-2 winners. Langley (penalty) and Burns scored for Industry, and Diggle (2), Oddy, Barlow, Slinkinson and Baron for Athletic.

In the Heywood "Dehby," Boots Social at home to Tudor Rose, avenged their previous week's defeat with a 3-1 victory. The first 25 minutes were evenly contested before Boots opened the score to lead 1-0 at the interval.

Boots increased their score immediately afterwards and again 10 minutes from the end. Three minutes from time, Tudor Rose scored a consolation goal.

Hodson, Wright and Beaumont

HORNETS chairman, Mr. Arthur Walker, could have filled many newspaper columns this week if he had felt so disposed, but he has adopted a Molotov attitude with the Press in general, and my own conversations with him have been of the off-the-record variety.

I can say that he and his fellow directors have answers to some of the questions which have been put to them in the course of an eventful week, and could frame statements to throw new light on some of the happenings which have crowded upon each other since the team put up such a poor show at Batley a week ago.

Unfortunately, in the absence of official news, the public cannot be blamed for jumping to conclusions—a fact which some Hornets officials do not seem to appreciate.

Now we have a town seething with rumours, and supporters coming down on the opposite side to the board because they have read or heard one side of the tale and have looked in vain for the official side.

Take one example: In announcing that George Parsons had been transfer-listed at £1,200 on Monday, the board would give no reason for what seemed very drastic action—one not in the interests of the club for the team cannot stand losses of players of Parson's abilities.

If they had only made known, as George Parsons did the following day, that he had told directors immediately after the Batley game that he was retiring, quite a lot of onus would have been lifted from the directors.

Another version?

In fact the public might have immediately realised that a player making such a statement was more than normally dissatisfied—and a player in that state is best given his freedom.

That, as I have said, is an example, but it is not the whole of the Parsons case.

The entire story cannot be known until the board have given their own case, and if they are in a position to do so, make known another version of the statement by the player that he was promised he would be considered for the coaching job at the Athletic Grounds, if and when Joe Warham finished.

While the Hornet's captain of last Saturday was deciding whether to play for Leeds or Salford today, the spotlight switched in another direction and talk of the club's negotiations with Jim Sullivan leaked out.

Flat denial, but . . .

The Hornets and St. Helens manager have flatly denied that an agreement has been signed for the former international full-back

In the HORNETS' NEST by Touchjudge

to take over managership of the Hornets from the start of next season.

I am numbered among those who are expecting seeing Jim Sullivan on the staff at the Athletic Grounds next August even though an agreement may not have been signed.

In the midst of their worries this week, the board must have felt that they could have saved themselves from some of the recurring ones if they had got down before the start of this season to strengthening the front row of the pack.

The injury to Bill Hanson in the first league match accentuated the position.

Unfortunately for the officials, the Welsh venture has not yet proved that the front row can be immediately strengthened. There was activity this week to find a remedy, but this has arrived when affairs are not in the best of shapes.

The coming of Jim Sullivan to Rochdale in August next year will be news welcomed by the great majority of supporters when it was given officially, but immediate problems are weighing heavily and one can hardly believe that we have to wait until then before determined efforts are made to pull Hornets out of the dumps.

While policy, in the eyes of some supporters, might have seemed not to be helping much, the responsibility does not end with the board, by any means. The players have a duty to the club and themselves.

The Hornets' reputation cannot stand many more displays like that at Batley. There were a few all-out triers in the side, but some never put their best foot forward. I was amazed at the ease with which Batley broke through their ranks and smashed their occasional raids.

Some of the Hornets are not the heroes they were in the eyes of many supporters before last Saturday and their easy-going attitude will need a deal of forgetting.

If players have grievances, Saturday afternoon is not the time to air them—they should be taken as they arise to the officials on training nights.

ROCHDALE SS LEAGUE ST. AIDAN'S HAD HARD FIGHT TO DRAW 3-3

FACIT PARISH gave their best display of the season in their home game with St. Aidan's and the visitors were well satisfied to share the points. Facit dominated the first half to lead 3-1 at the interval, but St. Aidan's fought back in the second half to score twice and draw 3-3. Robinson, Tyrrell and Phillips scored for Facit and A. Scott, Kenyon and Shaw for St. Aidan's.

Norden YCOB were too good for Newhey St. Thomas's at Newhey, and after leading 3-1 at half-time they finally won by seven goals scored by Clarke (3), Lord (2), Tattersall and Smith to one scored by Ashcroft.

Bright's also had an easy away win. They defeated Sacred Heart at Firgrove 7-0, their goalscorers being Woolfenden (3), Hunter, Hicks, Wilcock and Clegg.

Wardle Parish were another team to win easily on their opponents ground. They defeated Milton at Springfield 9-1 and while the score flattered them they were much the better team. Kearns (3), Dawson (2), R. Gregson (2), J. Halliday and Halton scored their goals. Thorpe scoring for Milton.

Whittle's just got better of YMCA Old Boys at Firgrove, winning by the odd goal of three after being behind at half-time. Williamson and Hancock scored for Whittles and Marriott for YMCA.

Shawforth were handicapped in their important away game with Littleborough Parish, full-back Hartel being injured after only five minutes play and being a passenger for the rest of the game. They did not allow this to upset them however, and giving a fine exhibition of team work they deservedly won by three goals scored by Dawson (2) and Lumb to two scored by Clegg and Shackleton.

In the highest scoring game of the season, Good Shepherd won their

home game with Buckley Hall by the remarkable score of 10-8. Kershaw (3), Blakeley (3), Greenwood (2) and Dixon (2) scored for Good Shepherd and Davis (2), Andow (2), O'Sullivan (2) Boswell and Moores for Buckley Hall.

As a contrast, a lone goal by T. Walsh gave St. Aidan's Res. both points from the visit of St. Peter's.

Milnrow Parish lost their first league game of the season when they went down at home to St. Gabriel's, the visitors winning by three goals scored by Bellow, Collins and Crooke to one scored for Milnrow by Craven.

Two goals in the last ten minutes enabled Thornham to even their away game with Syke Meths 5-3. Thornham goals were scored by Broadbent (2) Butterworth Emmerston and Rushton and the Syke goals by Holmes (2) and Melding.

Cutgate Baptists had a comfortable 6-1 home win over St. Patrick's Harris (2), Aughey, Frain, Linger and Taylor scoring their goals and McGregor scoring for St. Patrick's. Goals by Taylor, Ogden, Bancroft and Mellor gave Thornham St. James's a 4-0 home win over Spotland Meths.

Death of former Chelsea half-back

Harry Wilding, the former Chelsea FC and Tottenham Hotspur half-back, has died in a London hospital, aged 64.

He played for Chelsea in the early 1920's and was later transferred to Tottenham, with whom he finished his career. He had been suffering from a heart complaint for the past two years.

Remaining sections of North Gate, Garden Suburb, Oldham, are to be made up, Oldham Surveyors Committee decided on Wednesday.

Rochdale Amateurs

scored for Boots and Hardman for Tudor Rose.

A. & A. Crompton's entertained Gravelhole and completed the double with a 6-2 win. The first half was dull with the teams sharing four goals at the interval.

Things brightened up afterwards and in a hectic spell of six minutes, Crompton's added four to their score without a reply. Nield (3), Sugden (2) and Hargreaves netted for Crompton's and Walsh and Shiner for Gravelhole.

Walsden received Whitworth and in a high-scoring game the home side on 2-1. Howley led the winners' line well and scored six goals, others being shared by Hoyle, Freeman and Doherty (two each), Halstead netting for Whitworth.

Another high-scoring game was that in which Turner Bros. received wooden-spoonists Heymain Recs. and triumphed 10-1. Scorers for the winners were Lee (4), Thompson and Whitehead (two each), Holt and Merrick, Leech netted for the losers.

Second Division

In the Second Division, Bay Horse retained their 100 per cent record when visiting Ash Mill and winning by the only goal scored by Crane.

This was scored 10 minutes from time and three minutes from time Ash Mill were awarded a penalty which they failed to make use of.

A very even game at Middleton resulted in Pattrieuex FC and E. Clegg and Son sharing six goals

after they had each scored twice in the first half. Cullen (2) and Harter scored for Pattrieuex and Crabtree (2) and Mellowdew for Cleggs.

Dunlop visited Shiloh Spinners and opened the score but by half-time Shiloh were leading 2-1.

In the second half, Shiloh were much the better side and added three goals against one for a 5-2 victory. Gibbons, Ashworth, Wright, Walls and Robinson scored for Shiloh and McNiffe and Crossley for Dunlop.

FIRST DIVISION										
	P	W	L	D	F	A	P			
Rochdale Ath.	9	8	1	0	53	16				
Walsden	12	8	4	0	64	25	16			
Railway Street	12	8	4	0	49	41	16			
Haggate Lads	8	6	1	1	44	23	13			
Turner Bros.	9	6	2	1	41	17	13			
Boots Social	10	6	3	1	40	29	13			
A. & A. Crompton	12	6	5	1	42	34	13			
Tudor Rose	9	4	5	0	24	24	8			
Industry	12	4	8	0	41	62	8			
Whitworth	12	4	8	0	34	69	8			
Gravelhole	11	2	9	0	27	54	4			
Heymain Recs.	12	0	12	0	13	78	0			

SECOND DIVISION										
	P	W	L	D	F	A	P			
Bay Horse	10	10	0	0	53	19	20			
Rochdale Ath.	9	7	0	2	46	21	15			
Ash Mill	11	7	3	1	61	18	15			
Shiloh Spinners	10	6	4	0	53	28	12			
Pattrieuex FC	10	5	3	2	39	32	12			
Turner Bros.	9	5	1	3	27	21	7			
Industry FC	10	3	7	0	15	42	6			
Dunlop SC	8	2	6	0	15	38	4			
E. Clegg & Son	10	1	7	2	15	42	4			
Highams Ltd.	9	0	9	0	16	87	0			

Supporters' £500 cheque

Barnsley FC have received a cheque for £500 from their supporters' club towards a floodlight appeal fund. The supporters have handed over £2,300 in the last 12 months to the fund, which aims to raise £20,000.

Cold douche for the Oldham League

THE Oldham League got a smack in the face this week from the Amateur Committee of the Rugby League. Oldham had asked that the ground leased to the Ferranti club at Bower Lane should become League property for the good of the game locally. The Amateur Committee considered the letter from Oldham, and one from Ferranti asking to renew the lease. They decided to let Ferranti keep the ground.

"We are very disappointed," League president Mr. W. Smith said when he heard the news. "On the one hand the Amateur Committee tell us to concentrate on getting a ground and social club and when we try this happens."

Influencing the decision was the fact that Ferranti have spent a lot of money on the ground in recent years and if it were given over to the Junior League, they would prove a drain on the central funds. The ground, which is trust-administered by the Rugby League, is big enough to house two rugby pitches, but at the moment, only one pitch is used for rugby—the other is saved for the cricket season.

On the area is an attractive social club, but the rugby section at Ferranti have little say in its administration. The ground has been leased to the club for a further five years.

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THE Oldham League secretary, John Burke, is hopping mad at teams who do not kick off on time. "Is it any wonder the clubs find it difficult to find spectators when they do not start their games at advertised times?" he asked.

On Saturday at a match John will not name, a lot of supporters turned up on time to watch—but for their trouble they had a 30-minute wait. The reason was that players arrived late and made no effort to pull up the lost time. The League do what they can to help supporters get what they go for and at the scheduled time. Clubs who do not start promptly are fined.

"But we want co-operation, not money," said secretary Burke. "Secretaries and players, who are to blame for late starts, want to pull their socks up or nobody is going to watch the amateur side of the game."

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THE Waterhead secretary, Norman Pickering, is wondering if building a useful changing room was worth while after all. Ever since the club put a lock on the door, it has been bills... and more bills.

Norman had never heard of Schedule "A" tax until his players stopped changing in a pub. But he knows all about it now.

"We didn't know there would be tax and rates to pay just because we tried to put the lads in reasonable surroundings before and after a match," said Norman. "It doesn't seem much encouragement to amateur sport."

Norman is still wondering where the near £22 bill for tax and rates is coming from. "Each season we have to find £80 for a start, and that does not include playing it."

"Right now we are broke and just getting round to preparing for next season's commitments. We just haven't the cash to pay up."

A desperate Norman Pickering is going to see the income tax man and is to appeal against the rating of the changing-room.

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ON Wednesday night, St. Anne's (that means three teams) held their annual Christmas dinner and had as their guest of honour Mr. F. Ridgway, chairman of the Rugby Football League, as well as a prominent Oldham official. Secretary Peter Brown took the

Rugby Union notes

Borough XV's good show at Keb Lane

CERTAINLY the best win last Saturday was that of the Oldham Borough XV, which beat the strong Yorkshire side, Bradford Nomads, at Keb Lane, 12-6. Oldham played almost threequarters of the game without B. Hurst, who broke an arm, and then, early in the second half, R. Murphy received an injury which also necessitated hospital treatment.

Up to the time of his injury Hurst, who only recently left the Forces, had been playing very well. He was showing great promise, but now will, unfortunately, be out of the game for several weeks. The injury to Murphy, fortunately, did not turn out to be as serious as at first thought, but it had its unpleasant aspect in that it was caused by a ring.

In this over-robust game, W. Oates led the side well; he still has not lost the art of falling on the ball. All the forwards played well, with A. McKinley outstanding. T. McGee had a good game at scrum-half, and V. Parker was in fine form at full-back.

The first team, forced to make changes at scrum-half and wing threequarter, won at Metrovick, 3-0 in an extremely scrappy game, the only score coming from a Challinor penalty goal.

The "A" team beat Metrovick "A" 16-3 at Keb Lane in a fairly open game. The "A" team showed more discipline than in recent weeks, though some of the forwards still are over robust. D. Newton, brought in at full-back, had a good game and retains his place. F. Beadsworth also did well in the centre, and the pack as a whole played well.

The Extra "A" had a good win at Metrovick, 33-6. This was an open game in which K. Potter scored three tries. S. Morgan, at out-half, improved as the game progressed, and G. Whittles was the pick of a good pack.

Finally, a word about the ever-controversial "travelling fund"—the committee have devised a scheme in which vouchers for free travelling are given. Playing members interested should consult T. Mills. K.B.

Unhurt after car hit lamp standard

Philip Freeth (36), of Thomas Street, Elland, Yorkshire, was uninjured when his car crashed into a lamp standard in Ripponden Road, Oldham, in the early hours of this morning.

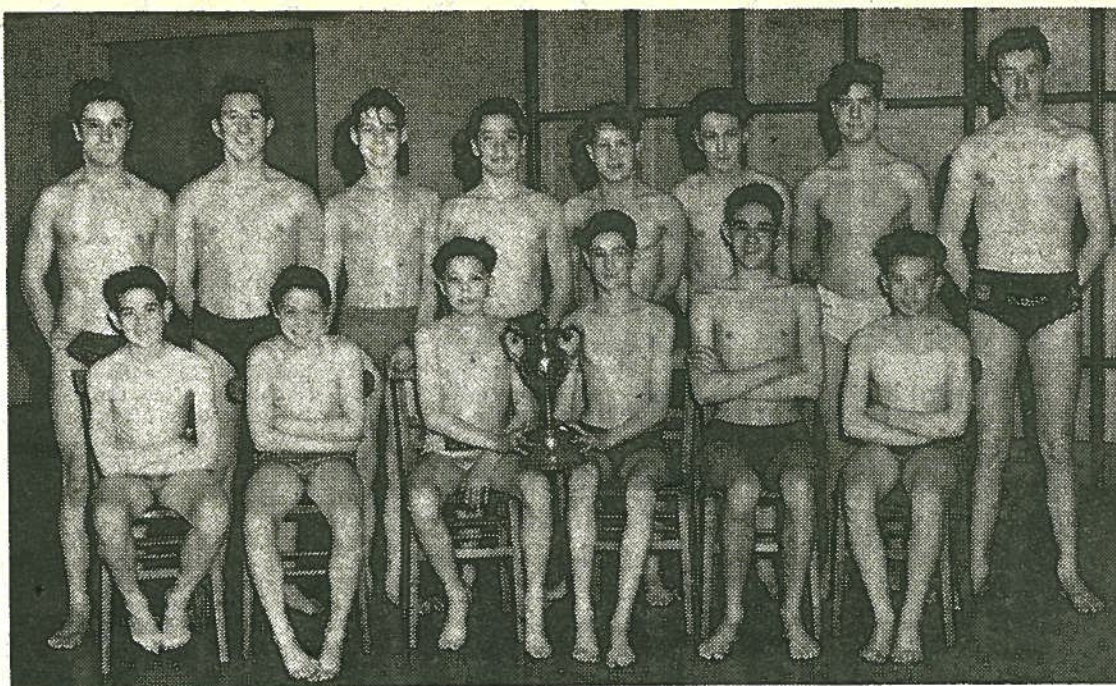
The lamp standard, near the entrance to Besom Hill brickworks, was demolished, and the front of the car was extensively damaged.

chance to say a big thanks to a couple of Saints' officials who have been gamely carrying on the club business while he has been ill.

The two lads in for well-deserved pats on the back were treasurer Jimmy Green and keen amateur rugbyite Joe Taylor. "They have done a terrific job," said Peter, now nearing fitness again.

"But St. Anne's is a club not dependent on one man," added Peter. "We have a keen bunch of officials looking after the three teams, and almost every one of them is equipped to do the secretary's job."

Speechmaking at the dinner was kept to a minimum, so that the happy gang of players could sit back for the first-rate concert the club is noted for.



CLARKSFIELD won both the senior boys' and senior girls' trophies in the Oldham Secondary Modern Schools' annual swimming championship on Monday. Above are the boys who swam for Clarksfield.—Back row: R. Lockwood, J. Wynn, J. Livesey, M. Mellor, R. Broadbent, J. Mather, N. Hopkins, F. Hartley. Front: K. Kelly, G. Broadbent, R. Shawcross, K. Ashworth, R. Bannister, R. Marcroft. The Brown Shield for boys was also won by Wynn, R. Broadbent, Mather and Hartley.

Below are pupils of ROBIN HILL, who also achieved a treble. The boys and the girls won the junior trophies (first-year pupils) and also the Brown Shield for girls.—Back row: M. H. Howe, S. Heywood, T. Gulley, I. Garside, K. Needham, I. Phillips, R. Abbott. Middle: M. Mayall, J. Clark, S. Dickenson, P. Walker, P. Cash, J. Lewis, L. Hazelhurst. Front: R. Jackson, J. Mellor, J. Scholes, L. Hyde—these four won the Brown Shield—and I. Marsden.



Round local soccer clubs

ON November 1, Chadderton Football Club put into operation a membership scheme, inviting people interested in their activities to pay weekly subscriptions.

Canvassing was done by players and committee officials and already well over 200 people have agreed to support the club financially until the end of the season.

Support has come from young and old and the youngest member is five-year-old John May, of Burnley Lane.

At the other end of the scale, 91-year-old Mrs. M. E. Lorrman, of Claremont Road, Birkdale, Southport, has promised to help the club.

The response to the scheme has given the go-ahead club a deal of encouragement and they are in fact still busy at work on the pavilion.

Over £600 has already been spent on this work and a substantial grant from the National Playing Fields Association will assist them to install showers and heating facilities.

One further appeal the Chadderton club are putting out, however, is for the voluntary services of a qualified masseur. As secretary Colin Ashworth states: "For someone interested in amateur football who is so qualified the position would give great enjoyment and render an indispensable service to the club."

Athletic have granted a request by the Oldham Sunday School League to play a benefit match for the dependants of the young player who died in a match last week. It will be played on Boxing Day morning.

The Oldham area was well represented this week when the Manchester and District Grammar Schools' FA met Manchester University in a friendly game at Fallowfield.

Chadderton's scheme for membership

In the side were inside-forward Holden and right-wing Guest from the Couthill Grammar School, with Hutchinson from the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Middleton at inside-right.

Among the reserves were Austerberry and Riley from Chadderton Grammar School and Gates of Couthill.

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The annual clash between the Oldham and Bolton Amateur league sides was staged this afternoon and in the Oldham side as a player well known in the South East Lancashire League.

Ronnie Booth is the player who has given good service to clubs like Avro, Chompton Athletic and Bardsley. He is now with Buckley and Taylor's in the Oldham division.

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Has Chloride's goal-scoring forward Corfield been slowed down by his terms of service with league clubs Bury and Oldham Athletic?

Officials seem to think so and they are hoping his next trial with a league club will not have that effect. Corfield is off to Leeds United now, after impressing the Yorkshire club's scout last week.

Albert Holmes, last year's trainer at Chloride has changed codes. He is now in charge of the Swinton Rugby League side and has played a big part in Swinton's success. Albert believes in practising what he preaches—he runs to work every day!

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With illness and business commitments putting officials of the

Prestwich Borough club temporarily out of action, it has meant a bit of time for new secretary Des Hudson.

He has borne the major part of the work and as a league official states, "is one of amateur football heroes."

He is suffering from ill-health himself, but never complains; always puts club matters first.

And there may be brighter times ahead for the Prestwich club. They have found two very promising youngsters in David Clough and Peter Rodgers, who improve in every game.

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If it's goals you want then you can't do better than watch a game in the Sunday Schools' League Second Division.

Last Saturday's half-dozen goals produced the amazing tally of goals. And spare a thought for Hollinwood Bible Mission goalkeeper who was on the receiving end of all these.

His side went down 18-0 Hope Congregational, but in fairness, the Bible Mission had 14-year-old boys playing for them who had played schools football in the morning.

The other keeper in a draw was from the Saddleworth Church side. He saw the Ashton R Congregational's put 12 past him. But Saddleworth only had ten men.

The young Haggate Lads side finding the going hard this season in the top division of the League.

On Saturday they crashed 12 to Chadwick's, but the youngsters put up a sporting game against odds.

And Roundthorn, who could field only ten men for the trip to Fallowfield, found themselves on the receiving end of a 8-0 goalstorm.

Warrington forged steadily ahead against Hornets

CHANGES PEP UP ROCHDALE ATTACK

MANAGER Jack Marshall turned out a Rochdale forward line with a decided new look for the game at Brentford this afternoon. He was trying to find an attack which could not only make chances, but take them. The Rochdale defence was unchanged.

BRENTFORD: Cakebread; Wilson, Coote; Bristow, Dargie, Goundry; Heath, Rainford, Francis, Towers, McLeod.
ROCHDALE: Jones; Whiston, Powell; McGilgan, Aspden, McGlennon; Moore, Finney, Lord, Wainwright, Spencer.
Referee: Mr. R. E. Smith (Newport).

On a heavy ground Rochdale made two quick thrusts. The first ended with Lord's through pass for Spencer which Dargie cleared.

Finney and Moore then combined well and when Moore centred across the goal, Lord was inches from the ball after Cakebread had missed it.

A long uninterrupted spell of Brentford pressure followed. The home team were kept on the attack by the Rochdale defence's inability to clear with accuracy.

Aspden had to do some sound work in the middle as the ball came skimming across the Rochdale goal from both wings. Brentford should have taken the lead after 12 minutes when McLeod's cross spun off McGlennon to land right at Rainford's feet.

The Brentford inside-right appeared surprised to find an open goal before him and McGlennon took the opportunity to recover.

Lord was almost equally at fault when Rochdale at last got away. A back-pass from Coote provided Lord with a perfect centre, but with no defender challenging he completely missed it.

Moore opens score

In another fast Brentford raid Heath raced down the field and Rainford spectacularly hooked his centre just over the bar.

In a breakaway Wainwright had a shot charged down but there was better luck for Rochdale when they next moved forward.

Moore started the advance in his own half and eventually the ball reached Lord on the right wing.

He tried a very fast centre which went between Cakebread and the near post. The ball then hit the bar and rebounded out for MOORE to score as he came racing in.

This was after 31 minutes play. Brentford continued to enjoy territorial supremacy although they were lucky when, after Cakebread had kicked clear, Moore returned the ball into goal with the goal-keeper scrambling back.

Cakebread just won the race. It was Rochdale's turn to be fortunate when a header from Francis smacked against the bar and when McLeod's centre rebounded from Francis into Jones's waiting arms.

A minute from the interval the linesman's flag went up to indicate that Ashton had handled during a hectic spell in the Rochdale goal-mouth. The referee awarded a penalty kick even though Bristow scored with a low shot.

Apparently he had not heard the whistle.

It was a good decision for Rochdale for Towers took the spot kick and blazed it a couple of yards over the bar.

Half-time:—
BRENTFORD 0
ROCHDALE 1

Brentford opened up the second half with a further onslaught on the Rochdale goal.

From McLeod's centre the ball came loose to Bristow, who pulled it down very nicely indeed before hammering in a shot for which Jones positioned very well and saved without trouble.

Rochdale went away on the right and Moore's pass to Finney was well placed. The inside-right also took it in style but his final shot lacked power.

After further Brentford pressure, Moore again came into the picture with a sinuous run past three men before stumbling in the goal area.

Bath City centre-forward Stanley Mortenson, the former Blackpool and England footballer, received a cut over the nose in a car crash on the way from his home at Blackpool to play in a match against Nuneaton Borough at Bath today.

He was driving his car when it skidded at Ludlow, Shropshire, and hit a telegraph pole. He continued the journey in a hired car and took his place as usual in the Bath side.

ATHLETIC

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shot went right across the face of the goal. And as Phoenix threw himself at the ball, he could only nod it further wide.

Right from the restart, however, Workington had been under pressure, and they had a miraculous let-off as Bourne went through to give John the simplest of chances. But from eight yards the new forward's shot hit the keeper, and as Phoenix crashed the rebound it smacked the underside of the bar, bounced down on to the line and was scrambled clear.

Back-pedal

Workington were having to back-pedal and Wright was in action again as he touched a John centre off Bourne's head.

It was a busy time for the visitors' keeper and again he got his body in the way, as Bazley loosed a cracker, and the ball flew clear.

Then Robinson hit a stinging 30-yarder which brought the keeper to a brilliant acrobatic save. Taking the force of the shot in his face, he was injured and had to receive attention from the trainer.

The incident was immediately followed with another let-off for Workington as Wright punched a Phoenix cross off John's toes just five yards out, and the ball ran to Bazley. He swiftly hammered it back but there was Rollo, on the line, to boot the ball to safety.

Athletic were now throwing everything at Workington and Hall went straight through to put a shot just inches outside the post. Within seconds, Bazley followed his footsteps to hammer in a tremendous shot which somehow Wright managed to push round the post.

Shot muffed

It had been all Athletic so far, but when the visitors did break away, Teece did well to punch clear a strong drive from Hinchliffe.

This has certainly been a half to keep the spectators on their toes, and it was Athletic's turn to have a let-off as Hinchliffe rounded West and squared the ball. It ran straight to Dixon two yards out, but he muffed his shot and a grateful Teece pounced on the ball.

Almost immediately, there were strong appeals for a penalty as John was bundled off the ball when clean through, but the referee waved play on.

Bazley then went away to find Robinson with a short inside pass, but the inside-man's shot was weak and a desperate lunge by John failed to turn it on course.

Final:—
ATHLETIC 1
WORKINGTON 0
Attendance: 4,394.

Preston hit back against United

United set the pace, and after 22 minutes Quixall deceived the defence, beat Elise with a square pass, and left BRADLEY free to shoot into an open goal.

Preston equalised after 27 minutes when HATSELL raced on to a through pass by O'Farrell, cleverly beat Gregg, and coolly shot into the unguarded net.

After 36 minutes, HATSELL put Preston ahead with another great goal. This time he gave Carolan the slip and beat the advancing Gregg with an accurate cross shot. Half-time: Preston 2, Manchester U. 1.

Syd Seymour dies

Syd Seymour, leader of Mad Hatters Dance Band, died from heart attack today at his London home. He was 52.

HORNETS' hopes of having a new forward in the pack at Warrington this afternoon did not materialise, but Bill Hanson returned after injury. Trumble played at full-back because Cahill and Mullane are on the casualty list.

WARRINGTON: Fraser; Bevan, Challinor, Regan, O'Grady; Edwards, Greenough; Silcock, Lannon, Gaskell, Thompson, Brindle, Major.
HORNETS: Trumble; Smith, Jones, Buxton, Short, Chisnall, Fishwick; Scholes, Sivill, Hanson, Bailey, Thomas, Parr.
Referee: Mr. J. W. Jowett (Leeds).

The playing area was heavy at the start. Twice Chisnall kicked ahead a loose ball, but when it reached the home line the defenders arrived first because Chisnall was obstructed.

It was an offence not seen by the referee. Within four minutes of the start, Hanson was hobbling about with a leg injury and left the field. Buxton raced across to bundle O'Grady into touch in Warrington's first good passing movement. Jones hit the post with a penalty kick from well out before Hanson returned.

Bevan was too late in a flying dive for a touchdown and Hornets were allowing attacks to gain momentum.

Two quick tries

Trumble, however, joined a raid which swept play to the home-line, but Silcock broke away and laid on a try for BEVAN at the corner. Fraser missed the goal, but he made no mistake when MAJOR scored between the posts following a forward rush.

Scholes made an opening, but lost the ball, and a fine run by Trumble was halted by a high tackle. At last Hornets visited the home quarter, where Bailey and Buxton tried hard to work an opening. These efforts, and two by Chisnall, did not gain much ground. Edwards came to Warrington's rescue to foil a left-wing raid, then Chisnall lost the ball in going through from a scrum.

Luckily for Hornets, Challinor mishandled when well placed. Another break by Bailey carried play to the home quarter, where Chisnall could not get in a pass to Smith. Again Jones hit the post with a penalty.

Half-time:—
WARRINGTON 1 2-8
HORNETS 0 0-0

Major ran 40 yards from his own half before falling to a tackle by Trumble, and after Smith had checked Greenough, Bevan was felled. O'Grady next caused danger, and following his run, Regan failed by a split second to touch down before the ball rolled out of play over the visitors' line.

The frequency of Warrington's approaches was ominous, but Buxton once intercepted, and unfortunately he could not run clear. A pass to the right was too high for Smith, and Silcock again took a hand to force an opening for MAJOR, who slid over for his second try. FRASER added the goal.

Chisnall laid on a raid which reached the home line, where the defence scrambled the ball away. Hornets' passing was badly at fault on the occasions they attacked.

Short managed to upset Bevan when he looked dangerous. Then Fraser failed with a penalty kick in semi-darkness. Again Trumble proved reliable in stopping Major, but with Smith looking on, GASKELL dived on to the ball for a try as it shot out of a five-yard scrum. Fraser missed the goal.

Next BEVAN dived on a ball kicked by Edwards from another unimproved try.

Final:—
WARRINGTON ... 2 5-19
HORNETS 0 0-0

Wigan romp ahead

Wigan went into the lead after six minutes when BOSTON crashed over in the corner, but Griffiths missed the goal. Briers, the Halifax full-back, missed three penalty kicks at goal and after 25 minutes Wigan went further ahead when Ashton sent BOLTON racing in for a try behind the post. GRIFFITHS converted.

Wigan added two more tries in the last five minutes of the first half through SAYER and BOSTON. GRIFFITHS added the goal to Boston's effort. Half-time: Wigan 16, Halifax 0.

At Watersheddings

'A' TEAM WON HARD GAME

WORKINGTON "A," with Billy Iveson leading them, dominated the first ten minutes at Watersheddings. But for bad handling the visitors might have gone ahead. Instead Oldham "A" took the lead with two penalty goals by SIMS.

Oldham's backs were now linking up well, and Quinlan on the left figured in some good moves.

After BOSWARD replied for the visitors with a penalty the Oldham "A" trialist and out-half sent NESTOR through to score. BOSWARD hit back with another good goal when Hatherall was pulled up for feeding at the scrum and REAKES scored a sparkling try.

But a great move by Sims and NESTOR ended in the latter scoring to put Oldham ahead once more, SIMS added the goal.

Half-time:—
Oldham "A" 3 2-12
Workington "A" ... 2 1-7

On the resumption the Oldham "A" trialist moved to the right wing and Sims came up to out-half. After an Iveson penalty attempt Quinlan picked up and made a good run. He shone again with a burst down the left. The game developed into a tough midfield battle with Iveson a constant danger.

Oldham's backs shone in patches but there was no further scoring until SIMS goaled a good penalty.

Workington "A" turned on the heat and their big forwards hammered Oldham's line. Tuke, on the right wing, crossed the line after a brilliant run but bounced the ball and then MARTIN grabbed the ball and went over for a try. BETHWAITE added a fine goal.

Final:—
Oldham "A" 4 2-14
Workington "A" ... 3 2-12

FLEETWOOD THIRD GOAL PUT AHEAD

Oldham gained a surprise lead in the third minute at Fleetwood when, from a pass by outside-right Marsh, DUFFY had no difficulty in scoring from an unchallenged position.

Fleetwood recovered quickly to equalise in the 14th minute through right-half GORDON, who converted an indirect free-kick given against goalkeeper Morris. Three minutes later they went in front through ANDERSON, who scored from close range with a lob over the goalkeeper's head.

Both defences had a trying time on a slippery pitch and after 38 minutes Oldham equalised again through DUFFY, who raced through to score from 30 yards with Fleetwood's defence unable to turn.

Half-time:—
Fleetwood 2
Athletic Reserves 2

Fleetwood's football deteriorated after the interval, and Oldham, using the ball better on the muddy surface gave the home defence a gruelling, but the visitors were lucky when a close-range shot bounced off goalkeeper Morris's knee for a corner. Morris made a fine save from Whiteside following the kick.

Fleetwood went in front after 84 minutes through GORDON, who converted a penalty awarded for hands, but shortly afterwards Duffy was within inches of levelling the score with a header which scraped the bar.

Final:—
Fleetwood 3
Athletic Reserves 2

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OLDHAM RUGBY

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gressed. Lack of possession from the scrums was not giving Oldham many chances and when they put in their rare attacks their play was erratic. They were lucky to have a five-point lead.

An Oldham kick out put Workington on the attack. After trying to break out of their own half, Stephenson, for the home side, put in a kick, but the ball fell to Etty. The ball switched to the other wing and came back for Ayres to score.

Ayres shot through

The move started inside Oldham's half, but after some lively passing AYRES went shooting through, to run over 50 yards for a try. Ganley missed the goal.

From the kick-out Kelly took the ball, but in the play-the-ball Keith fumbled. He made amends by winning it back and again hooked it when Pitchford found touch 15 yards from Workington's line.

The ball flashed out to Davies and with defenders all around him he turned it back inside for LITTLE to take it and cross the line. This time GANLEY landed the goal.

Workington got possession after the try but concentrated on forward charges to make ground. Eventually the ball went to O'Neill, who chose the easy way and made a fine kick to find touch in Oldham's "25."

In the 50th minute Workington came near to scoring. They had won the scrum and the ball had gone loose near the Oldham line. The referee allowed play to proceed but the ball went in touch before Southward could get to it.

A MINUTE LATER EVE WAS INJURED IN A TACKLE AND A STRETCHER WAS BROUGHT ON TO TAKE THE WORKINGTON LOOSE FORWARD FROM THE FIELD.

Oldham dominated the play that followed and tried on both wings to force a way through. In the 58th minute Cracknell was sent away and he turned the ball inside for NOON to score an unconverted try.

O'Neill, with his useful kicking, almost brought Workington a try three minutes later. The Cumbrians put in a bright attack and the centre kicked ahead for Ganley to make a desperate kick dead with attackers breathing down his neck.

Oldham immediately brought the ball away from the drop-out and scored. Davies made a brilliant break and sent Turner away. PITCHFORD was alongside to take the ball and touch down. GANLEY added the goal to this good move.

In the 68th minute after more lively attacking by Oldham, Workington were penalised. From 45 yards GANLEY landed a goal.

Turner was taken off injured after 73 minutes and Pitchford was injured three minutes later.

Final:—
WORKINGTON 0 0-0
OLDHAM 4 5-23
Attendance 6,031.

Mossley lead, then fall behind

After finding themselves on the receiving end of some good Altrincham football, Mossley were a goal up just on the half-time whistle. QUIGLEY was the scorer, volleying home a cross by Whitehead.

Altrincham fought back in the second half and a deservedly equaliser through McFARLANE in the 51st minute. MARSH then gave Altrincham the lead shortly afterwards and McFARLANE made it three from a penalty awarded for hands. But Mossley were still not out of the game, and DIMOND reduced the arrears with minutes to go.

Final: Altrincham 3, Mossley 2.

Oldham Youth League.
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Platts 3, Townfield 3.
Malgate Res. 5, Milgate 3.
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Chadderton 8, Chadwicks 1.
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Heaton Moor Extra "A" 9.
Oldham Extra "A" 20.
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