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FIRST TEAM			
Date	Opponents		Pts.
1960	6—Liverpool C. Char. M.	H	34 10
Aug.	13—Oldham	A	4 16
	15—Liverpool C. (Mon.)	H	17 9
	20—Hunslet	H	22 10
	27—Widnes (Lancs. Cup)	A	19 17
Sept.	3—Wakefield T.	H	5 18
	7—Wigan (L.C.)	H	7 4
	10—Leigh	A	28 13
	12—Gt. Britain Trial (Mon.)	A	21 16
	17—Oldham	H	
	21—Swinton (Wed.)	A	
	24—WORLD CUP		
Oct.	26—Halifax (Mon.)	H	
	1—WORLD CUP		
	8—WORLD CUP		
	15—Blackpool B.	A	
	22—Wigan	H	
	29—Wakefield T.	A	
Nov.	5—Whitehaven	H	
	12—Rochdale	A	
	19—Barrow	A	
	26—Workington	H	
Dec.	3—Hunslet	A	
	10—Warrington	H	
	17—OPEN DATE		
	24—Salford	A	
	26—Rochdale (Mon.)	H	
	31—OPEN DATE		
1961	2—Leigh (Mon.)	H	
Jan.	7—Warrington	A	
	14—Hull	H	
	21—Whitehaven	A	
	28—Blackpool B.	H	
Feb.	4—OPEN DATE		
	11—R.L. CUP 1st Round		
	18—Widnes	H	
	25—R.L. CUP 2nd Round		
Mar.	4—Liverpool C.	A	
	11—Barrow	H	
	18—Halifax	A	
	25—Salford	H	
	31—Wigan (Good Friday)	A	
April	1—Workington	A	
	3—Swinton (Mon.)	H	
	8—Hull	A	
	15—R.L. CUP Semi-final		
	19—Widnes (Wed.)	A	
	22—Featherstone	A	
	29—Featherstone	H	

"A" TEAM			
Date	Opponents		Pts.
1960	13—Oldham	H	19 8
Aug.	20—Liverpool C.	A	0 25
	24—Barrow L.C.C.S.	A	13 3
	(Wed.)		
	27—Salford	H	34 8
Sept.	3—Leigh	A	6 5
	14—Widnes L.C.C.S.	H	9 13
	17—Halifax	A	
	24—Oldham	A	
Oct.	1—Warrington	A	
	8—		
	15—Blackpool B.	H	
	22—Whitehaven	A	
	29—		
Nov.	5—Rochdale H.	A	
	12—Leigh	H	
	19—Barrow	H	
	26—Workington	A	
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	10—Hunslet	A	
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	11—		
	18—Widnes	A	
	25—		
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	11—Barrow	A	
	18—Rochdale	H	
	25—Salford	A	
	31—Hull	A	
April	1—Workington	H	
	8—Wigan	H	
	12—Warrington (Wed.)	H	
	15—		
	22—Swinton	H	
	29—Wigan	A	

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ONE TROUBLE AFTER ANOTHER

Somebody said that troubles come not in single spies, but in battalions. Looking at all the troubles that have beset the Saints in the six short weeks of this season, there must be something in it.

The early matches saw us with a team that could hardly be recognised as the Saints that overran the League last year. Then we just managed to get right again in time for the titanic struggle with Wigan, and we saw the real Saints once more.

A Wigan that had been carrying all before it was made to look devoid of attacking skill. The methods which they had used to take them to Odsal last year failed this time and the Saints found themselves in the semi-final for the Lancashire Cup.

But instead of finding relief the Saints only seem to get further in the mire. The World Cup, with Murphy, Rhodes and Karalius barred from taking part in any club games for three weeks, have now delayed the Saints in fixing a date for their Cup semi-final with Leigh.

Leigh would not agree to playing during the past week and further complications have arisen through the Saints having been chosen to play a game with the Australians on October 12th, a Wednesday.

By now the Lancashire Committee should have seen the inevitability of allowing a further week for the semi-final and have postponed the final until November 5th.

MID-WEEK GAMES

The Blackpool and Swinton tie has been arranged for October 5th and this allows the Saints and Swinton to play their League match on September 21st — next Wednesday. The Saints are also at home to Halifax during this awkward period. The match takes place a week on Monday, with the kick-off probably at 6 o'clock.

It is unfortunate that we will have to play these two games, minus three of our best players, but we can't have the lucky breaks all the time.

AN IMPROVED SAINTS

Don Vines arrived just at the right time. The games against Hunslet, Widnes and Wakefield were marked by real endeavour, but something was missing. Then against Wigan the team, backs as well as forwards, really got to work. Try as they might Boston, McTigue, Collier and Barton, Wigan's "terrible four", found themselves contained by the

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11 VINES

12 HUDDART

13 KARALIUS

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Oldham

Full Back

1 GANLEY

Threequarters

2 SOUTHWARD

3 DAVIES

4 NOON

5 NESTOR

Half Backs

6 KELLETT

7 HATHERALL

Forwards

8 PAYNE

9 MCINTYRE

10 DUFTY

11 WINSLADE

12 ROBINSON

13 PARKER

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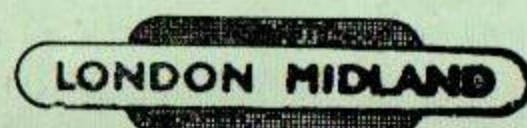
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Saints forwards and the Wigan backs had nothing which could shake their opposite numbers.

On the other hand Karalius, Huddart, Murphy and Rhodes engineered a move which took the ball from under their own posts for Rhodes to canter under the posts at the Eccleston end. Though it was near the end of the game before Rhodes added another goal, Wigan played the second period of the game mainly in their own half.

When they went to Leigh on the Saturday the Saints forwards were hardly able to keep up the tempo of Wednesday's game. It was not surprising. Wigan found it even more difficult and lost on their own ground to Hunslet.

However the Saints played a good game at Leigh and the margin of 28-13 could easily have been doubled. Vint Karalius influenced the run of the play almost every time he joined in. Tom Vollenhoven, who has been our outstanding defensive player from the beginning of the season, had a chance of playing his own role. He narrowly broke the touch-line on three or four occasions, and twice beautifully worked tries were prevented only by the referee's whistle. Austin Rhodes, who is almost a genius at backing up came into two moves just after the interval and walked over for two tries. It is an object lesson to watch him as he moves up when playing full-back.

OUR VISITORS

Like ourselves Oldham did not open the season well, but good players soon find their feet. Alan Davies, Pitchford, Ganley are always thorns in the sides of their opponents and no one can afford to be overconfident when facing them. In their endeavour to bring their pack to their usual high standard, our visitors signed on Payne of Liverpool City and by all accounts he is making progress. The Saints fancied him when he was with the City.

THE "A" TEAM OUT OF THE SHIELD

Widnes got the better of the Saints on Wednesday night. In the first half our boys allowed Widnes to dictate the play and get a lead of 13 points. Then they began to run and tackle much better and scored three tries, but were unable to kick any goals and finished 13-9 down. Still for a younger team the Saints put up a good show.

REMEMBER

There are World Cup Games at Wigan next Saturday and on October 8th.

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