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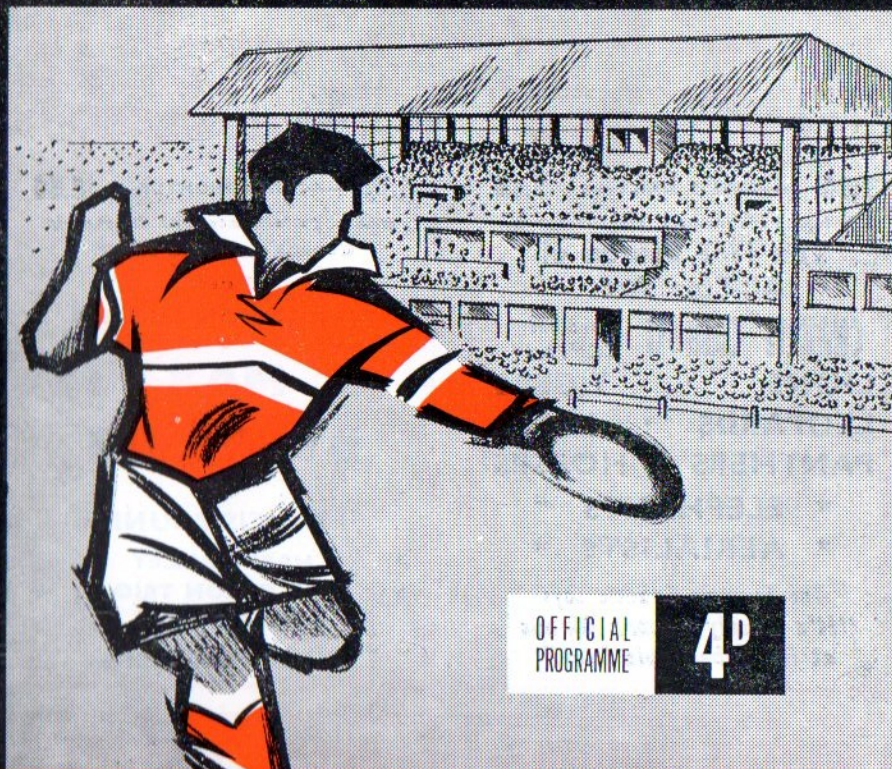
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### OFFICIAL NOTES

These notes are having to be written before the game against Whitehaven. Naturally, I hope the result was in our favour, any other will have been a big disappointment to us, and could seriously affect this afternoon's gate.

The result of the cup game against Workington was disappointing, but it must be remembered that our lads put up a good show against strong first division opposition. I daresay they will probably play much worse, and yet win, against weaker teams. The season is very early yet to make comparisons, but although at the time of writing we have had only two home games, I was tempted to compare them with last year's corresponding matches. I found that by coincidence the same opposition was met before 8th September; Workington on 18th August, and Salford on 8th September. The gates then were, Workington 1,214, receipts £121, and Salford 1,248, receipts £146, the latter being the first round of the Lancashire Cup. This year they were, Salford 6,100, receipts £560, and Workington 2,500, receipts £373 (in bad conditions). The increase in attendance and receipts is therefore very satisfying, but of course we must endeavour to maintain this throughout the season. If the quality of the football displayed by our team in the first two home games is continued, there will be no doubts in our minds.

Once again, as I write these notes, what is news to-day may be stale by Monday, but it seems possible that our winger, Tony Wilkshire, may have moved to a new club, for two Lancashire clubs had opened negotiations. It was most unfortunate that Ged Hall should be suspended for alleged hooking offences so early in the season, for with Eddie Bowden only recently resuming training and not quite match fit, it meant we were in a spot, but we are fortunate in possessing such a versatile player as Billy Knowles to step into the breach, there is no better club man anywhere than Bill, he will play in any position he is called upon to do, first or second team, and without a grumble, younger players please note; and why? Simply because he loves his rugby. With him the game's the thing, and you can be guaranteed a 100 per cent. effort.

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| Date    | Opponents               | Points | Grd F. A. |
|---------|-------------------------|--------|-----------|
| 1963    |                         |        |           |
| Aug. 21 | Wigan (7.0 p.m.)        | H      | P         |
| " 24    | Batley                  | A      | 22 16     |
| " 31    | Salford                 | H      | 36 16     |
| Sept. 4 | Rochdale Hornets        | A      | 7 12      |
| " 7     | Workington (Lancs. Cup) | H      | 8 22      |
| " 14    | Whitehaven              | H      | 20 16     |
| " 16    | Oldham                  | H      |           |
| " 21    | Doncaster               | A      |           |
| " 28    | Oldham                  | H      |           |
| Oct. 12 | York                    | H      |           |
| " 26    | Wigan                   | A      |           |
| Nov. 2  | York                    | A      |           |
| " 9     | Barrow                  | H      |           |
| " 16    | Salford                 | A      |           |
| " 23    | Leigh                   | H      |           |
| " 30    | Workington              | A      |           |
| Dec. 7  | Doncaster               | H      |           |
| " 14    | Dewsbury                | A      |           |
| " 21    | Warrington              | A      |           |
| " 25    | Rochdale Hornets        | H      |           |
| " 26    | Liverpool City          | A      |           |
| " 28    | Bradford N.             | H      |           |
| 1964    |                         |        |           |
| Jan. 4  | Oldham                  | A      |           |
| " 11    | Dewsbury                | H      |           |
| " 18    | Leigh                   | A      |           |
| " 25    | Liverpool City          | H      |           |
| Feb. 1  | Bradford Northern       | A      |           |
| " 8     | 1st Round R.L. Cup      | H      |           |
| " 15    | Warrington              | A      |           |
| " 22    | Oldham                  | A      |           |
| " 22    | 2nd Round R.L. Cup      | A      |           |
| Mar. 7  | Whitehaven              | A      |           |
| " 14    | 3rd Round R.L. Cup      | A      |           |
| " 21    | Bramley                 | H      |           |
| " 27    | Barrow                  | A      |           |
| " 28    | Workington              | H      |           |
| " 30    | Batley                  | H      |           |
| Apr. 25 | Bramley                 | A      |           |

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4. SMETHURST
5. G. SIMS
6. NESTOR
7. PYCROFT
8. BOTT
9. MCINTYRE
10. ROBINSON
11. MAJOR
12. PLATT
13. PARKER

Referee:

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Touch Judges:

Mr. C. A. MOSELEY (Manchester) Red Flag  
Mr. A. SPENCER (Barrow) Tangerine Flag

## "A" TEAM

| 1963                                       | Points |
|--|--------|
| Aug. 24—St. Helens                         | H      |
| " 31—Salford                               | A      |
| Sept. 7—Workington (Lancs. Shield 1st Rd.) | A      |
| " 14—Whitehaven                            | A      |
| " 21—Widnes                                | H      |
| " 28—Oldham                                | A      |
| Oct. 5—Workington                          | H      |
| " 12—Widnes                                | A      |
| " 19—St. Helens                            | H      |
| " 26—Wigan                                 | H      |
| Nov. 2—Rochdale                            | H      |
| " 9—Barrow                                 | A      |
| " 16—Salford                               | H      |
| " 23—Leigh                                 | A      |
| " 30—Barrow                                | H      |
| Dec. 7—St. Helens                          | A      |
| " 14—                                      |        |
| " 21—Warrington                            | H      |
| " 28—                                      |        |
| 1964                                       |        |
| Jan. 4—Oldham                              | H      |
| " 11—Rochdale                              | A      |
| " 18—Leigh                                 | H      |
| " 25—Liverpool                             | A      |
| Feb. 1—Swinton                             | H      |
| " 8—                                       |        |
| " 15—Warrington                            | A      |
| " 22—                                      |        |
| " 29—Liverpool                             | H      |
| Mar. 7—Whitehaven                          | H      |
| " 14—                                      |        |
| " 21—Wigan                                 | A      |
| " 28—Workington                            | A      |
| April 4—                                   |        |
| " 11—Swinton                               | A      |

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comments by Alan Tweedie in the *Daily Mail*, and Harold Mather in the *Manchester Guardian*. This kind of publicity is not only good for our club, but is also good for the game. The Rugby League Secretary, Mr. W. Fallowfield, has also informed us of the extremely favourable reports which were received by the members of the Rugby League Council, and the Rugby League Management Committee at their recent meeting, from their representatives who attended our opening game. This is very encouraging to us, and I am sure it will be to you, our supporters.

G.C.L.

**TO-DAY'S VISITORS**

Last season we did not have the pleasure of meeting Oldham, as they were in the first division, and it was something of a shock to find a club of this standing relegated to the second division at the end of the season. Despite liberal spending nothing went right for them, star players suffered serious injuries, and replacements take time to settle down. However, they make no bones about it this time, they have declared that they mean to get back into the upper set at the first attempt, and they have got off to a grand start; up to press they have not lost a game. Their Lancashire Cup victory over such doughty opponents as Widnes has once again roused enthusiasm at Watersheddings. We shall try all out to lower their colours to-day. During the close season they sprang a surprise when they signed Frank Dyson, Huddersfield's long-serving international full-back, as player-coach. I have known "Spanky" Dyson since he was a small slip of a lad, playing in "Under 16" football in the Huddersfield League, and Oldham could not have selected a more conscientious and enthusiastic Rugby League man for the job. I hope he and Oldham have a successful season. Apart from Dyson, in the side to-day will be players who have cost Oldham a considerable amount of money, such as Peter Smethurst, a strong running centre, who is equally at home in the second row. He came from Swinton. Lancs. County winger, Trevor Simms, signed from Rochdale, scrum-half "Ginger" Pyecroft, from Leeds, Hooker McIntyre came from Barrow, and he holds a record of being a hooker with most tries to his credit in a season. Three more expensive signings in the forwards were, Robinson from Whitehaven, Major, from Warrington, and Don Platt, from Leigh. The pack is completed by R.U. converts, Bott and Parker.

Don't forget, next week will be the "A" team's first game on the new ground. Come along and support them, their opponents will be Widnes, they always give us a good game.

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