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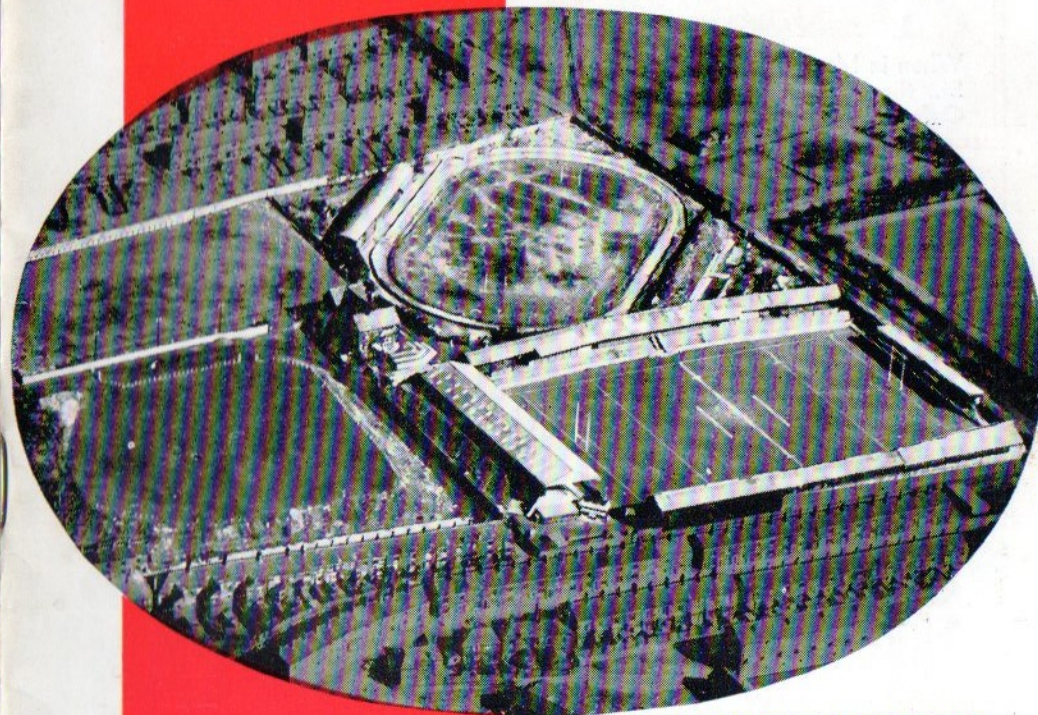
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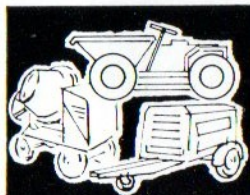
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Today the curtain goes up for season 1965-66 and by way of a curtain raiser it is the annual charity match with Rochdale Hornets.

This is the 67th year of our team playing at Watersheddings, the ground having been opened September 28th 1889 when Swinton were the visitors. Many are the battles that have been fought on this ground and some of the greatest players in the Rugby Union and Rugby League have been seen in action, but that is the glorious past, what of the future? Our team has undergone no great changes from last season but our latest signing May 16th last is Tom Canning from whom great things are expected. The close season has been one of comparative quietness and no major signings have been made or transfers with the exception of possibly St. Helens, who appear to have plenty of spare cash to invest in players. The financial position at Watersheddings is not bad in comparison with some clubs but is not that sound to spend money on today's stars. It is obvious that we shall have to depend on the young members of our team coming into the limelight, i.e., Canning, Warburton, Broomhead and all have the potentiality of making the grade in Rugby League. The opportunity is there for them and so it must depend on them to a great extent. Last season this team of ours started off in first class style but unfortunately

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for some reason fell off and we were treated to some indifferent displays, this must be avoided this season and every man must be on his toes to give of his best. It is only by playing the game of Rugby League as it should be played that we can encourage the crowd back again to Watersheddings. The crowd will surely return if the show is for their liking. To add a little spice to the forthcoming season we are having floodlights installed which we hope will encourage people to come along to watch the teams under floodlight conditions. It is rather an expensive job, but one has to keep up with the times. The cost of the lighting is approximately £9,000 and a loan will be received from the Rugby League for the initial payment and repaying the loan is spread over a period, but these payments must be honoured and we commence on Saturday next with a floodlight collection in the match against Warrington when we hope our members and patrons will contribute liberally. The sooner we get the amount of loan paid off the more money we shall have for the strengthening of our team.

OUR VISITORS

It is always a pleasure to entertain our near neighbours from Rochdale. The Hornets like ourselves are optimistic for the coming season, and today we can expect all players giving their best to secure first team places in the strenuous season that lies ahead.

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A newcomer to the Hornets first team is the full back J. Chamberlain, he toured France with the Hornets and was a success. Pratt, the winger is a Powderhall Sprinter. Other players are well known to Rugby League public and require no introduction.

VISIT OF THE NEW ZEALAND TEAM

The New Zealand team visit us on Tuesday, 31st August, 1965, and the kick-off is 7 p.m. Reserved seat tickets are now on sale at 6/6 each for both Enclosure seats and "E" Stand and can be secured from the Secretary, Pavilion, Watersheddings, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope if application is made by post and remittance.

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It is finished. As late Secretary of the Club the curtain has been rung down. Never again shall I take my place in the executive arena and join in the battle of professional football. I have fought my last fight. All that remains is the inevitable query, has it all been worthwhile? Is the secretaryship of a professional club merely a glorious way of earning a living, or does it serve some useful purpose? Is a secretary himself of any real value to anyone except himself. For 25 years I have had a glorious innings, some may say good, bad and indifferent, but in the long run it has been well worth it. I have met some glorious people and also the other sort but the good outweigh the bad. I have worked long hours but it has produced some great results and I have fought some bitter fights with gallant and generous opponents, all of whom remain my friends. I have received sympathy in the team's disasters and generosity in the team's success. My work has never palled, and at the end I know beyond all possibility of doubt that my work has been well worth while. To the new Secretary of the Club, Mr. John Stringer, who comes with Rugby League experience from the Leigh Club I wish every success and hope that his secretaryship with the club will be as enjoyable as it has been with me.

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Bott, C. H.	May 2nd, 1962	McCormack, J. ...	August 11th, 1964
Broomhead, W.	August 8th, 1964	McLeod, S.	November 12th, 1964
Brelsford, N.	February 4th, 1965	Nestor, V.	February 21st, 1955
Crowther, G. ...	February 28th, 1962	Parker, D.	August 8th, 1960
Collins, J.	July 14th, 1964	Price, M.	January 23rd, 1962
Canning, T.	May 6th, 1965	Pycroft, J.	January 25th, 1961
Davies, E.	August 10th, 1963	Simms, T.	June 4th, 1962
Donovan, J.	January 26th, 1963	Sims, G.	August 29th, 1958
Dyson, F.	July 13th, 1963	Smethurst, P. ...	September 27th, 1961
Delooze, W. E. ...	October 27th, 1964	Taylor, K.	October 11th, 1962
Elliott	August 25th, 1962	Tomlinson, T. ...	September 10th, 1964
Flanagan, K.	May 29th, 1964	Whitehead, S. ...	November 18th, 1961
Forsyth, C.	November 14th, 1964	Wilson, K. J.	June 21st, 1963
Gaskell, J.	October 19th, 1962	Wilkinson, W.	August 1st, 1964
Hill, J.	December 5th, 1962	Warburton, T. ...	November 12th, 1964
Howard, G.	March 1st, 1962	Winton, J.	March 10th, 1965
Howarth, I.	August 27th, 1963	Wood, G.	October 19th, 1961
Irving, R. A.	January 5th, 1965	Dransfield, D. ...	November 19th, 1962
Kenny, V.	August 12th, 1961	Johnson, K.	August 1st, 1961
Major, H.	January 24th, 1963	Rowe, A.	July 25th, 1962
McIntyre, L.	March 2nd, 1959	Johns, J. B.	August 5th, 1961
Mills, P.	March 7th, 1961	Lloyd, K.	August 4th, 1956
Mumberson, A.	May 5th, 1959	Morgan, L.	August 12th, 1961
Maders, D.	August 8th, 1964	Patterson, W. ...	November 27th, 1959

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First Team

Date 1965	Opponents	Venue	Result	Date 1966	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 21	(S) Warrington	Home		Jan. 1	(S) Hunslet	Away	
" 25	(W) Whitehaven	Away		" 8	(S) St. Helens	Home	
" 28	(S) Wigan	Away		" 15	(S) Barrow	Away	
" 31	(Tu) New Zealand	Home		" 22	(S) Leigh	Home	
Sept. 4	(S) Blackpool Borough	Home		" 29	(S) Widnes	Away	
" 6	(M) Rochdale Hornets	Home		Feb. 5	(S) Halifax	Home	
" 11	(S) Barrow (L.C. 1st Rd.)	Home		" 12	(S) Workington Town	Away	
" 13	(M) Blackpool Borough	Away		" 19	(S) Halifax	Home	
" 18	(S) Workington Town	Away		" 26	(S) 1st Round R.L. Cup		
" 25	(S) Salford	Home		Mar. 5	(S) Liverpool City	Away	
Oct. 1	(F) St. Helens	Away		" 12	(S) 2nd Round R.L. Cup		
" 9	(S) Huddersfield	Home		" 19	(S) Whitehaven	Home	
" 16	(S) Hunslet	Home		" 26	(S) Swinton	Away	
" 23	(S) Warrington	Away		" 9	(S) Barrow	Home	
" 30	(S) Liverpool City	Home		" 11	(M) Rochdale Hornets	Away	
Nov. 6	(S) Salford	Away					
" 13	(S) Leeds	Home					
" 20	(S) Huddersfield	Away					
" 27	(S) Wigan	Home					
Dec. 4	(S) Leeds	Away					
" 11	(S) Widnes	Home					
" 18	(S) Swinton	Home					
" 27	(M) Leigh	Away					

Second Team

LANCS. COUNTY COMBINATION LEAGUE

Date 1965	Opponents	Venue	Result	Date 1966	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 21	(S) Rochdale Hornets	Away		Jan. 1	(S) Rochdale Hornets	Home	
" 28	(S) Blackpool Borough	Home		" 8	(S) St. Helens	Away	
Sept. 4	(S) Blackpool Borough	Away		" 15	(S) Whitehaven	Home	
" 11	(S) Barrow	Away		" 22	(S) Leigh	Away	
" 18	(S) (1st Round L.C.C.S.)			" 29	(S) Widnes	Home	
" 25	(S) Workington Town	Home		Feb. 12	(S) Workington Town	Away	
" 30	(S) Salford	Away		" 19	(S) Barrow	Home	
Oct. 2	(S) St. Helens	Home		Mar. 12	(S) Liverpool City	Home	
" 9	(S) Warrington	Away		" 19	(S) Wigan	Home	
" 16	(S) Swinton	Away		" 26	(S) Whitehaven	Away	
" 30	(S) Warrington	Home		Apl. 2	(S) Leigh	Home	
Nov. 6	(S) Liverpool City	Away		" 9	(S) Barrow	Away	
" 13	(S) Salford	Home					
Dec. 4	(S) Wigan	Away					
" 18	(S) Widnes	Away					
" 25	(S) Swinton	Home					

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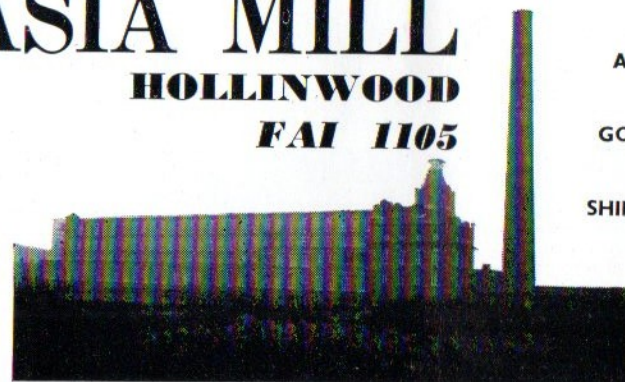
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