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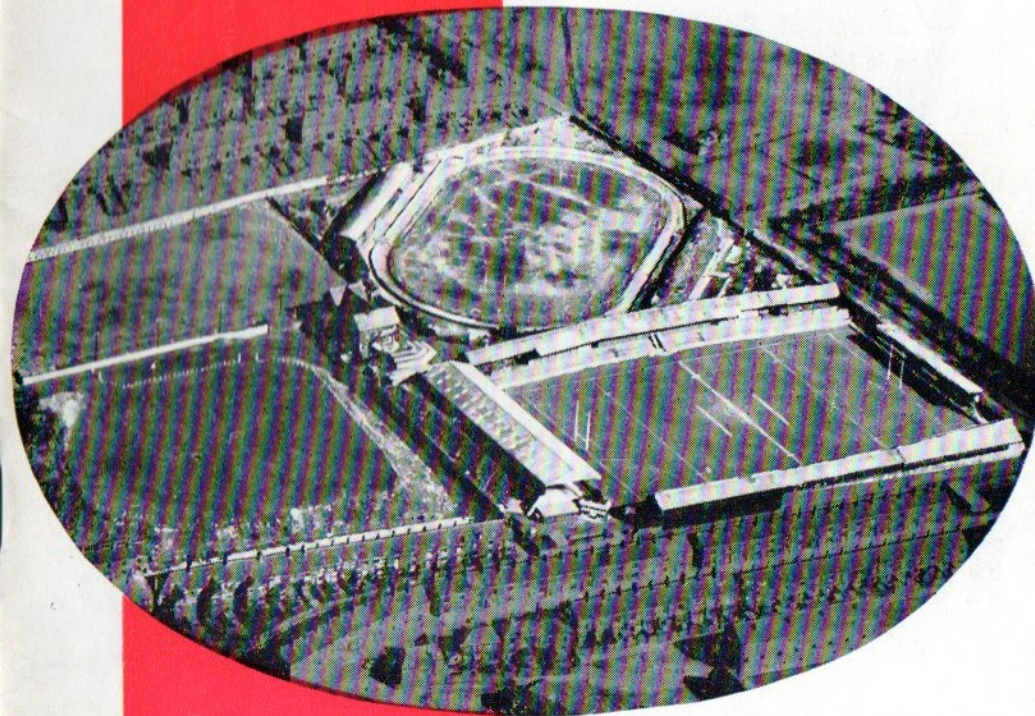
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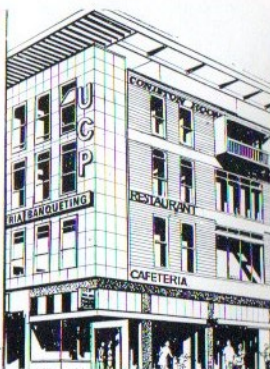
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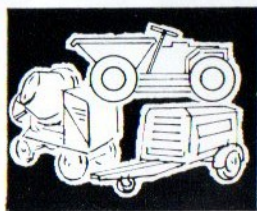
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Oldham and Rochdale Hornets have been meeting regularly since 1882-3 although the first game between the two was in 1876-7 when Oldham in its first season played Hornets second team. The first match was a draw, each side scoring two touch downs, which meant that the defenders had touched down to make the ball dead. The second match resulted in a win for Oldham who scored two goals and several minor points to one touch down gained by Hornets second fifteen.

The following year the two old rivals met as equals, Hornets winning in Rochdale and Oldham winning at Clarksfield. For four years the clubs did not meet, and then recommenced fixtures which have only been missed during war years.

Of the two hundred and seventeen games played between the two, Oldham have won one hundred and fifty one, lost fifty-four and drawn twelve. The last meeting, in the Law Cup in the pre-season charity game, Hornets won by 19pts. to 14pts., and this evening we hope to square accounts by a good win in the League match which is much more important to us than was the last game.

Hornets were one of the first half dozen clubs in the North to join the Rugby Union, sharing the honour with such clubs as Manchester, Liverpool and Hull. An amalgamation of three clubs, Hornets became one of the leading clubs in the North five years before the Oldham club was formed. There were many suggestions for the title, and Wasps, Grasshoppers and other suggestions were passed over in favour of the name "Hornets".

Missing from the Rochdale team tonight is veteran prop forward Stan Owen, who has been a great personality in our game for a good number of years. He will certainly be missed. Their hooker is former Dewsbury player, Kevin Ashcroft. Kevin, who hails from the Leigh area, has proved a great asset to the 'Hornets'. He was recently honoured, when selected to play for the England Under-23 team against France. Chamberlain at full-back has been playing some good football recently. This will be only his third or fourth outing with the senior team. Taking it all round, the Rochdale team has a strong look about it and we will have to be on our toes if we are to record another League win this evening.

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NEW RUGBY LEAGUE ASSOCIATIONS

Recently the formation of the Rugby League Association (London) gave Rugby League another foothold in the Metropolis. Plans for visiting the second Test at Odsal have been made and an effort to start amateur clubs is on the agenda for the next meeting on September 6th at the Hoop and Grapes, Farringdon Street, London E.C.4. The first training session will be on September 19th at the Crystal Palace when Emlyn Jenkins, former international and a Grade One coach, will be in charge.

Hot upon this news is the announcement that a Cheshire Rugby League Society is being formed with similar aims. Three of the committee are Peter Jamieson, of 55 Moss Lane, Sale, Cheshire, Lionel Cranfield, the former Gloucestershire and Middleton cricketer, and Tom Webb, columnist of the "Rugby Leaguer". Any Cheshire Rugby League enthusiast is invited to join the new association.

OLDHAM CONTINUATION RUGBY LEAGUE

New players and new teams are urgently required for the above League. Players must be under seventeen years of age on September 1st. New teams are provided with jerseys from the Rugby League and pay a £1 entrance fee. There is a small insurance scheme in operation in the League, through which players losing

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work through injury receive £1 per week. There is no charge for this insurance.

Any adults will be welcomed by the League, who are willing to supervise a new team or to assist in other ways.

The Higginshaw and Werneth Clubs are particularly in need of players. If players are not available these Clubs will have no alternative but to withdraw from the League and we don't want this to happen if we can help it.

If you are interested in playing or helping the League, please contact the Secretary, Mr. J. S. Mitchell, 7 Hillside Avenue, Clarksfield, Oldham.

CUP FINAL TICKETS

The splendid exhibition of Rugby League football which was enjoyed at Wembley last May has, as anticipated, had its affect on ticket sales. The Restaurant tickets at £3, and Best Stand tickets at 30/-, have been sold out. Only a very small number of £1 tickets remain for sale and there is a steady drain on the 15/- and 10/- tickets, which rather indicates that the "all sold" notice will be put up in a few weeks' time. Standing Enclosure tickets at 5/- (under cover) can be obtained in advance from our Rugby League Offices, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7. Applications should contain a stamped and addressed envelope.

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In the few games which have already been played this Season, it has become increasingly obvious that Referees need to be reminded of the official rulings regarding obstruction in tactical moves.

Glaring examples have occurred where players, in attempting an ordinary scissors movement, have been penalised simply because they "sold the dummy". The man with the ball can obviously not obstruct, and the man who thinks he is going to receive the ball is, at the most, guilty of only accidental obstruction. More often than not he does not obstruct at all, and yet invariably the whistle goes because this player, coming up on the burst in anticipation of receiving the ball, cannot come to a sudden stop or, alternatively, disappear into thin air. Referees are instructed to read Section 14 of the Manual of Rugby League Football, with particular reference to the diagram at the end of the Section.

If every "dummy" is going to be penalised then players will be reluctant to indulge in tactical moves, and play would tend to become more orthodox and, incidentally, more uninteresting.

All concerned should be doing their best to encourage tactical play in order to make the game more attractive to spectators and, of course, to players.

Whatever happens on the field, there will always be a small nucleus of fans who yell that the game should be stopped for some reason or other, especially when the "other side" have the ball. It is possibly because of a sub-conscious desire to anticipate the reactions of these fans that there is a tendency among Referees to blow their whistles before the shouts commence. This causes unnecessary stoppages and, at times, unfair penalties. If a Referee is to err at all, then it would be far preferable, for the game's sake, to err on the side of continuity of play by keeping the game going as much as is reasonably possible; it becomes a more interesting spectacle and is also more enjoyable to play.

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FIXTURES FOR 1965-66

First Team

Date 1965		Opponents	Venue	Result	Date 1966		Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 21	(S)	Warrington	Home	W 26-14	Jan. 1	(S)	Hunslet	Away	
" 25	(W)	Whitehaven	Away	W 12-0	" 8	(S)	St. Helens	Home	
" 28	(S)	Wigan	Away	W 23-8	" 15	(S)	Barrow	Away	
" 31	(Tu)	New Zealand	Home	L 2-5	" 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	Home	
" 13	(M)	Blackpool Borough	Away		" 19	(S)	Halifax	Away	
" 18	(S)	Workington Town	Away		" 26	(S)	1st Round R.L. Cup		
" 25	(S)	Salford	Home		Mar. 5	(S)			
Oct. 1	(F)	St. Helens	Away		" 12	(S)	Liverpool City	Away	
" 9	(S)	Huddersfield	Home		" 19	(S)	2nd Round R.L. Cup		
" 16	(S)				" 26	(S)	Whitehaven	Home	
" 23	(S)	Hunslet	Home		Apl. 8	(F)	Swinton	Away	
" 30	(S)	Warrington	Away		" 9	(S)	Barrow	Home	
Nov. 6	(S)	Liverpool City	Home		" 11	(M)	Rochdale Hornets	Away	
" 13	(S)	Salford	Away						
" 20	(S)	Leeds	Home						
" 27	(S)	Huddersfield	Away						
Dec. 4	(S)	Wigan	Home						
" 11	(S)	Leeds	Away						
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Second Team

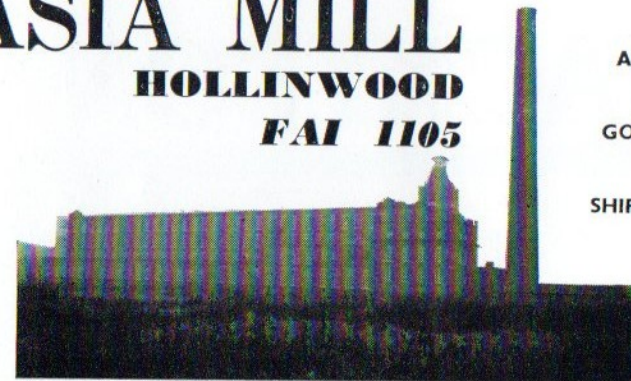
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Date 1965		Opponents	Venue	Result	Date 1966		Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 21	(S)	Rochdale Hornets	Away	W 26-7	Jan. 1	(S)	Rochdale Hornets	Home	
" 28	(S)	Blackpool Borough	Home	W 38-11	" 8	(S)	St. Helens	Away	
Sept. 4	(S)	Blackpool Borough	Away		" 15	(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	
" 2	(S)	Salford	Away		" 19	(S)	Barrow	Home	
Oct. 9	(S)	St. Helens	Home		Mar. 12	(S)	Liverpool City	Home	
" 16	(S)	Warrington	Away		" 19	(S)	Wigan	Home	
" 30	(S)	Swinton	Away		" 26	(S)	Whitehaven	Away	
Nov. 6	(S)	Warrington	Home		Apl. 2	(S)	Leigh	Home	
" 13	(S)	Liverpool City	Away		" 9	(S)	Barrow	Away	
" 20	(S)	Salford	Home						
Dec. 4	(S)	Wigan	Away						
" 18	(S)	Widnes	Away						
" 25	(S)	Swinton	Home						

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