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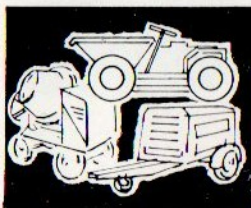
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Tonight's match sees the final game in the qualifying rounds of this competition. We have still an outside chance of gaining a place in the semi-final play-off. St. Helens, Swinton and Widnes are three of the four clubs, and tonight's game will decide the final place.

Widnes and St. Helens will have home advantage in any case. The semi-finals will be played on successive Tuesday evenings starting next Tuesday, November 30th. It has yet to be decided which match will be played first—at St. Helens or at Widnes.

The other team battling for the fourth place in the semi-finals is Leigh, who have completed their two matches, winning one of them but losing their game at St. Helens.

To put it in a nut shell this is what it amounts to. Castleford, Leigh and ourselves are challenging for this final place. If we are to get it we have to win tonight by at least fifteen points. Castleford either have to draw or win and if Leigh are to be the lucky club we have to beat Castleford by the narrowest of margins.

The final of this competition will be staged on the ground of the team who has the better points average taken over all the competition.

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

It is again my misfortune to compile notes for the programme and refer to yet another very disappointing defeat, this time at the hands of Leeds. The Yorkshire side were far from brilliant but they were too strong for us. We had no answer to the speed of right wingman Cowan and the fine ball distribution of new signing Harry Poole at loose forward.

If we are to get back into our old form before Christmas we must play with more steadiness. Our inability to hold the ball for any length of time was obvious against Leeds and this also must be tightened up.

Perhaps the biggest disappointing thing about the day was the very poor attendance. A few years ago an Oldham v. Leeds match would have brought 12,000 without any trouble but on Saturday only 3,726 people watched the game. It was a bad day and these very poor attendances were witnessed throughout the Rugby League. As a matter of fact only 39,095 watched 14 games on Saturday, which must be very near an all-time low. From those 14 matches 5 of them were played in front of less than 1,000 spectators.

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Only 3,100 watched tonight's opponents, Castleford, playing at Hunslet and on paper this looked a very interesting encounter.

Let us hope the gate for tonight's game is considerably better than those of last Saturday.

WELCOME TO CASTLEFORD

Tonight we welcome to Watersheddings Officials, Players and Supporters of the Castleford Club.

Castleford are having a very good season and to date they have only lost three games out of fourteen played with one being drawn, which was last Saturday at Parkside.

They have had outstanding victories against Wigan at Central Park, an easy victory away against York, equally easy victories at Batley and Wakefield and also at Warrington. One of their players, as young as he is, has already gained a reputation in our game and there are no prizes for guessing who I am referring to. He comes to Watersheddings for the second time this season but on his last visit here he was helping the Great Britain Under-24's team to a victory against France. In this game he scored a fine try following a quickly taken penalty.

Roger Millward certainly isn't the only star in the Castleford line up, in fact they have a fine all-round team which I am certain is going to take some 'shifting' when the Challenge Cup comes around.

If tonight's game goes according to form, we should see Castleford recording another win to their already formidable list. However, I for one will be hoping that our return to the form which we produced in the early part of the season will return tonight.

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Mr. Flatow, the consultant at Manchester Memorial Jewish Hospital in Elizabeth Street, Manchester, has retired from his practice.

In the Committee Room after the match last Saturday the Oldham Football Club showed its appreciation to a man who has always given our players expert, first-class treatment when they have visited the hospital following injuries.

The President of the Club, Mr. Stanley Stretch, presented Mr. Flatow with a pair of inscribed cuff links from the Club and a miniature rugby ball autographed by the Oldham players.

We wish Mr. Flatow a long and very happy retirement.

CHRISTMAS DRAW, 1965

The Club have again decided to have a Christmas Draw, proceeds of which will go towards the cost of our floodlights.

The Draw, which is registered under the Small Lotteries Act of 1956, will be made on Monday, December 13th, 1965, at 8 p.m.

There are 50 prizes to be won, all of which would come in handy for Christmas, e.g. Whisky, Sherry, Cigarettes, Chickens, Turkeys, Chocolates, etc. £100 in cash prizes also to be won.

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Agents are also required for our own Daily Draw—details can be obtained from our Promoter, Mr. F. W. Ashworth, c/o O.F.C., Watersheddings, Oldham.

Our return match at Leeds, at Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, December 11th, will be televised on A.B.C. television during their 'World of Sports' programme.

Len McIntyre, who has been an Oldham player for eight seasons, has been placed on transfer at £1,000.

Jim Gaskell has signed for the Rochdale Club on a month's trial. Unfortunately Jim was injured in his last game for Oldham and his debut for the 'Hornets' has been deferred.

Arthur Rowe, who is reported to have stated he wants another chance at Rugby League, has been struck off the Oldham Register.

Geoff. Sims, who has been out of action since the Warrington Cup-tie, returns to senior football tonight following his 'lost voice'.

Belated congratulations to Kevin Taylor on his selection for the Under-24 International Team against France; to Bob Irving for his selection as substitute for this game; to Geoff. Sims and Alf Mumberson, who have just had additions to their families.

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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	D 4-4	" 29 (S)	Widnes	Away	
" 6 (M)	Rochdale Hornets	Home	W 12-5	Feb. 5 (S)	Halifax	Home	
" 11 (S)	Barrow (L.C. 1st Rd.)	Home	W 21-14	" 12 (S)	Workington Town	Home	
" 13 (M)	Blackpool Borough	Away	W 13-2	" 19 (S)	Halifax	Away	
" 16 (Th)	Wigan (L.C. 2nd Rd.)	Home	W 28-13	" 26 (S)	1st Round R.L. Cup		
" 18 (S)	Workington Town	Away	L 7-28	Mar. 5 (S)			
" 25 (S)	Salford	Home	W 12-8	" 12 (S)	Liverpool City	Away	
Oct. 1 (F)	St. Helens	Away	L 17-23	" 19 (S)	2nd Round R.L. Cup		
" 6 (W)	Warrington (L.C. Semi-final)	Away	L 10-21	" 26 (S)	Whitehaven	Home	
" 9 (S)	Huddersfield	Home	W 11-4	Apl. 8 (F)	Swinton	Away	
" 16 (S)				" 9 (S)	Barrow	Home	
" 19 (Tu)	Swinton (Floodlit C.)	Away	L 5-21	" 11 (M)	Rochdale Hornets	Away	
" 22 (F)	Wigan	Home	L 6-16				
" 28 (Th)	Widnes	Away	L 5-49				
" 30 (S)							
Nov. 6 (S)	Liverpool City	Home	D 7-7				
" 13 (S)	Salford	Away	L 11-12				
" 20 (S)	Leeds	Home					
" 23 (Tu)	Castleford (Floodlit C.)	Home					
" 27 (S)	Huddersfield	Away					
Dec. 4 (S)							
" 11 (S)	Leeds	Away					
" 18 (S)	Widnes	Home					
" 27 (M)	Swinton	Home					
" 28 (Tu)	Leigh	Away					

Second Team

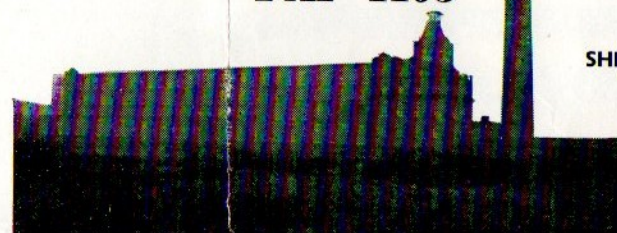
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Date 1965	Opponents	Venue	Result	Date 1966	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 21 (S)	Rochdale Hornets	Away	W 26-7	Jan. 1 (S)	Rochdale Hornets	Home	
" 28 (S)	Blackpool Borough	Home	W 38-11	" 8 (S)	St. Helens	Away	
Sept. 4 (S)	Blackpool Borough	Away	W 51-13	" 15 (S)	Whitehaven	Home	
" 11 (S)	Barrow (1st Round L.C.C.S.)	Away	L 8-24	" 22 (S)	Leigh	Away	
" 18 (S)	Workington Town	Home	L 5-14	" 29 (S)	Widnes	Home	
" 25 (S)	Salford	Away	W 12-6	Feb. 12 (S)	Workington Town	Away	
Oct. 2 (S)	St. Helens	Home	L 10-13	" 19 (S)	Barrow	Home	
" 9 (S)	Warrington	Away	L 2-35	Mar. 12 (S)	Liverpool City	Home	
" 16 (S)	Swinton	Away		" 19 (S)	Wigan	Home	
" 28 (Th)	Warrington	Home	L 9-10	" 26 (S)	Whitehaven	Away	
Nov. 6 (S)				Apl. 2 (S)	Leigh	Home	
" 13 (S)	Salford	Home	W 17-7	" 9 (S)	Barrow	Away	
Dec. 4 (S)	Wigan	Away					
" 18 (S)	Widnes	Away					
" 25 (S)	Swinton	Home					

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