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Message from the President of the Supporters' Club

Mr. A. PARKER

To All Supporters,

Welcome to Watersheddings for the new season. It is anyone's guess what is in store for us all from a playing point of view!

If last season's start can be repeated, then it could be a successful one for O.F.C., and bring honours that accompany success. But a good start isn't sufficient, it must be maintained all the season. So the question is: Is our playing strength good enough? Can our Coach, F. Dyson, mould a successful team together from the experienced players and the up and coming new boys? Well, whenever the new boys played in the first team last season they showed great potential, so let's hope he builds a successful team backed up by the Club Committee to strengthen any weaknesses. Good luck to Frank and the players.

The Supporters' Club Committee and Canteen Staff are ready to provide the facilities for your comfort, etc., and look forward to your support again,

If you are not members of the Supporters' Club, then why not join? It is only one shilling per season and registration forms can be obtained from any Committee-man or at the Canteens and Pavilion; also get a lapel badge, blazer badge, club tie and our 1965/66 Year Book.

Please give us and the O.F.C. your loyal support regularly and bring a friend along too — and success all round will be assured.

May I extend the best wishes of myself and the S.C. Committee to Mr. H. Summerscales on his retirement and thank him sincerely for his co-operation with the S.C. Good Luck and Good Health "Bert."

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Secretary's Message

Mr. A. CRAIG

Dear Members,

Once again we have started a new season.

One thing which I could not say this time last year was how much pleasure I had been given in receiving letters from people in many parts of Yorkshire and Lancashire, to these people I say once again "thank you."

The past year has been a good one for the Supporters' Club in many ways.

We have had a happy association with our friends at Oldham Athletic Supporters' Club.

In March we held the first joint Queens Dance, the first of its kind I should think to be held. Our Queen this year is Miss Susan Vickerstaff.

Once again we will be helping Oldham Football Club in many ways during the season, and we wish the new President, Mr. Stretch, a happy year of office.

I also feel the wind of change at Watersheddings with steps forward to make our Club great once again. A start in the right direction will be the new floodlighting.

In closing I should like to thank my Committee for making my first year as Secretary a happy one. To the many friends who buy this year book thank you, and if you feel you would like to help in the Supporters' Club please write or call at the Pavilion side canteen on match days. If you are from out of Oldham please call in the canteen to say hello.

A. CRAIG, Secretary

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Message from the President of the Club Mr. STANLEY STRETCH

Dear Fellow Members.

This season marks a new era in the Watersheddings' administration. For very many years the name of Herbert Summerscales has been synonymous with that of Oldham Football Club. Now he has retired and is to leave the streets of our industrial town for the breezy seaside. We thank him for all he has done, and express the hope that both he and Mrs. Summerscales will have a long and happy retirement.

We hope that our new Secretary, John Stringer, will find satisfaction in his work at Watersheddings, and that he will be an efficient and successful administrator. He is assured of a warm

welcome.

The primary aim of your Committee is to have a successful team on the playing field. That must come before everything, and we are determined that this will remain so. We are going ahead too with a number of improvements. The road adjoining the Watersheddings side of the ground is to be re-surfaced, the lamp standard at the entrance to the Car Park is to be removed so that the movement of cars in and out will be speeded up, floodlights are being installed on the ground, and we are considering the erection of a new Club on the Car Park site.

For all these many projects and for the signing of new players, money is required in large quantities. Accordingly a Floodlight Fund has been opened and all donations, however large or small, will be gratefully accepted and used with the utmost care. Three officers of the Supporters' Club are members of the Efforts Committee at Watersheddings, a Committee which will no doubt consider ways and means of raising monies. If anyone has any brainwaves or bright ideas in this connection, the possibilities of using them will be fully explored.

I hope that all goes well and that we shall have a good season. We all have Wembley hopes - may they materialise this year! The fixture list is the most attractive I have seen for many a year, and we had a visit at the end of August from the New Zealanders. The players are raring to go and the playing pitch, a credit to the groundsman, is in good condition.

Members' cards at the time of writing are going reasonably well.

We need support, we need spectators. How can you help?

Our success as a team will only be as great as our combined efforts make it - players, supporters, administrative staff and committee. Wanting success and just wanting a good team are not enough. You can't leave it to luck. You need some luck, but you must work hard for success.

I hope we achieve it and deserve it.

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Looking Ahead

by ROGER HALSTEAD of the "Oldham Chronicle"

Oldham Football Club, once the proud owner of the finest club side in the world, is heading back towards the top. The transitional period after the demiss of the great side of the '50's is beginning to give way to a far brighter future.

Having set off to an impressive start to the present season with wins against Warrington, Whitehaven, and Wigan at Central Park, the Club's more optimistic officials might feel the time has arrived for Oldham to pick up where it left off five or six years ago.

I would hesitate to go so far. For one thing, the type of play with which Oldham has achieved its early-season success is not as attractive as that of the great side but, more to the point, the youth policy embarked upon last season is only just beginning to blossom effectively.

Nevertheless, Oldham now have more potential and more promise than they have had for years — a direct result of the policy to snap up promising youngsters and blend them gradually into a matchwinning combination.

The future is rosy when considering that players like Bob Irving, Tom Warburton, Bill Broomhead, Joe Collins and Kevin Taylor, five youngsters seen regularly in the senior side, are only just out of their 'teens . . . or still in them!

Irving, in fact, is only 17 and it must be stressed that these players, all with plenty of first-team experience behind them, form only the nucleus of the youngsters on the books at Watersheddings.

There are countless more, playing regularly in the "A" team and waiting patiently for their big chance.

Not all of them will make the grade. That would be expecting too much. But the fact remains that Oldham now has more young talent on its books than it has had for years.

For several seasons, after the break-up of the great side, players came and went. Some were signed as stop-gaps in an emergency; others left after a short stay in which the Club did little, apart from carry off the Second Division Championship and reach the Challenge Cup Semi-final a couple of years ago.

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Keith Holden, Ray Fisher, Bill Payne, Brian Fallon, among many others, have been and gone as Oldham have struggled to get back to the top with the aid of the cheque book.

One of the most expensive captures during this period was Welsh centre Malcolm Price, but injury dogged him so much that he announced his retirement from the game midway through last season.

Now, times have changed, and although players like Stan McLeod, Jim McCormack and John Winton were signed to step straight into the senior side, there is no doubting that the policy of blooding home-produced players is paying dividends.

Oldham are on their way back. There is still plenty of room for improvement. No one will doubt that. But already this term the signs are there that the Club has turned the corner not only in playing performances but in the work of the Committee, too.

Floodlights are in process of being installed at Watersheddings; there is talk of a £30,000 social club to be erected on the main car park; the Club has joined a second pools scheme, run on national lines, to boost revenue.

The big danger in undertaking such an amount of planning and work off the field is that playing performances could be forgotten.

But providing the Committee never forget that the public want an attractive and successful team more than anything else, their work in other directions can do nothing but good.

The Committee have shown during the close season that they are prepared to roll up their sleeves and WORK. For their efforts they deserve success not only behind the scenes but on the field as well . . . and, with it, the unparalleled support not only of members but of the general public of Oldham.

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A few years ago the Oldham Supporters' Club had a number of branches functioning in various parts of the district but not many are left at the present time. We could do with reviving these branches and opening others because the future of the Oldham Football Club depends upon the support it gets at matches and through the pools. Each branch could be the spearhead of the move to extend the pools and thus help to bring prosperity to our grand old club once again.

The branches at Clarksfield, Royal Oak, Railway Hotel (Hollinwood), High Crompton, Ashton-under-Lyne and elsewhere did great work in popularising the Club and in giving it vocal support at the matches and financial support through the turnstiles and in the weekly lottery.

Can we have more branches functioning in the town and outdistrict? Your help would be invaluable in forming a new branch. Each new branch would mean bigger attendances and better finances for the O.F.C.

If you and your friends are interested in opening a new branch, then why not call at the Supporters' Hut and have a chat with the officials. They will be delighted to meet you and will welcome you with warmth.

Rugby and Soccer Joint Activities

The Supporters' Club of both Oldham Athletic and Oldham Football Club have joined hands in social activities for the past two seasons and the peak was reached last year when the two Clubs elected their respective Queens at the same function.

This is an event never heard of in the annals of sport before, and it is a credit to Oldham sportsmen — and sportswomen of course — that such amicable relations and such good co-operation exist in the town.

There is room in the town for both Clubs and we look forward to their prosperity in the season ahead. Promotion for the "Laties" and a Wembley appearance and the Challenge Cup for the "Rugby."

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by TOM WEBB

Eighty-five years ago the Oldham Football Club was a thriving infant, having been formed only some four years earlier. The President was Mr. R. Stott and the new Secretary was G. H. Wild of the Soho Meter Works, Oldham. Mr. Wild had taken over the Secretaryship from J. Fletcher.

Abraham Fletcher, one time Superintendent of Werneth Congregational Church, was selected for Lancashire and played against Cheshire in season 1879/80 at Whalley Range, the home of the Manchester club.

When Broughton (not the Rangers) played Oldham they included six Lancashire county players, and only succeeded by a disputed try. In those days each Club provided an umpire and the two Clubs disagreed. Later a third man was introduced and arguments were referred to him, hence the term "referee." The third man now takes complete charge of course.

The Oldham players in 1880 included the following, many of whom were important people in the town and the surrounding districts. Backs, not full backs at that time note, were Isaac Seville and J. Walkden. The three-quarter backs were John Saville (captain), J. W. Walkden and C. H. Barlow. Half-backs were R. H. Selby, George Mellor, J. Ashton and C. A. Milne. The forwards were A. Fletcher, G. H. Harrop, W. Buckley, B. F. Beard, W. Wild, Patterson, S. Thompson, J. Ogden, J. Rye (who had played for Lancashire the previous season against Cheshire), T. Judson, T. Lockwood, Shaw, Taylor, S. Richardson and W. Richardson.

There would be other players in the teams but it is virtually impossible to produce a complete list as some of the matches did not get reported in the press of the time.

AN APPEAL

Mr. Tom Webb, of 89 Turf Pit Lane, Moorside, Oldham, is seeking information about the history of the Oldham Football Club and would be glad to hear from anyone who may have old programmes, membership cards or other data about the Club or old football annuals and booklets from which information might be extracted.

Best wishes to Oldham R.F.C.

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Items of Interest

Werneth Football Club (Northern Union) opened their new ground at Sheepfoot Lane, versus Oldham "A" on 14th September, 1901

Jack Richardson, of Hollinwood, was appointed trainer of Oldham Football Club in September, 1899. He had won two Sheffield Handicaps, trained Oldham County (the original professional soccer club of Oldham) and was a famous athlete. He was employed at Platt Brothers.

Joe Ferguson played his first match for Oldham on September 2nd, 1899, versus Morecambe, and his last game was for the "A" team on 28th April, 1923, versus Wigan "A" in the play off for the Lancashire Senior Competition medals. George Hesketh scored a try for Wigan "A" who won by three points to nil. Thus that season Oldham "A" won the Championship Cup but lost the medals,

The "Manchester Courier" reported on 11th October, 1903, that "there was no practice last night at Oldham, the Committee having presented each player with a free ticket to the Scottish concert at the Colosseum."

From September 8th, 1906, to March 16th, 1909, both dates inclusive, the Oldham team was not defeated at Watersheddings, winning sixty consecutive home matches.

Dr. Gourlay, Mayor of Oldham in 1907/8, was also President of the Oldham Football Club and he signed W. B. Jardine for the Club from Jed Forest, Scotland.

Bob Wylie became Club Secretary in 1916 and held office until 1941. Bert Summerscales then took over and officiated until a few weeks ago. The two Secretaries covered fifty years between them.

The only season that Oldham Football Club has not functioned since the start of the Rugby League game seventy years ago was in 1917/18 when it was very difficult to raise a team. The previous season the services of ten New Zealanders from Chadderton Camp had been called upon along with about sixteen guest players from other clubs.

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There was a loss on this non-playing season of £72 8s. 9d., which was minimised by the sale of a stand, billiards table, etc.

Frank Holbrooke was the only man known to have played with Oldham Football Club, Oldham Athletic and Oldham Cricket Club. He later joined Brighouse Rangers and had service with Cardiff and Halifax.

Joe Platt, the man who organised the founding of the Northern Union, joined O.F.C. in October, 1880, and soon afterwards was appointed Club Treasurer, a position he held until 1921.

The ground was purchased in 1922. According to the deeds the land was at Knuckett. There was a lease on the ground obtained by Oldham Cricket Club in 1890 and the O.F.C. was a tenant of the cricket club. There were nine acres, 1 perch and 188 square yards of land at the end of Herbert Street. The Football Club eventually took over the lease and finally bought the ground, which in 1922 consisted of a football ground, a cricket ground and a bowling green. The cricket ground is now the greyhound stadium and the bowling green has given way to the training pitch.

O.F.C. played a friendly game at Southport in 1925/26.

Tommy Rees, the present Committeeman, was Oldham's full back and was the only man to displace Jim Sullivan from a Test team. Signed in May, 1928, Tommy retired in 1944. Of 443 league and cup games played by the Club in his time, he played in 400, and at one period played in 121 consecutive games.

Billy Stott was transferred to Wakefield Trinity for £100 in 1944. Within two years he had taken Trinity to Wembley where they won the Challenge Cup.

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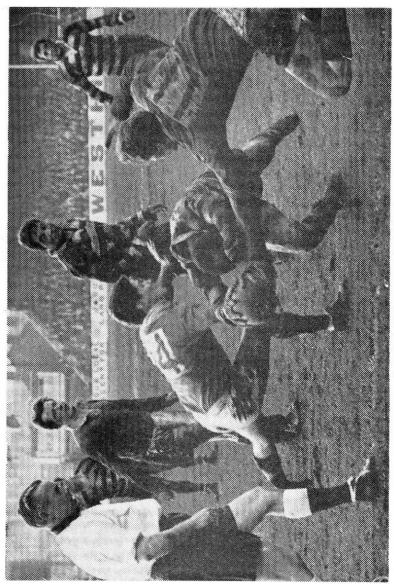
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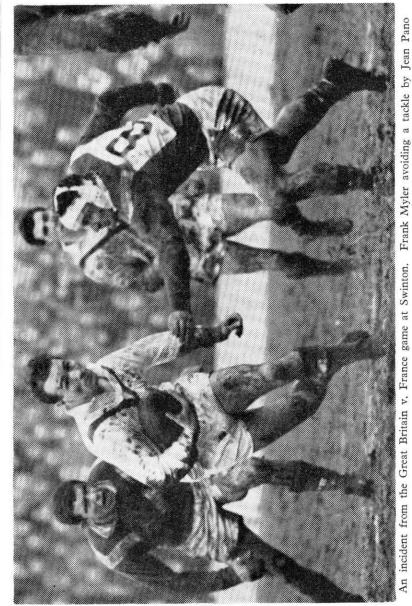
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Comp.	Opp.	Oldham	Opp.	R.	Att.	7
Charity	Rochdale (a)	9-7-39	2-1-7	W	5,022	
R.L.	Dewsbury (a)	4-3-17	2-0-4	W	3,200	
R.L.	Widnes (h)	4-5-23	1-0-2	w	11,060	
R.L.	Swinton (h)	5-1-13	1-0-2	w	13,800	
Lancs, Cup	Whitehaven (a)	5-7-31	2-2-10	w	2,256	
R.L.	Liverpool (h)	9-8-42	1-1-5	w	7,068	
R.L.	Blackpool (a)	2-3-13	1-0-2	w	5,000	
R.L.	Widnes (a)	3-5-21	1-0-2	w	6,857	
		2-0-4	5-3-19	L	11,213	
Lancs. Cup R.L.	Warrington (a) Whitehaven (h)	2-0-4	3-5-19	L	7,728	
R.L.		4-4-20	2-2-10	w	5,000	
	Leigh (a)		1-1-5	w	6,924	
R.L.	Rochdale (h)	4-2-14	3-5-21	L		
R.L.	Workington (a)	1-1-5			2,761	
R.L.	Warrington (h)	3-0-6	3-3-15	Ļ	7,056	
R.L.	St. Helens (a)	3-0-6	5-4-22	L	9,744	
R.L.	Barrow (h)	3-5-21	2-0-4	W	5,302	
R.L.	Huddersfield (a)	3-2-12	2-2-10	W	4,574	
R.L.	Wigan (h)	3-1-9	3-4-18	L	10,365	
R.L.	Salford (a)	3-1-9	1-1-5	W	3,300	
R.L.	Hunslet (a)	2-1-7	2-0-4	W	2,250	
R.L.	Hunslet (h)	6-8-36	2-1-7	W	4,074	
R.L.	Barrow (a)	1-1-5	1-2-8	L	2,500	
R.L.	Warrington (a)	1-1-5	2-5-19	L	6,064	
R.L.Cup(1) Hunslet (a)	2-0-4	3-2-12	L	6,865	
R.L.	Keighley (h)	4-6-26	3-0-6	W	3,000	
R.L.	Wigan (a)	3-2-12	4-4-20	L	8,000	
R.L.	Liverpool (a)	3-3-15	2-1-7	W	400	
R.L.	Leigh (h)	0-0-0	5-5-25	L	4,125	
R.L.	St. Helens (h)	3-1-9	6-1-15	L	6,337	
R.L.	Keighley (a)	2-2-10	3-2-12	L	2,000	
R.L.	Huddersfield (h)	3-2-12	1-0-2	W	5,951	
R.L.	Blackpool (h)	5-2-16	1-0-2	W	5,086	
R.L.	Workington (h)	2-2-10	1-1-5	W	5,176	
R.L.	Rochdale (a)	3-2-12	2-2-10	W	2,006	
R.L.	Salford (h)	6-3-21	0-1-3	W	5,347	
R.L.	Swinton (a)	3-0-6	3-0-6	$\ddot{\mathbf{D}}$	12,000	
R.L.	Whitehaven (a)	2-0-4	2-1-7	Ĺ	700	
R.L.	Dewsbury (h)	0-1-3	3-0-6	ī	5,916	
Play-off	Hull K.R. (a)	4-2-14	7-4-26	Ī.	9,500	
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by TOM WEBB

In their third year, the competitions organised by Whitbreads in conjunction with the Rugby Football League have proved more popular than ever before. The contests, based on the scoring by the thirty senior Rugby Football League clubs, sustained interest throughout the season. The major competition was not decided until the Cup Final when Wigan were left wanting a half century of points to top the overall competition which lasted from August until May.

The season was divided into five periods and the winners of each were presented with a set of tankards. These awards were eagerly sought by the players in the leading teams and as each competition neared its conclusion, the players and supporters were busy calculating how many points were required in order to gain the coveted trophies.

The first set of tankards was presented to the St. Helens players after a very successful run in which the Saints were the outstanding team in the league. The only serious opposition came from Wigan, with Leeds in third place. St. Helens' score of 238 points in nine games, as against 222 by Wigan, took the tankards to the Knowsley Road ground instead of Central Park.

Saints continued scoring in cavalier fashion to take the second period but again they encountered fierce competition from Wigan. If the Colliers had scored another four points in their seven games during the second period they would have been top. This time Hull Kingston Royers were third.

The third period saw a new name come to the fore. With the weather playing havoc with ground conditions, Featherstone Rovers went to the top and a score of seven points to two in their last game with Hull Kingston Rovers gave the colliery district club the tankards, with the "Robins" finishing four points behind over the period.

An extra try and goal would have altered the second and third competitions. That dropped pass, or knock-on, meant all the difference in the scoring charts. Such are the excitements of the Mackeson Contest:

Leeds took the next presentation to Headingly, just ahead of Leigh and Halifax in the chart. Four points would have given the tankards to Leigh; five points would have given Halifax the lead. The competition was becoming more competitive each time and only a handful of points decided the issue. Concluding matches in each period seemed like cup-ties to the challenging clubs, their players and supporters.

The final period saw Halifax scoring more freely than ever before and a couple of really big wins took them to the head of the chart. There was no disputing their superiority during the last eight weeks of the Mackeson competition which ended on May 8th and there never seemed any doubt that they would secure the silver tankards. Their success was finally achieved with a superiority amounting to an average of almost five points per match.

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The last period also coincided with the ending of the overall competition which covered the whole of the season and we had enough excitement to last us for months. St. Helens were playing Hull Kingston Rovers at Knowsley Road on the Friday evening, a week before the Rugby League Challenge Cup final. That same evening, in another top sixteen contest, Halifax were entertaining Featherstone Rovers.

The St. Helens programme, so ably edited by secretary Basil Lowe, told us that to win the silver trophy and the prize of two hundred guineas Halifax only needed to score one point more in their game with Featherstone than Saints scored against the Robins. The telephone lines between Halifax and St. Helens must have been red hot, for every few minutes there was an announcement at St. Helens of the Halifax score. Sensing that their chances were good, the Saints would immediately start a massive attack from which they would not rest tuntil a try or a goal — or both — added to their points total.

I am told that the same thing was happening at Thrum Hall, where cheers would ring out as the St. Helens score was announced, as the Saints were trailing just a few points behind all the match. The tension at Knowsley Road — where I was in attendance — grew with each minute of the game. Unfortunately, for their supporters, an announcement as we left the ground was that the score at Halifax was higher. Eventually Halifax added another five points to end their scoring record with an average of 18.66; just too high for the Saints who finished with figures of 18.50 per match.

Even now the tale was not fully told and everything depended upon how many points Wigan scored at Wembley in the Cup Final. We could hardly expect the Colliers to get the half century they needed and at the end of one of the best finals for many years, Wigan were happy enough to finish four points in front with their score of twenty points giving them an overall average of 17.93 points per game.

Thus Yorkshire gained the major trophy and 200 guineas, while St. Helens had to be content with the 100 guinea second prize and Wigan took the third prize of fifty guineas.

In previous seasons Lancashire and Cumberland clubs have held the major sway but 1964/65 has seen the Yorkshire clubs earn three period prizes in addition to Halifax carrying away the major award.

The competition has become one of the most widely known in the world of sport. Newspapers from many towns throughout the north, from Hull, Halifax, Salford, Leigh and elsewhere have reflected the way in which the competitions have caught the interest of the Rugby League supporters by giving regular details of the scoring charts in their columns.

At the final presentation in Manchester, Halifax and St. Helens players and League officials alike, left Mr. Charles Whitbread in no doubt that the Mackeson awards have become part and parcel of the game. And the biggest cheer of the evening greeted Mr. Whitbread's announcement that the Mackeson Contest will be with us again this season.

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	PERIOD CONTESTS							
	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3		Period 5			
1962	2/63—							
		Workington	Wigan	Wakefield	St. Helens			
1963	3/64—	TVII.		0 16 1	XX7 - 1 '			
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	Club		M P			A		
1.	Halifax		41			19		
2.	St. Helens		42			89		
3.	Wigan		42			314		
4.	Hull K.R.		39			136		
5.	Castleford		38			342		
6.	Leeds		42		0.00	146		
7.			41			32		
8.	Workington		41	557 1		362		
9.	Wakefield T		44	594 1		279		
10.			38			379		
11.	Featherstone	R	40			35		
12.	Leigh		37			279		
13.	Hull		38			128		
14.	Warrington		42			354		
15.	Huddersfield		40			179		
16.	Barrow		38			174		
17.	Widnes	***	40			149		
18.	York	***	37			590		
19.	Bradford N.		38	374		395		
20.			42	398		342		
21.	Keighley		38	350		568		
22.	Bramley	1.000	37	340		481		
23.	Doncaster		37	327		652		
24.	Salford		37	326		480		
25.	Whitehaven		37	325		441		
26.	Dewsbury		36	310	200 CO STATE TO 10	419		
27.	Rochdale H		37	315		579		
28.	Batley		39	301		709		
29.	Blackpool B		38	282		573		
30.	Liverpool C		36	265	7.36	469		
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Leading Scorers

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TRIES	GOALS
Lake (Wigan) 40	Kellett (Hull K.R.) 150
Freeman (Halifax) 28	Kileen (St. Helens) 140
Griffiths (Hunslet) 27	Langton (Hunslet) 132
Blackmore (Hull K.R.) 26	James (Halifax) 127
Killeen (St. Helens) 26	Curry (Huddersfield) 123
Senior (Huddersfield) 26	Fox, N. (Wakefield T.) 121
Boston (Wigan) 24	Gilfedder (Wigan) 111
Hardisty (Castleford) 24	Gowers (Swinton) 104
Jones (Wakefield T.) 22	Owen (Keighley) 103
Burnett (Halifax) 21	Dewhurst (Leeds) 101
Glastonbury (Workington T.) 20	Risman (Leigh) 99
Jackson (Halifax) 20	Bootle (Warrington) 93
Cowan (Leeds) 19	Broom (Hull) 75
Daley (Halifax) 19	Dyson (Oldham) 75
Smith (York) 19	Willett (Castleford) 70
Southward (Workington) 19	Fox, D. (Featherstone R.) 65
Tickle (Leigh)	Holliday (Whitehaven &
Sullivan (Hull) 18	Hull K.R.) 63
Battye (Castleford) 17	Clawson (Featherstone R.
Coetzer (Wakefield T.) 17	& Bradford N.) 59
Glover (Warrington) 17	Yorke (York) 59
Stopford (Swinton) 17	McCarrick (Blackpool B.). 58
Melling (Warrington) 16	Dewsbury (Doncaster) 56
Northey (St. Helens) 16	Hollindrake (Bramley) 54
	Lowe (Dewsbury) 51

1963/64

	GOALS	
45	Coslett (St. Helens)	137
42		
36	Fox, D. (Featherstone R.).	131
35		
32		
29		
27		
27		
26	Kellett (Hull K.R.)	90
26	Curry (Huddersfield)	
	35 32 29 27 27 26	45 Coslett (St. Helens) 42 Dyson (Oldham) 36 Fox, D. (Featherstone R.) 35 Gilfedder (Wigan) 32 Langton (Hunslet) 29 Fox, N. (Wakefield T.) 27 James (Halifax) 27 Randall (Widnes) 26 Kellett (Hull K.R.)

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NORTHERN RUGBY LEAGUE

						For			Agai	nst	
	P	W	L	D	G	\mathbf{T}	Pts.	G	\mathbf{T}	Pts.	Pts.
St. Helens	34	28	6	0	141	113	621	77	24	226	56
Wigan	34	26	8	0	118	130	626	67	42	260	52
Castleford	34	25	8	1	99	119	555	69	52	294	51
Wakefield T	34	24	8	2	111	88	486	63	34	228	50
Warrington	34	24	9	1	85	82	416	71	50	292	49
Workington T	34	23	10	1	91	105	497	76	58	326	47
Halifax	34	22	11	1	112	135	629	85	55	335	45
Hull K.R	34	22	12	0	133	107	587	94	63	377	44
Oldham	34	20	13	1	105	78	444	75	54	312	41
Leeds	34	20	14	0	107	85	469	92	55	349	40
Swinton	34	19	14	1	83	56	334	77	32	250	39
Leigh	34	19	14	1	112	74	446	89	57	349	39
Hull	34	19	15	0	89	78	412	102	59	381	38
Hunslet	34	19	15	0	114	83	477	110	82	466	38
Featherstone R	34	18	16	0	104	76	436	107	83	463	36
Barrow	34	18	16	0	85	71	383	87	78	408	36
Bradford N	34	15	18	1	75	65	345	82	61	347	31
Huddersfield	34	15	19	0	97	58	368	94	77	419	30
Widnes	34	14	18	2	78	64	348	91	76	410	30
Whitehaven	34	14	19	1	76	52	308	90	74	402	29
Dewsbury	34	13	19	2	86	42	298	88	77	407	28
Salford	34	11	21	2	77	51	307	102	72	420	24
Liverpool C	34	10	22	2	67	38	248	108	101	519	22
Bramley	34	10	23	1	93	41	309	120	72	456	21
York	34	10	24	0	91	55	347	125	95	535	20
Batley	34	9	24	1	82	33	263	107	133	613	19
Keighley	34	9	25	0	90	41	303	125	114	592	18
Doncaster	34	9	25	0	76	48	296	116	128	616	18
Rochdale H	34	7	26	1	85	41	293	122	83	493	15
Blackpool B	34	6	26	2	67	38	248	118	106	554	14

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						For			Agai	nst		
	P	W	L	D	G	T	Pts.	G	\mathbf{T}	Pts.	Pts.	
St. Helens	28	24	4	0	121	95	527	60	17	171	48	
Warrington	28	21	6	1	72	71	357	60	38	234	43	
Wigan	28	21	7	0	96	106	510	58	34	218	42	
Workington T	28	20	7	1	78	85	411	57	32	210	41	
Swinton	28	16	11	1	66	46	270	60	29	207	33	
Oldham	28	16	11	1	87	57	345	60	51	273	33	
Leigh	28	14	13	1	89	55	343	75	47	291	29	
Huddersfield	28	13	15	0	81	46	300	71	63	331	26	
Barrow	28	13	15	0	63	50	276	70	71	353	26	
Widnes	28	12	15	1	62	52	280	74	59	325	25	
Salford	28	8	18	2	61	34	224	86	60	352	18	
Whitehaven	28	9	19	0	59	34	220	83	69	373	18	
Liverpool C	28	8	18	2	57	33	213	94	92	464	18	
Rochdale H	28	5	23	0	63	28	210	103	72	422	10	
Blackpool B	28	4	22	2	52	32	200	96	90	462	10	
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YORKSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE

						For			Agai	nst		
	P	W	L	D	G	T	Pts.	G	T	Pts.	Pts.	
Castleford	28	23	4	1	84	102	474	50	35	205	47	
Halifax	28	21	7	0	104	121	571	75	41	273	42	
Wakefield T	28	19	7	2	99	83	447	58	30	206	40	
Hull K.R	28	19	9	0	114	97	519	78	49	303	38	
Leeds	28	18	10	0	88	69	383	73	43	275	36	
Featherstone R	28	17	11	0	86	71	385	78	55	321	34	
Hunslet	28	16	12	0	91	65	377	87	60	354	32	
Hull	28	15	13	0	73	61	329	85	49	317	30	
Bradford N	28	13	15	0	64	54	290	69	48	282	26	
Dewsbury	28	10	17	1	70	35	245	78	68	360	21	
York	28	9	19	0	73	47	287	95	74	412	18	
Bramley	28	7	20	1	74	31	241	101	59	379	15	
Keighley	28	7	21	0	74	34	250	104	92	484	14	
Doncaster	28	7	21	0	64	40	248	100	112	536	14	
Batley	28	6	21	1	67	26	212	94	121	551	13	

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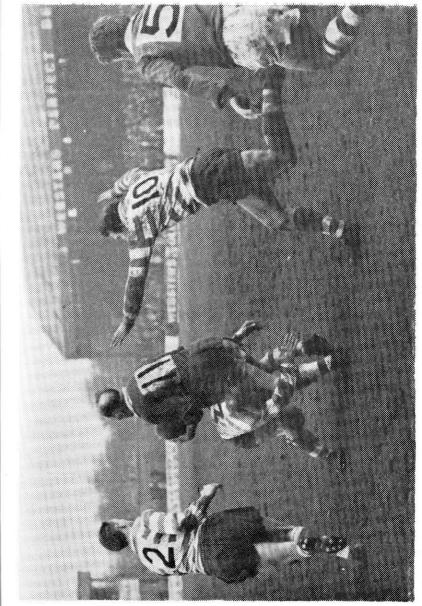
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Lancashire Cup Winners Since the War

	Pts.	Pts.
1945	Widnes 7	Wigan 3
1946	Wigan 9	Belle Vue 3
1947	Wigan 10	Belle Vue 7
1948	Wigan 14	Warrington
1949	Wigan 20	T -:-1
1950	Wigan 28	W/o
1951	Wigan 14	
1952	Leigh 22	Ct II-land
1953	St. Helens 16	307'
1954	Barrow 12	01.11
1955	Leigh 26	Widnes
1956	Oldham 10	
1957	Oldham	Wiss
1958	Oldham 12	CA TT-1
1959	Warrington 5	C+ II-lana
1960	St. Helens 15	6 .
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1962	St Halama	Swinton 9
1963	St Holone	Swinton 4
1964	St Holone 12	Leigh 4
1707	St. Helens 12	Swinton 4

Yorkshire Cup Winners Since the War

	Pts.	Î	Pts.
1945	Bradford N 5	Wakefield T	2
1946	Wakefield T 10	Hull	õ
1947	Wakefield T 8	Leeds	7
1948	Bradford N 18	Castleford	ģ
1949	Bradford N 11	II., J.J., C . 1.1	1
1950	Huddersfield 16	C1-61	3
1951	Wakefield T 17	T7	3
1952	Huddersfield	D .1	3
1953	D 16 1 37	Batley	8
1954	TT 110	Hull	2
1955	TT 1'C	Hull	14
1956	W 1 C 1 C	Hull	0
	Wakefield T 23	Hunslet	5
1957	Huddersfield 15	York	8
1958	Leeds 24	Wakefield T	20
1959	Featherstone R 15	Hull	14
1960	Wakefield T 16	Huddersfield	10
1961	Wakefield T 19	Leeds	9
1962	Hunslet 12	Hull K.R.	2
1963	Halifax 10	Featherstone R	õ
1964	Wakefield T 18	Leeds	2
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Aug.	18—(Wednesday) 21—(Saturday) 25—(Wednesday) 28—(Saturday) 31—(Tuesday)	Bradford N. Warrington Halifax
Sept.	4—(Saturday) 6—(Monday) 11—(Saturday) 15—(Wednesday) 18—(Wednesday) 20—(Monday) 25—(Saturday) 29—(Wednesday) 30—(Thursday)	Widnes Hull K.R. *St. Helens Leeds Yorkshire at Castleford FIRST TEST at Swinton *Leigh
Oct.	6—(Wednesday) 9—(Saturday) 13—(Wednesday) 16—(Saturday)	*Castleford Hull *Lancashire at St. Helens Rochdale H. SECOND TEST at Bradford *Swinton
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Aug. 19—Widnes-Liverpool	Lost Won Won Lost Lost	G. 0 2 5 6 4 4	T. 2 1 7 4 0	Pts. 6 7 31 24 8	G. 3 2 4 3	T. 1 5 4 1	Pts. 9 19 20 9
23—Manchester XIII	Lost Won Won Lost Lost	2 5 6 4	1 7 4	7 31 24	3	4	19 20
23—Manchester XIII	Lost Won Won Lost Lost	6	7 4	24	3	4	20
26—Castleford-Featherstone XI	Won Lost Lost	6	4	24	3		
	Lost	4	4			1	9
28—Leeds City XIII	. Lost		0	8	-		
Sept. 4-Oldham-Rochdale XIII		1		G	5	0	10
6—Yorkshire (at Hull K.R.)	****	4	1	11	3	5	21
9—Barrow	Won	6	8	36	1	3	11
13—Lancashire (at Warrington	n) Lost	2	. 3	13	3	3	15
16—Huddersfield-Halifax	Won	5	7	31	1	3	11
20—Rugby League XIII	Lost	4	4	20	5	4	22
23—Warrington		3	5	21	3	1	9
30-First Test (at Leeds)		7	5	29	1	3	11
Oct. 4-Hull-Hull K.R.	Lost	3	0	6	7	1	17
7—Wigan	Lost	3	0	6	5 3 5 4	6	28
9—Cumberland	Won	2	2	10	3	1	9
14—St. Helens	Lost	2	2	10	5	5	25
21—Second Test (at Bradford	d) Lost	2	2	10		5	23
25—Leigh	Won	3	3	15	2	0	4
28—Wakefield Trinity		2	1	7	4	4	20
Nov. 4—Third Test (at Swinton)	Lost	5	3	19	7	7	35
Played 20; Won 8, Lost 12		70	60	320	71	62	328

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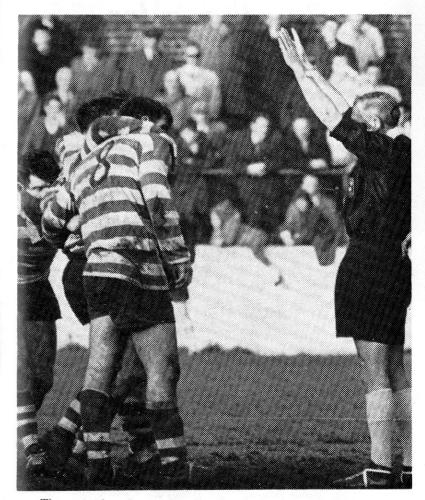
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Year Winners G T P Runners-up G T						ICIS				
Year	Winners		G	T P 2 10 1 7 5 19	Runners-u		-			
1897	Batley		1	2 10	St. Helens		G	T P 1 3 0 0	Venue	
1893	Batley		2	1 7	Bradford	***	0	1 3	Headingley	
1899	Oldham		2	5 19	Hunslet		0		Headingley	
1900	Swinton		2	4 16	Salford	***	3	1 9 2 8	Fallowfield	
1901	Batley		0	4 16 2 16 5 25 1 7 2 8 2 6 1 5 3 17 2 14 5 17 7	Warrington		0		Fallowfield	
1902	Broughton R.		5	5 25	Salford Salford	***	0	0 0	Headingley	
1903	Halifax		2	1 7	Salford		ő	0 0 0 0 1 3 0 0 0 0 1 3 0 0	Rochdale	
1904	Halifax		1	2 8	Warrington			0 0	Headingley	
1905	Warrington		0	2 6	Warrington Hull K.R.		0	0 0	Salford	
1906	Bradford		1	1 5	Salford		o	0 0	Headingley	
1907	Warrington		4	3 17	Oldham		0	0 0	Headingley	
1908	Hunslet		4	2 14	Hull		0 0 0 2 3 0	1 3	Broughton	
1909	Wakefield T.		1	5 17	Hull		0	0 0	Huddersfield	
1910	Leeds		2	1 7 4 26	Hull		0	0 0	Headingley	
1910	Leeds (Replay	y) .	7	4 26	Hull		2	1 7 2 12 0 0	Huddersfield	
1911	Broughton R.		2	0 4	Wigan		3	2 12	Huddersfield	
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1913	Huddersfield		0	3 9	Oldham Warrington		1	1 5	Headingley	
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1915	Huldersfield Huddersfield		5	9 37	St. Helens			0 0	Halifax	
1920	Huddersfield		3	5 21			0 2 0	1 3	Oldham	
1921	Leigh		2	3 13	Wigan Halifax Hull Hull Oldham Hull K.R.	***	2	2 10	Headingley	
1922	Rochdole H		2	2 10	Lini	***	0	0 0	Broughton	
1923	Leeds Wigan Oldham Swinton		3	6 29	Liuli		0	3 9	Headingley	
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1928	Swinton		4	6 26	Swinton		2	1 7	Wigan Wigan	
1929	Wigan		7	1 5	Warrington		0	1 3	Wigan	
1930	Wigan Widnes		2	3 13	Dewsbury		1	0 2	Wembley	
1931	Halifax		4	2 10	St. Helens		0	1 3	Wembley	
1932	Leeds		5	4 22	York		1	2 8	Wembley	
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1936	Leeds		3	4 18	Warrington		î	0 2	Wembley	
1937	Widnes		3	4 18 4 18	Keighley		1 1 1 1 2 0	1 5	Wembley	
	Salford		2	1 7	Barrow		2	0 4	Wembley	
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1941	*Leeds		2	4 18 1 7 4 20 5 19 3 15 4 16 0 0	Barrow Salford Halifax		1	0 2		
1942	*Leeds		3	3 15	Halifax		1 5 3 0 0 2 1	0 10	Bradford	
1943	*Dewsbury		2	4 16	Leeds		3	1 10	Bradford	
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1946	Wakefield T.		2	3 13	Wigon		1	1 3	agg. 13-9)	
1947	Bradford N.		1	2 8	Wigan Leeds		0	4 12	Wemblev	
1948	Wigan		î	2 8	Deadford N		2	0 4	Wemblev	
1949	Bradford N.	•	3	2 12	Bradford N. Halifax		0	1 3	Wembley	
1950	Warrington		5	3 10	TREES 1		0	0 0	Wembley	
1951	Wigan		2	2 10	Widnes		0	0 0	Wembley	
1952	Workington T		2	4 10	Barrow		0	0 0	Wembley	
1953	Huddersfield		2	7 10	Featherstone	R.	2	2 10	Wembley	
1954	†Warrington		3	3 13	St. Helens		2	2 10	Wembley	
1955	Barrow		1	2 8	Halifax		0	0 4	Bradford	
1956	St Holone		3	6 21	Workington		3	2 12	Wembley	
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1959	Wigan		2	3 13	Workington		3	1 9	Wembley	
1960	Walacald		6	6 30	Hull		5	1 5 4 12 0 4 1 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 10 2 10 0 2 1 7 1 7 1 13 1 5	Wembley	
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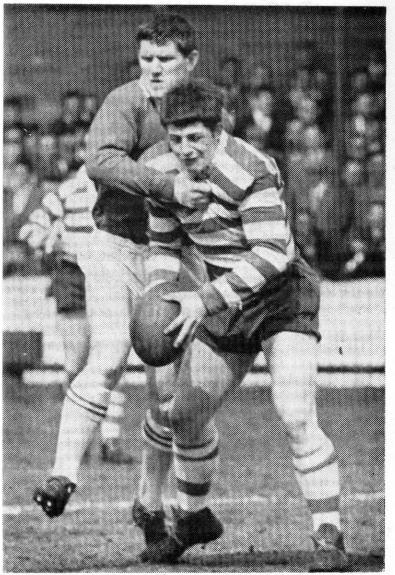
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Scorers: WIGAN—Goals: Gilfedder (3), Ashton; Tries: Lake (2).
Holden, Gilfedder.

HUNSLET-Goals: Langton (5); Tries: Shelton, Griffiths.

Teams: WIGAN—Ashby; Boston, Ashton (capt.), Holden, Lake; Hill, Parr; Gardiner, Clarke, McTigue, Stephens, Evans. Gilfedder.

HUNSLET—Langton; Griffiths, Shelton, Preece, Lee; Marchant, Gabbitas; Eyre, Prior, Hartley, Gunney, Ramsey, Ward (capt.).

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HALIFAX (3 T., 3 G.) 15 pts. v. ST. HELENS (1 T., 2 G.) 7 Pts. (Half-time: Halifax 5 pts., St. Helens 4 pts.)

Scorers: HALIFAX—Tries: Burnett (2), Jackson; Goals: James (3). ST. HELENS—Try: Killeen; Goals: Killeen (2).

Teams: HALIFAX—James; Jackson, Burnett, Kellett, Freeman; Robinson, Daley; Roberts, Harrison, Scroby, Fogerty, Dixon, Renilson.

ST. HELENS—Barrow; Harvey, Vollenhoven, Northey, Killeen; Murphy, Smith; Tembey, Dagnall, Watson, French, Mantle, Laughton. (Substitute: Warlow for Tembey after 28 mins.).

Referee: D. S. Brown (Dewsbury)

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Lancashire Cup Final

At Wigan on October 24th, 1964

ST. HELENS (2 T., 3 G.) 12 Pts. v. SWINTON (2 G.) 4 Pts. (Half-time: St. Helens 5 pts., Swinton 0 pts.)

Scorers: ST. HELENS—Tries: Benyon, Hicks; Goals: Killeen (3). SWINTON—Goals: Gowers (2).

Teams: ST. HELENS—Barrow (F); Pimblett, Northey, Benyon, Killeen; Harvey, Murphy; Tembey, Dagnall, Warlow, French, Hicks, Laughton.

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1020				Attendance	Receipts
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1930	Widnes v. St. Helens			36,544	£3,102
1931	Halifax v. York			40,368	£3,908
1933	Huddersfield v. Warrington			41,874	£6,465
1934	Hunslet v. Widnes			41,280	£4,686
1935	Castleford v. Huddersfield			39,000	£6,000
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