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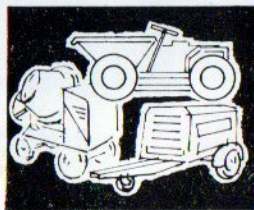
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### WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

One wonders, as I write these notes, will it again be a waste of time and effort? We are getting used to having matches postponed. A fortnight ago almost the full Rugby League programme was postponed because of the frosty grounds and last Saturday one match was cancelled because of the waterlogged pitch.

However, the prospects of tonight's match going on are much better, and I am sure the players as well as supporters will welcome the return to action.

Our last match was way back on January 8th, when we conquered the mighty St. Helens at Watersheddings. This was a magnificent performance by Oldham and they became the first side to take both League points from the "Saints" this season. From the word 'go' the boys got on top, and apart from about ten minutes at the start of the second half, they stayed there, and in the end they won the game far more convincingly than the score of 13-9 would suggest. This victory brought our unbeaten run to four and, of course, we will be all out to make it five this evening in this re-arranged match.

### OUR OPPONENTS

Tonight we welcome to Watersheddings our friends from across the Pennines. Hunslet, it will be remembered, lost narrowly in the final of the Challenge Cup against Wigan at Wembley last May after perhaps the greatest Cup Final ever played on the 'lush' Wembley turf. If they play in the same manner this evening and we reproduce our form against St. Helens, then this game should be a treat to watch.

Hunslet have some fine players in their ranks at present, three of whom have been honoured this season with their selection for Great Britain. In fact, it was because these players had been chosen to play for the country that this match was postponed earlier in the season. The three of them, Geoff. Shelton, Ken Eyre and Bill Ramsey, are all in the running for the forthcoming Australasian Tour—we wish them luck.

The two clubs last met on New Year's Day at Parkside, in the League, when Oldham won after a hard game by 7 points to 3. The boys from Yorkshire will, of course, be out to avenge that defeat.



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## CHALLENGE CUP DRAW

All our supporters are aware of the enormous task we face when we visit Swinton in the first round of the Rugby League Challenge Cup, the draw for which was made in Manchester last Friday week, January 21st.

This particular tie means that a good side will make its exit from the competition at the first hurdle. Most people who will read these notes will hope that team will be Swinton, but we shall have to see. Confidence of a good victory is very high at Watersheddings, and this confidence is shared by officials and players alike. It's going to be tough—of course it is, but when is a Cup-tie not tough?

Tickets for this game will shortly be on sale. Please watch the local Press for details of distribution, etc.

## 'MICK' MOONEY

Last Sunday, just 24 hours from the Cup signing deadline, our club captured the signing of 'Mick' Mooney from the Blackpool Borough Club. This followed a dash to Blackpool by club officials.

Mick has just recovered from a dose of 'flu and because of this he is not included in our team for this evening, but it is hoped that he will make his debut in the centre against Halifax on Saturday. He has been playing loose-forward of late

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in the 'Borough' team but this was only to help out the club, who had a No. 13 worry.

He is a strong, clean and robust player and he should fit in at Watersheddings quite well.

I am sure I speak for everyone when I wish Mick a very happy stay with us.

## MACKESON CONTEST NOTES

Wakefield Trinity's points tally over their last seven matches has brought them the Period 3 prizes in the Mackeson Contest.

Trinity set up an outstanding 20.57 points average prior to the recent fixture famine, and the bad weather has given runners-up Widnes and Bradford Northern no chance to put in a late challenge.

This is Wakefield's second win in the contest in three years—their first being in the midst of their great Cup-winning campaign of 1962-63. Their current confirmation as the top League scorers will come as a big boost before their forthcoming first round Cup clash with St. Helens.

The Mackeson flag and tankards will be presented at Belle Vue before Trinity's match with Dewsbury on February 12th.

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## PERIOD 3 — November 29th-January 22nd — FINAL TABLE

	Matches Played	Points Scored	Average	Points Against
1 Wakefield Trinity ...	7	144	20.57	48
2 Widnes .....	4	72	18.00	24
3. Bradford Northern ..	5	85	17.00	16
4 Swinton .....	5	81	16.20	46
5 St. Helens .....	3	46	15.33	25
6 Huddersfield .....	4	56	14.00	32
7 Leigh .....	4	52	13.00	44
8 Oldham .....	4	48	12.00	25

## MAIN CONTEST

(Position after Matches Played on January 22nd)

	Matches Played	Points Scored	Average	Points Against
1 Wigan .....	22	374	17.00	258
2 Castleford .....	23	388	16.87	185
3 St. Helens .....	20	335	16.75	157
4 Wakefield Trinity ...	23	364	15.83	177
5 Swinton .....	21	314	14.95	187
6 Leeds .....	22	328	14.91	194
7 Huddersfield .....	25	360	14.40	206
8 Workington T. ....	19	269	14.16	218

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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) Rochdale Hornets	Home	W 18-2
" 25	(W) Whitehaven	Away	W 12-0	" 8	(S) St. Helens	Home	W 13-9
" 28	(S) Wigan	Away	W 23-8	" 15	(S) Barrow	Away	P'oned
" 31	(Tu) New Zealand	Home	L 2-5	" 21	(F) Leigh	Home	
Sept. 4	(S) Blackpool Borough	Home	D 4-4	" 29	(S) Widnes	Away	
" 6	(M) Rochdale Hornets	Home	W 12-5	Feb. 1	(Tu) Hunslet	Home	
" 11	(S) Barrow (L.C. 1st Rd.)	Home	W 21-14	" 5	(S) Halifax	Home	
" 13	(M) Blackpool Borough	Away	W 13-2	" 9	(W) Warrington	Away	
" 16	(Th) Wigan (L.C. 2nd Rd.)	Home	W 28-13	" 12	(S) Workington Town	Home	
" 18	(S) Workington Town	Away	L 7-28	" 19	(S) Halifax	Away	
" 25	(S) Salford	Home	W 12-8	" 26	(S) 1st Round R.L. Cup		
Oct. 1	(F) St. Helens	Away	L 17-23	Mar. 4	(F) Leigh	Home	
" 6	(W) Warrington (L.C. Semi-final)	Away	L 10-21	" 12	(S) Liverpool City	Away	
" 9	(S) Huddersfield	Home	W 11-4	" 16	(W) Leigh	Away	
" 16	(S) Swinton (Floodlit C.)	Away	L 5-21	" 19	(S) 2nd Round R.L. Cup		
" 19	(Tu) Wigan	Home	L 6-16	" 22	(Tu) Swinton	Home	
" 22	(F) Widnes	Away	L 5-49	" 26	(S) Whitehaven	Home	
" 28	(Th) Widnes	Away	L 5-49	Apr. 8	(F) Swinton	Away	
" 30	(S) Liverpool City	Home	D 7-7	" 9	(S) Barrow	Home	
Nov. 6	(S) Salford	Away	L 11-12	" 11	(M) Rochdale Hornets	Away	
" 13	(S) Leeds	Home	L 2-10				
" 20	(S) Castleford	Home	L 4-6				
" 25	(Th) Huddersfield	Away	L 6-27				
Dec. 4	(S) Leeds	Away	W 13-10				
" 11	(S) Widnes	Home	W 15-3				
" 18	(S) Swinton	Home	P'oned				
" 27	(M) Leigh	Away	P'oned				
" 28	(Tu) Leigh	Away	P'oned				

**Second Team**

**LANCS. COUNTY COMBINATION LEAGUE**

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) Salford	Home	W 17-7	Apr. 2	(S) Leigh	Home	
" 13	(S) Wigan	Away		" 9	(S) Barrow	Away	
Dec. 4	(S) Widnes	Away					
" 18	(S) Swinton	Home	P'oned				
" 25	(S) Swinton	Home	P'oned				

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