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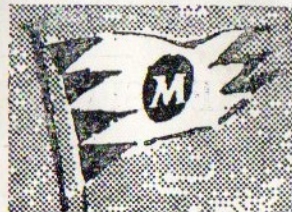
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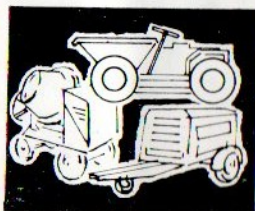
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS & VIEWS

I was looking forward to making comment about our victory at Swinton last week, in this evening's programme but unfortunately I am not in a position to do so. Instead I will try and make excuses for our defeat, although I don't think it would be fair to do so. Swinton scored four fine tries against our one and fully deserved their 18-5 win.

One or two members of the Swinton board referred to this match as the best game Swinton had played for five years. Personally I think this was just a figure of speech and was said on the spur of the moment immediately following a fine cup win. I for one have seen Swinton in a better mood than last Saturday, one particular match which springs to mind was their magnificent performance in the Lancashire Cup tie at St. Helens earlier in the season.

The majority of the national press reporters tipped Oldham to win, on account of the very strong pack of forwards which we were turning out. However the tipsters were wrong and it was the Swinton forwards who came out on top with prop-forward Derek Hurt (a former Leigh player) and Graham Rees particularly outstanding.

A pleasing point about the day was the magnificent following of Oldham fans who invaded Station Road. It was indeed a treat to hear the roar when our team took the field. The boys are only sorry they couldn't pull it off for you.

VISITORS FROM LEIGH

It is indeed a great pleasure to welcome to Watersheddings this evening visitors from Leigh.

The Leigh team, coached by former Warrington scrum-half star Gerry Helme have had mixed fortunes this season. They have shown very consistent form at home winning quite a few matches. However away from home they have found it hard to find their feet, in fact their first away victory was towards the end of December when they had a good win at Liverpool. They are capable of playing some very attractive and forceful rugby and we will have to produce our best form if we are to win this evening.

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At the moment Jim Hindley the ex Salford centre is deputising for the injured Colin Tyrer at full-back and doing quite a good job. There are few wing partnerships more dangerous than the Leigh right flank with coloured wingman Rod Tickle playing outside one of the most forceful centres in the game, Gordon Lewis. Gordon is doubtful for this evening's encounter on account of injury. It is pleasing to see Mike Collins back in the team following injury. Mike will be inside Leigh's recent wing signing, Walsh.

Since Bev Risman's departure young Wilf Briggs has made the No. 6 spot his own and his scrum half partner is another youngster Graham Smith, who has played for Leigh many times at No. 6.

Now we come to the formidable Leigh pack. Evergreen prop Bill Robinson and former Rochdale Hornets player Jim Parr will no doubt take tonight prop-forward positions with hooker Derek Higgs taking the No. 9 jersey. Derek began his hooking career about three years ago when he travelled up to Workington with Leigh 'A' team as reserve second-row forward. En route hooker John Lewis was taken ill and Derek agreed to 'hook' and won the scrums 18-1. Since then the hooking spot has more or less belonged to him.

In the second row, coach Gerry Helme will no doubt select the former Waterloo Rugby Union player Mick Murphy and Rugby League try scoring record holder, Mick Martyn. Completing the picture Stan Walmsley packs down at No. 13. Stan is a very sound player, a master of snatching loose balls.

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At this dance the finals will be held of the Rugby League and Soccer Queen Contest. It is still not too late to enter. If you are a female, 16 years old or over, why not enter? If you are interested please get in touch with the Supporters' Club Secretary, Mr. A. Craig, 247 Greenacres Road, Oldham.

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THE CUP DRAW

Tonight's visitors, Leigh, unlike ourselves, have still an interest in the Rugby League Cup. Following their victory against Liverpool City at Hilton Park last Saturday they travel to Huddersfield for the second hurdle. Leigh have already come unstuck at Fartown this season being heavily beaten. However cup football is very mystifying at times and I am tipping Leigh to turn the tables on the Fartowners and enter the third round.

The rest of the draw with the writer's forecasts in capitals.

WORKINGTON TOWN v. Hull K.R.

Huddersfield v. LEIGH

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

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	W 18-2
.. 28 (S)	Blackpool Borough	Home	W 38-11	.. 8 (S)	St. Helens	Away	L 2-4
Sept. 4 (S)	Blackpool Borough	Away	W 51-13	.. 15 (S)	Whitehaven	Home	P'poned
.. 11 (S)	Barrow	Away	L 8-24	.. 22 (S)	Leigh	Away	P'poned
.. 18 (S)	(1st Round L.C.C.S.)			.. 29 (S)	Widnes	Home	L 22-24
.. 25 (S)	Workington Town	Home	L 5-14	Feb. 12 (S)	Workington Town	Away	
.. 25 (S)	Salford	Away	W 12-6	.. 19 (S)	Barrow	Home	
Oct. 2 (S)	St. Helens	Home	L 10-13	Mar. 12 (S)	Liverpool City	Home	
.. 9 (S)	Warrington	Away	L 2-35	.. 19 (S)	Wigan	Home	
.. 16 (S)	Swinton	Away		.. 26 (S)	Whitehaven	Away	
.. 28 (Th)	Warrington	Home	L 9-10	Apr. 2 (S)	Leigh	Home	
Nov. 6 (S)				.. 9 (S)	Barrow	Away	
.. 13 (S)	Salford	Home	W 17-7				
Dec. 4 (S)	Wigan	Away					
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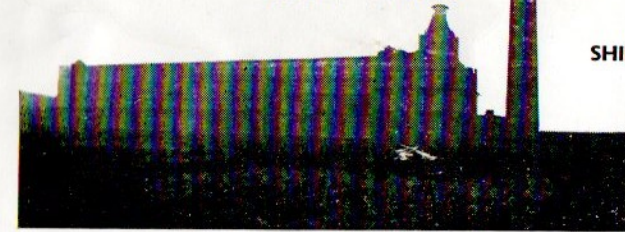
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