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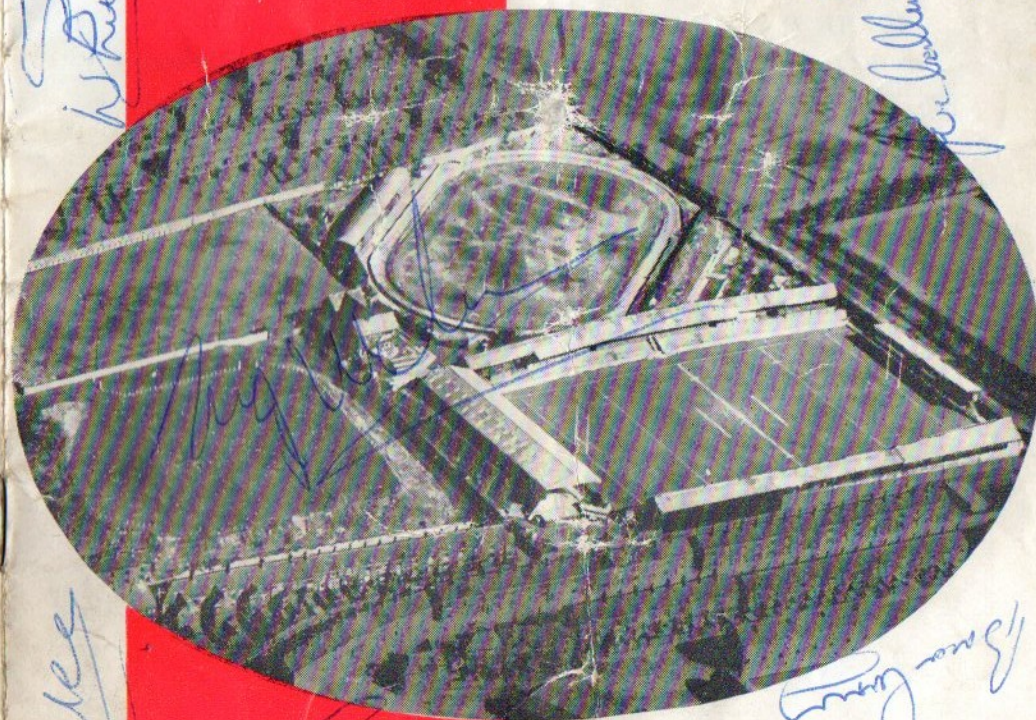
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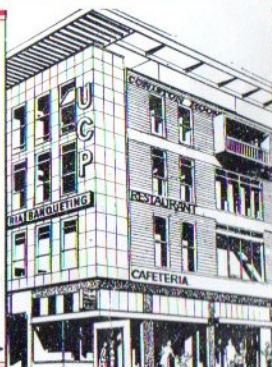
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WELCOME SWINTON

Tonight it is our pleasure to welcome to Watersheddings players, officials and supporters of the Swinton Club.

Unfortunately the 'Lions' at present are going through a lean spell. They have suffered badly with injuries and had to start the season without their four tourists, Gowers, Buckley, Stopford and Robinson. These four, no doubt will make a vast difference to the team when they return to the side. However only Gowers and Buckley are in tonight's line-up. John Stopford is on the injured list and Robinson is holidaying in North Wales.

Tonight's Swinton team despite several injuries and the unavailability of players still has quite a strong look about it. The three quarters are Whitehead, who is a very useful utility player, ex Bourneville R.U. player Gomersall, tourist Buckley and Bobby Fleet. 'Daz' Davies and Graham Williams form a very formidable half back pairing and forwards Halliwell, Clarke, Hurt, Rees, Simpson and Cummings will be all out to get on top of an Oldham six who have been on top form so far this season.

The teams who have taken advantage of an off form Swinton team so far this season have been Bradford Northern, Huddersfield and Workington all at Station Road, but the 'Lions' did record a win at Salford on Monday . . . perhaps the start of a 'Lions' revival.

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CLUB VIEWS

Three league games played, three won, points for 84, points against 28 and a seven-a-side trophy thrown in for good measure—not a bad start to this new season.

Our match against Hull was again another fine team performance when every player played his part in our 20 points to 7 victory. Again a word of special praise to Bob Irving for a dynamic performance. Bob won the President's prize for the best player on view. A close second was another youngster Tom Warburton who is fast becoming a firm favourite with the Oldham fans and is being rated by many people as the best No. 6 in the Rugby League at present.

The team, of course, will be all out to make it four wins on the trot this evening and if the same form can be produced then there is no reason why this should not be so.

A severe blow to these chances was the injury to Dave Parker who left the field last Saturday with, what looked to be a very serious leg injury. After treatment from the Club Doctor Dave returned to the field. An X-Ray at a Manchester Hospital showed a severe bruise on the knee which will keep him out of the game for two weeks.

Last season Oldham and Swinton met on four occasions: Twice in the League programme, one in the Rugby League Challenge Cup and once in the T.V. Floodlight Competition. On each occasion Swinton came out winners by a total of 59 points to 22.

All Oldham fans will be hoping for a change of fate this evening and quite

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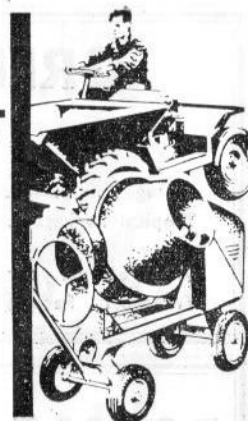
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naturally Swinton supporters will be hoping their run of success against Oldham will continue. We shall have to see!

Mrs. V. Jones, wife of Swinton Secretary Vic Jones was taken ill earlier in the week. We wish her a full and speedy recovery.

Mrs. H. Summerscales, wife of Oldham's former Secretary Bert Summerscales has also not been too well. Best Wishes for a speedy recovery go to Mrs. Summerscales also.

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Meet the Players — No. 3

PETER SMETHURST

(Photograph by courtesy of the Oldham Chronicle)

Without doubt one of the most popular players at Watersheddings is Peter Smethurst.

Peter joined Oldham from Swinton a few years ago for a large fee. At that time he was playing most of his football at centre. However since moving to Oldham he has, more or less, made the No. 11 position his own.

Very modestly Peter states he has no honours at all in the game but he is apparently over-looking his inclusion in the Great Britain 'shadow' team last season.

Peter, (all 5' 9", 15 stone of him) has a nice home in Worsley Nr. Manchester where he lives with his wife and young daughter, Gillian.

One fan said about Peter "I could watch him play for ever. He always plays his heart out and is always smiling even after a hard tackle. Rugby followers outside Oldham don't like him and that proves he's a good 'un.

A player for whom Peter has great admiration . . . his own skipper Dave Parker.

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Date 1966	Opponents	Venue	Result	Date 1967	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 20	(S) Hull	Away	W 24-12	Jan. 7	(S) Wigan	Away	
" 23	(Tu) Blackpool Borough	Home	W 40-9	" 14	(S) Barrow	Away	
" 27	(S) Hull	Home	W 20-7	" 21	(S) Salford	Home	
Sept. 2	(F) Swinton	Home	W 18-7	" 27	(F) St. Helens	Away	
" 10	(S) Salford	Away		Feb. 4	(S) (1)	Home	
" 12	(M) Blackpool B.	Away		" 11	(S) Workington T.	Home	
" 17	(S) Whitehaven	Home		" 18	(S) St. Helens	Home	
" 24	(S) Halifax	Away		" 25	(S) (2)		
Oct. 1	(S) Wigan	Home		Mar. 3	(F) Widnes	Away	
" 8	(S) Liverpool C.	Away		" 27	(M) Halifax	Home	
" 14	(F) Rochdale H.	Home		" 11	(S) Huddersfield	Home	
" 22	(S) Whitehaven	Away		" 24	(F) Swinton	Away	
" 29	(S) Leigh	Home		" 25	(S) Widnes	Home	
Nov. 5	(S) Leeds	Away					
" 11	(F) Liverpool C.	Home					
" 18	(F) Warrington	Away					
" 26	(S) Leeds	Home					
Dec. 3	(S) Workington T.	Away					
" 10	(S) Barrow	Home					
" 14	(W) Leigh	Away					
" 24	(S) Huddersfield	Away					
" 26	(M) Swinton	Home					
" 27	(Tu) Rochdale H.	Away					
" 31	(S) Warrington	Home					

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