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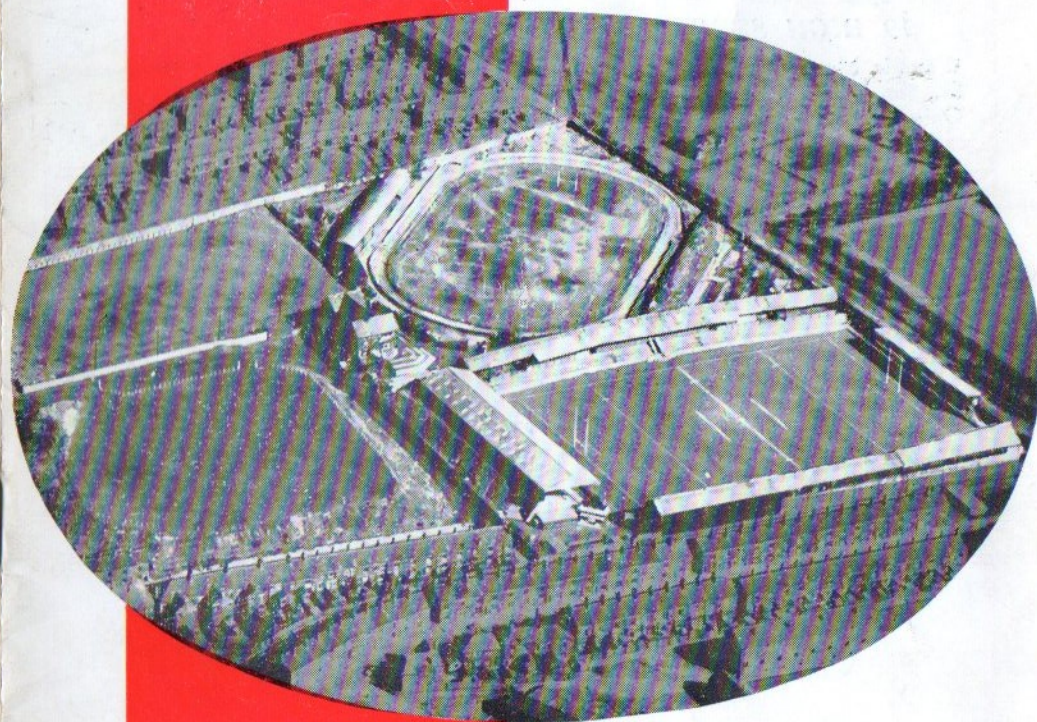
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WELCOME TO WIGAN

We welcome to Watersheddings this evening a Wigan side who are still trying to find their old tip top form.

Up to last Saturday Wigan had been beaten at Whitehaven (a match in which the cherry and whites didn't record a point), Blackpool Borough at Blackpool, Leigh at 'Hilton Park', Leeds at Headingley and Halifax at Central Park.

However since these unfortunate times Wigan have been successful in gaining victories against St. Helens in the second hurdle of the Lancashire Cup and Working-ton in a league fixture both at Central Park.

It is hard to believe that Wigan have been out of touch because they possess many stars, none more than captain/coach Eric Ashton who has been battling against a great deal of bad luck with injuries.

Ray Ashby is a sound full back and has come on in leaps and bounds since he joined Wigan from Liverpool City. Bill Boston is still as strong as ever and in again amongst the try scorers this season. His partner is Eric Ashton whose general guile and know-how speaks for itself. Keith Holden seems to have taken over from Stephens at centre and is doing quite well while Rhodesian Trevor Lake, a friend of Oldham player John Winton is again in fine form.

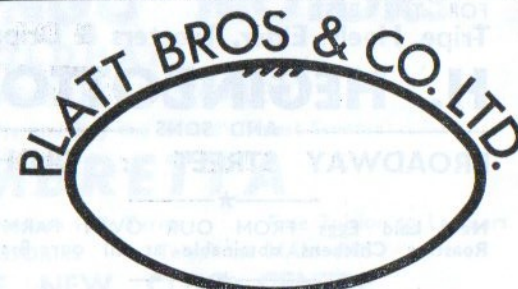
Wigan's half backs this evening will no doubt be Cliff Hill and Frank Parr. Cliff has been dogged with injuries so far this season and it is hoped that he now has a little more luck . . . he deserves it.

The Wigan pack really needs no introduction at all except perhaps for Liverpool City's County player John Thompson who is on trial at Wigan and at present

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playing quite well. Danny Gardiner, Colin Clarke, John Stephens, Geoff Lyon, Laurie Giffedder and ex-Oldham favourite Harry Major are all players with a lot of experience.

Last term we defeated Wigan on two out of three occasions. The one time that Wigan did beat us was in the league game at Watersheddings. No comment.

CLUB VIEWS

These notes are being written some 6 hours before the Lancashire Cup Semi-Final clash at Central Park between Wigan and Warrington. These two Clubs will be fighting for a place in the final on October 29th.

We are already there following our cup triumph against Blackpool at Borough Park on Tuesday evening. This game was a typical hard cup-tie won by the best and fitter team.

With a ten point to 2 interval lead it was odds on that we would add quite considerably to the 72 points already scored against the seashiders this season. However the anticipated points spree was not forthcoming and in fact the Borough had sights of a victory which would have been one of the shocks of the season. They held the ball for a long period in the second half and it was only Warburton's late try that sealed the game for Oldham, who, it must be admitted were delighted to hear the final whistle.

Fletcher was again a tower of strength up front and is fast becoming one of the game's bright young forwards. He was well supported by the rest of the forwards.

We enter the final for the first time since 1958. On that occasion we triumphed against St. Helens at Central Park. Let us hope luck will be on our side and that we can recover that elusive Lancashire Cup for the first time in eight long years.

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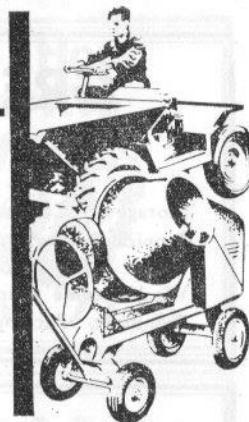
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JOKE OF THE WEEK

Without doubt the joke of the week at Watersheddings was told to me on our arrival back from our Cup win at Blackpool on Tuesday.

Apparently dozens of calls were made to the Pavilion asking for the Oldham result. One particular gentleman by mistake contacted the Pavilion when in fact he wanted to know Oldham Athletics score against Mansfield.

When he was told Oldham had won 15-5 the caller replied "What! 15 goals against Mansfield — Never."

FLOODLIT COMPETITION

The Competition proper starts on October 4th 1966 when we entertain Barrow at Watersheddings kick-off 7.25 p.m. The rest of the programme of matches is as follows:

Tuesday, October 11th—Leeds v. Castleford.
Tuesday, October 18th—St. Helens v. Swinton or Rochdale.
Tuesday, October 25th—Warrington v. Widnes.
Tuesday, November 1st—Barrow v. St. Helens.
Tuesday, November 8th—Castleford v. Warrington.
Tuesday, November 15th—Swinton or Rochdale v. Leeds.
Tuesday, November 22nd—Widnes v. Oldham.

The above games will be followed by Semi-finals and Final on successive Tuesdays.

Kick-off times are 7.25 p.m. and B.B.C. 2 will cover these games transmission times being 8.05 p.m. to 8.50 p.m.

Details of a rule change in this competition will be outlined in the Barrow match programme.

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- 3—McCORMACK, J.
- 4—McLEOD, S. ✓✓
- 5—SIMMS, T. ✓✓
- 6—WARBURTON, T.
- 7—CANNING, T.
- 8—WILSON, K.
- 9—TAYLOR, K.
- 10—MUMBERSON, A.
- 11—SMETHURST, P.
- 12—IRVING, R. A. ✓✓
- 13—FLETCHER, G.

Substitutes:

- 14—DOLLY
- 15—BOTT, C./MOONEY, M.

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- 1—HESKETH, C.
- 2—BOSTON, W. J. ✓✓
- 3—ASHTON, E. ✓✓
- 4—HOLDEN, C. K. ✓✓
- 5—LAKE, T. A.
- 6—HILL, J. C.
- 7—PARR, F.
- 8—GARDINER, R. B.
- 9—CLARKE, C.
- 10—STEPHENS, J. R.
- 11—LYON, G.
- 12—GILFEDDER, L. ✓✓✓
- 13—MAJOR, H.

Substitutes:

- 14—STEPHENS, D. C. A. ✓✓
- 15—THOMPSON, J.

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Meet the Players — No. 5

TOM CANNING

(Photograph by courtesy of the Oldham Chronicle)

Tom Canning relinquished his amateur status just 16 months ago when he joined the Oldham Club as a professional. Since signing Tom has been a regular member of the Oldham senior team wearing his familiar No. 7 jersey. He signed for Oldham in preference to Leigh, Wigan, Widnes, Salford and Warrington who all wanted to secure the signature of this former Vulcan Rugby Union player.

Tom who is married stands 5ft. 8ins. and weighs 11st. 9lbs. and is employed by the English Electric Co. He lives in St. Helens.

He has no special hobbies "I just live for Rugby" says Tom.

A 'fabulous' player in the eyes of Tom is St. Helen's £12,000 scrum half Alex Murphy.

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SEASON'S FIRST TANKARDS GO TO LEEDS

Halifax Lose Flag in Close Contest

Leeds have won the season's first set of Mackeson prizes and the flag now goes from Thrum Hall, Halifax to Headingley. These results follow Saturday's matches when Leeds' 27 points to 7 win at Bradford gave them an average of 27.50 to take the Mackeson tankards just ahead of Halifax (26.88). Hull K.R., winners of the first period last year, finished third with 24.20.

PERIOD 1 — AUGUST 6th to SEPTEMBER 24th — FINAL TABLE

	M.	Pts. F.	Avg.	Pts. Agst.
1. Leeds	8	220	27.50	93
2. Halifax	8	215	26.88	123
3. Hull Kingston Rovers	10	242	24.20	105
4. Oldham	9	194	21.56	94
5. Featherstone Rovers ...	10	190	19.00	125
6. St. Helens	10	190	19.00	134
7. Hull	7	126	18.00	131
8. Barrow	9	160	17.78	123
9. Wakefield Trinity	10	171	17.10	126
10. York	9	151	16.78	212

NEXT MATCH AT WATERSHEDDINGS

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First Team

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 16-13	" 27 (F)	St. Helens	Away	
" 10 (S)	(Lancs. Cup 1st Rd.)			Feb. 4 (S)	(1)		
" 12 (M)	Salford	Away	L 13-15	" 11 (S)	Workington T.	Home	
" 17 (S)	Salford	Away	W 7-2	" 18 (S)	St. Helens	Home	
" 24 (S)	(Lancs. Cup 2nd Rd.)			" 25 (S)	(2)		
" 30 (F)	Blackpool B.	Away	W 22-4	Mar. 3 (F)	Widnes	Away	
Oct. 8 (S)	Whitehaven	Home	W 37-9	" 11 (S)	Huddersfield	Home	
" 14 (F)	Halifax	Away	L 15-23	" 24 (F)	Swinton	Away	
" 22 (S)	Wigan	Home	L 15-16	" 25 (S)	Widnes	Home	
" 29 (S)	Liverpool C.	Away		" 27 (M)	Halifax	Home	
Nov. 5 (S)	Rochdale H.	Home					
" 11 (F)	Whitehaven	Away					
" 18 (F)	Leigh	Home					
" 26 (S)	Leeds	Away					
Dec. 3 (S)	Liverpool C.	Home					
" 10 (S)	Warrington	Away					
" 14 (W)	Leeds	Home					
" 24 (S)	Workington T.	Away					
" 26 (M)	Barrow	Home					
" 27 (Tu)	Leigh	Away					
" 31 (S)	Huddersfield	Away					
	Swinton	Home					
	Rochdale H.	Away					
	Warrington	Home					

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