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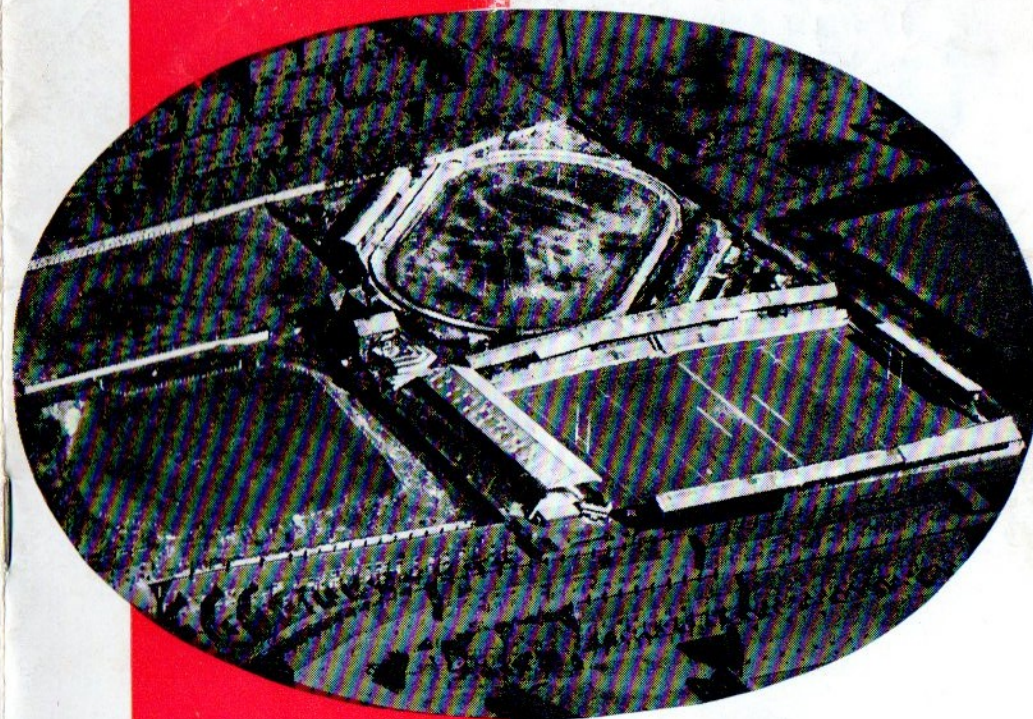
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WELCOME BACK!

It is our pleasure this evening to welcome back to Watersheddings our own team following their three clashes away from home.

It has been, however, a disappointing 'away' period because we did not pick up any league points and we fell at the last hurdle for the Lancashire Challenge Cup.

Our defeat at Whitehaven on October 22nd was something of a surprise for we had already beat the Cumbrians 37-9 in a league game at Watersheddings. Brian Curry again had bad luck having to retire at half time with a hamstring strain. I feel the Lancashire Cup final clash the following week-end had a bearing on the result of this match but two points would have been very useful to keep us high in the league table.

The Lancashire Cup final was more a disappointment than a surprise. We did take the field as the underdogs and by half time it was quite obvious that if we didn't find our feet we would stay that way. However, a really brilliant rally brought us to 11-11 and then it was anybody's game. The Colin Clarke try following a brilliant break by former Oldham forward Harry Major sealed the issue. A lot of our own fans suspected a forward pass here but referee, Peter Geraghty, who it was thought had a good game, was right on the spot so we had no grumble. Stan McLeod would have been the toast of Oldham had he managed to score in the last seconds as he almost did. However the luck was not with us at the time so our boys, who had turned in a really wonderful show, had to be satisfied with runners-up medals.

Last week's game at Headingley was another disappointment when we lost by 21 points to 14. This game was packed with excitement and also some fine rugby particularly from the home side. They are certainly a fine team and will take some beating, especially at Headingley. The dismissal of John Donovan was a body blow

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to our team because we might easily have pulled off a victory had he remained on the field. John's case was heard by the disciplinary committee yesterday, but at the time of going to press their decision was not known. However, we are confident that he will be found not guilty of a malicious trip and will be in our line-up this evening.

We would like to offer our sincere congratulations to both Tom Warburton and Bob Irving on their selection for the England under 24 team to play in Bayonne later this month. It is indeed an honour for both them and the Club and we wish them well. Whilst congratulating these two boys one must feel inclined to feel sorry for two more, Kevin Taylor and Geoff Fletcher. Kevin was in this side last season but loses his place for this match to Bradford hooker Mullins. Geoff Fletcher as everyone knows, has been playing some fine football and his omission was a surprise. Tony Stephens has got the No. 10 job in France.

WELCOME TO LIVERPOOL

A hearty welcome is extended this evening to our very good friends from Merseyside.

Liverpool are at present, playing on the well known Knotty Ash field. I say 'at present' because next season they will be moving to new headquarters.

The 'City' had a marvellous victory last weekend when they beat, quite convincingly, a Barrow team which included Ex-Rugby Union International Tom Brophy. Oldham referee Dickie Thomas officiated at this game and reported that Liverpool played some fine football and fitted in nicely to the new play-the-ball rule. This means we will have to be at our best if we are to record the 'double' this evening. The result at Liverpool was a close one 19-15, and it was only in the second half that we managed to get the better of the home team.

The Liverpool directors recently acquired the services of former Oldham player Bill Payne, signed from Warrington, and it is hoped that Bill will be playing this evening against his old colleagues.

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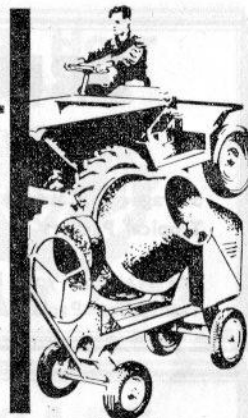
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A victory for the 'City' would be more than welcome for them, but on the other hand we need the points to keep us in the running for a top eight place at the end of the season.

Let us hope we see some good football on a fine evening.

CUP FINAL TICKETS

It has previously been reported from Rugby League H.Q. that Cup Final seating tickets were sold very very quickly this year. It is now announced that the rate of sale of standing enclosure tickets is well in excess of last year when there was a "full house". Supporters are strongly advised to obtain their standing enclosure tickets NOW. One advantage of getting tickets direct from the office is that with the tickets for any one Final you receive an application form for the succeeding Final. This enables you to place your order for the succeeding Final at the earliest possible moment. APPLY NOW.

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The advent of the Rugby League rule changes and consequent shock results in recent weeks has produced some violent ups-and-downs in the Mackeson tables.

In the Period 2 Contest, due to end with matches played on November 19, St. Helens look to be in danger of losing their once safe-looking lead. Their 29.5 plunge at Leigh leaves them top but with only a .36 lead over Hull K.R.

With Workington, out of the Mackeson prizes for the past two seasons, only a further .14 of a point behind, the odds on the destination of the tankards looks evenly balanced between the three Rugby League counties.

New leaders have also emerged in the Main Contest. Hull K.R. now go just ahead with 22.94 to Halifax's 22.93, with Leeds still a danger with 21.93.

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Meet the Players — No. 8

JOHN DONOVAN

John Donovan was signed from St. Helens in part exchange for forward Peter Goddard, in January, 1963. Since then he has, more or less, commanded a first team place. John plays most of his games at centre although he can be classed as a utility back, being equally at home in the No. 6 spot or on the wing.

He has made one appearance for his County but has not yet been successful in gaining an International Cap.

John, who lives in Newton le Willows, is employed by a St. Helens glass works as an Invoice Clerk. He is married, but has no children. He is 5 ft. 11 ins. tall and weighs 12 st. 10 lbs., his hobby, he says is "any sport at all". John's age is 26.

The game at Leeds last weekend is a game which John will probably want to forget because he was sent off for the first ever time in his career.



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Period 2 — Sept. 26th to Nov. 19th, Position after matches played on Nov. 5th

Club	Matches Played	Points Scored	Avg. Agst.	Pts. Agst.
1. St. Helens	6	129	21.50	68
2. Hull K. R.	7	148	21.14	65
3. Workington Town	6	126	21.00	52
4. Halifax	7	129	18.43	102
5. Widnes	6	105	17.50	61
6. Castleford	7	111	15.86	113
7. Hull	6	95	15.83	66
8. Wakefield Trinity	6	95	15.83	83
9. Barrow	6	95	15.83	87
10. Bradford Northern	6	94	15.67	69
11. Leigh	5	77	15.40	53
12. Warrington	7	107	15.29	110
13. Swinton	7	103	14.71	106
14. Leeds	6	87	14.50	65
15. Featherstone Rovers ...	7	100	14.29	84
16. Rochdale Hornets	7	99	14.14	79
17. Hunslet	5	70	14.00	85
18. Wigan	7	97	13.86	83
19. Oldham	7	88	12.57	92
20. Huddersfield	8	96	12.00	97

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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)	(Lancs. Cup 2nd Rd.)			" 18 (S)	St. Helens	Home	
" 24 (S)	Blackpool B.	Away	W 22-4	" 25 (S)	(2)		
" 24 (S)	Whitehaven	Home	W 37-9	Mar. 3 (F)	Widnes	Away	
" 30 (F)	Halifax	Away	L 15-23	" 11 (S)	Huddersfield	Home	
Oct. 8 (S)	Wigan	Home	L 15-16	" 24 (F)	Swinton	Away	
" 14 (F)	Liverpool C.	Away	W 19-15	" 25 (S)	Widnes	Home	
" 22 (S)	Rochdale H.	Home	W 12-7	" 27 (M)	Halifax	Home	
" 29 (S)	Whitehaven	Away	L 0-12				
Nov. 5 (S)	Wigan (L.C. Final)	Away	L 13-16				
" 11 (F)	Leeds	Away	L 14-21				
" 18 (F)	Liverpool C.	Home	W 11-2				
" 25 (S)	Warrington	Away					
Dec. 3 (S)	Leeds	Home					
" 10 (S)	Workington T.	Away					
" 14 (W)	Barrow	Home					
" 17 (S)	Leigh	Away					
" 24 (S)	Leigh	Home					
" 26 (M)	Huddersfield	Away					
" 27 (Tu)	Swinton	Home					
" 31 (S)	Rochdale H.	Away					
	Warrington	Home					

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