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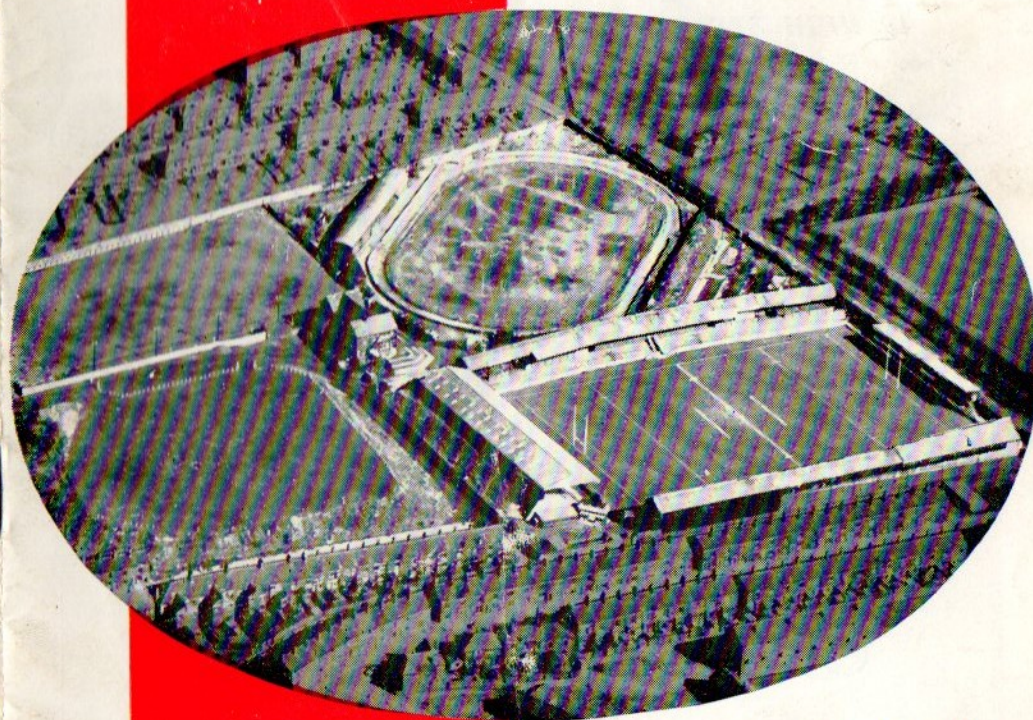
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WELCOME TO THE LEAGUE LEADERS

The players, officials and supporters of the Leeds Club come to Watersheddings this evening overflowing with confidence, and no wonder for they are at present riding high at the top of the Rugby League, having lost only one game to date in the League race. Surprisingly, they also lost to Bramley at Headingley, but that was in the first round of the Yorkshire Cup.

We are still smarting from our defeat at Headingley earlier this month, when we lost 21-14 after a thrill-a-minute game.

Leeds recently signed Bev Risman, the former England R.U. and Leigh player. Bev has fitted in well at his new club and is kicking some nice goals.

They have some fine threequarter backs, none better than tourist and Yorkshire County winger Wrigglesworth and centre partner Dick Gemmell. Rollin and Shobottom work well together at half-back. These two boys will be together again tomorrow when Ken is best man at Mike Shobottom's wedding. We at Oldham offer our congratulations to Mike and we hope that he and his wife-to-be will have a long and happy married life.

The Leeds pack is a mighty force. They play together as a unit, back up well, and between them score quite a few tries. Their 'skipper' is former Hull K.R.

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player Harry Poole. Harry recently returned from 'Down-under' with the British team, where he had been captain.

Leeds will be all out to continue their winning run at our expense this evening. However, following our improved performance at Naughton Park on Tuesday, we perhaps feel a little more confident than we might have been.

CLUB VIEWS

We lost our League fixture at Warrington last Friday evening, but it was the same story over again, "We could have won."

This was a thrilling match to watch, and anyone there as a non-partisan must have been thrilled with the exciting football which was produced by both teams.

As for the result, Warrington took their chances and we didn't, and that was the difference between winning and losing. Right to the final whistle we were in this game with a chance; first of all Fletcher scored a try and with a Brian Curry goal following, we went in at half-time just 7-9 in arrears. In the second-half, both Taylor and Warburton scored fine tries, but an amazing try by centre Pickavance for Warrington more or less sealed the 'Wires' victory. The centre ran in from half-way after receiving the ball from a play-back.

On Tuesday we made the trip to Widnes in the B.B.C. Floodlit Competition. No one gave us a chance of winning at all, and when Widnes scored two early tries it looked as if we might suffer a heavy defeat, as we did at Naughton Park last

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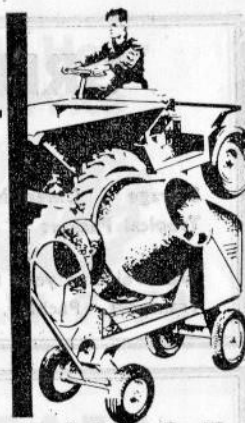
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season. However, in the second-half the Oldham boys, playing in their all-white strip, took command and eventually ran out winners by 14 points to 11. Ironically enough, Frank Myler's try in the last seconds of the match ended our hopes of a place in the Competition semi-finals.

A word of praise here for young Peter Holroyd, who had the task of 'marking' perhaps the best centre in the game, Frank Myler. Although Frank scored two of his side's tries, Peter stuck to his difficult task very well and at times had the better of Myler with some fine midfield breaks.

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KEVIN TAYLOR

Appropriately enough, our No. 9 in the 'Meet the Players' series is the No. 9 on our first team, Kevin Taylor.

Kevin signed for the Oldham Club from Werneth Rugby Club in October, 1962. As an amateur, Kevin represented Lancashire School-boys and also represented Lancashire in the Continuation Leagues. Since turning to the professional game he has played for England under-24 team, a game which was played at Watersheddings last October.

Kevin, who stands 5ft. 8in. and weighs 13st., is an apprentice plumber and works for the Club President, Mr. H. Jones. His hobbies include all sport and motoring. Kevin is 20 years old.



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Owing to the higher rate of sale of Cup Final seating tickets this year, many regular patrons who applied late for their tickets have to be satisfied with Standing Enclosure tickets. When sending out tickets for any one Final, the Rugby League Secretary encloses an application form for the next Final. Regular patrons should make use of these forms at an early date, otherwise they have only themselves to blame if they fail to get tickets.

The Wembley authorities complain that supporters at the Rugby League Cup Final who are in the Standing Enclosure quite often insist on sitting down on the terraces. They ignore loudspeaker requests to stand, and thus cause congestion and annoyance to other ticket holders who are trying to gain admission to the enclosure.

Rugby League supporters are requested to take heed of the instructions which are broadcast on the special loudspeaker system, as these instructions are given in an endeavour to provide the minimum of inconvenience to all spectators.

Quite often supporters ask why "Abide with me" cannot be sung prior to the kick-off of the Rugby League Cup Final. The answer is that this song would seem to be the 'copyright' of the Soccer Final. It is up to the Rugby League to establish a song of their own. The Rugby League Secretary has been asking for suggestions as to what song could be accepted as the most likely climax to the community singing. "Onward Christian Soldiers" seems to be a popular choice. Any other suggestions are welcome. Once the final choice is made, every effort will be made to build it up into a suitable climax of the community singing.

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FIXTURES FOR 1966 - 67

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.)	Away	L 13-15	Feb. 4	(S)	(1)	Home	
" 12	(M)	Salford	Away	W 7-2	" 11	(S)	Workington T.	Home	
" 17	(S)	(Lancs. Cup 2nd Rd.)	Away	W 22-4	" 18	(S)	St. Helens	Home	
" 24	(S)	Blackpool B.	Home	W 37-9	" 25	(S)	(2)	Away	
" 30	(F)	Whitehaven	Home	L 15-23	Mar. 3	(F)	Widnes	Home	
Oct. 8	(S)	Halifax	Home	L 15-16	" 11	(S)	Huddersfield	Home	
" 14	(F)	Wigan	Away	W 19-15	" 24	(F)	Swinton	Away	
" 22	(S)	Liverpool C.	Home	W 12-7	" 25	(S)	Widnes	Home	
" 29	(S)	Rochdale H.	Away	L 0-12	" 27	(M)	Halifax	Home	
Nov. 5	(S)	Whitehaven	Away	L 13-16					
" 11	(F)	Wigan (L.C. Final)	Away	L 14-21					
" 18	(F)	Leeds	Home	W 11-2					
" 25	(S)	Liverpool C.	Away	W 16-13					
Dec. 3	(S)	Warrington	Away						
" 10	(S)	Leeds	Home						
" 14	(W)	Workington T.	Away						
" 17	(S)	Barrow	Home						
" 24	(S)	Leigh	Away						
" 26	(M)	Leigh	Home						
" 27	(Tu)	Huddersfield	Away						
" 31	(S)	Swinton	Home						
		Rochdale H.	Away						
		Warrington	Home						

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