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SATURDAY, 18th MARCH, 1967

KICK-OFF 3-0 p.m.

Our Visitors: It is our pleasure to welcome our friends from Oldham who come here today in a re-arranged fixture, the original fixture having been postponed on January 7th. Like ourselves they have no further interest in this year's Rugby League Challenge Cup having been beaten on their own ground by League Leaders Leeds. Looking through Oldham's league performances this season it seems to be somewhat similar to our own, and likewise they have suffered by injuries throughout the season. One of their players, Tom Warburton broke his leg at the end of December and is expected to return for today's game. This undoubtedly will strengthen the Oldham back division and increase their attacking power. Other players of note are their present Captain and latest signing Geoff. Shelton who seems to be coming back into form having not played until recently after arriving from the Australian Tour last Summer. Once again Oldham seem particularly strong in their forwards and their latest star is their fast and strong second row forward, Bob Irvine. Other players of note are loose forward Dave Parker and second row forward Peter Smethurst. In recent visits of Oldham to Central Park they have generally provided hard and fast football and we are looking forward to today's game which we hope will live up to this standard.

In our last home match we were very disappointed indeed to be defeated by Salford 18 - 6, and although we do not want to take credit from the Salford Team for a magnificent win we feel that our loss of form can be excused to some degree because of our injuries to key players. Back to league football we had our visit to Rochdale, and on looking through the Rochdale programme we found they had only been defeated once in a league match since September at Rochdale and had they beaten us that night they would have completed the double for the first time in 50 years. We did, however, get down to play some really good football and ran out worthy winners by 15 - 12. Their last 5 points coming in the closing seconds of the game. On Wednesday 8th March we visited Swinton in a re-arranged game. This turned out to be a really exciting game, Swinton finally winning by 14 - 11 and generally deserving their victory. Of our five remaining fixtures we have three at home and two away. Three of these are to be played within four days. To stand a chance of a Top 16 place with as many teams as twelve fighting for about eight positions it means that we cannot afford to lose more than one of these matches to qualify.

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Injuries: Our present injury list is somewhat similar to what it has been all season. We now have David Stephens, whose plaster was removed last week, Billy Boston with his arm injury and further news that Cliff Hill's ligaments have gone worse and all three players will certainly be unable to play any more football this season. Added to this we also have Tom Woosey, who having played at Wembley last season, has played no first team football this season.

Congratulations: Our congratulations go to Tom Woosey, Colin Clarke and Terry Fogerty all of whom have been married in the last fortnight, we take this opportunity of wishing them all long and happy marriages.



COLIN TYRER

Recent Signing: Making his debut at Central Park today is our recent signing Colin Tyrer, having already played two matches at Rochdale and at Swinton. With Leigh, Colin kicked 83 goals this season and he has kicked 7 goals in his two matches for us. We hope he will have a long and happy association with Wigan.

Mackeson Contest: The Yorkshire stranglehold on the Mackeson Contest continues. Wakefield Trinity made it four in a row for the White Rose county on Saturday by carrying off the fourth period tankards. Their winning average of 21.25 put them well clear of Leeds (18.57) and Swinton (18.17). The previous Period Yorkshire winners having been Leeds, Hull K.R. and Castleford.

Main Contest: Lancashire clubs fare no better in the Main Contest. Hull K.R. still lead Leeds by a narrow margin of 19.97 to 19.55 and Castleford, Wakefield and Halifax maintain the Yorkshire monopoly. The first of the Lancashire Clubs is St. Helens with 15.79 followed by Wigan with 15.75.

A Collection will be taken at our match to-day: Proceeds for the **John Barton Testimonial Fund**.

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MACKESON RUGBY LEAGUE CONTEST 1966/67

PERIOD 4 - JANUARY 16 - MARCH 11

FINAL TABLE

CLUB	Matches Played	Points Scored	Average	Points Against
1. WAKEFIELD T.	8	170	21.25	64
2. LEEDS	7	130	18.57	67
3. SWINTON	6	109	18.17	36
4. WIGAN	8	134	16.75	93
5. HULL K. R.	8	129	16.13	80
6. CASTLEFORD	7	99	14.14	69
7. YORK	7	96	13.71	129
8. WORKINGTON T.	7	95	13.57	61
9. ST. HELENS	8	105	13.13	68
10. FEATHERSTONE R.	7	91	13.00	99
11. HULL	7	90	12.86	81

First period won by Leeds with an average of 27.50

Second period won by Hull K. R. with an average of 21.67

Third period won by Castleford with an average of 27.67

Fourth period won by Wakefield with an average of 21.25

MAIN CONTEST

POSITION AFTER MATCHES PLAYED ON MARCH 11

CLUB	Matches Played	Points Scored	Average	Points Against
1. HULL K. R.	35	699	19.97	350
2. LEEDS	33	645	19.55	339
3. CASTLEFORD	31	558	18.32	327
4. WAKEFIELD T.	34	603	17.74	351
5. HALIFAX	31	501	16.16	482
6. ST. HELENS	33	521	15.79	347
7. WIGAN	36	567	15.75	452
8. WORKINGTON T.	32	483	15.09	327
9. HULL	31	460	14.84	416
10. BARROW	32	459	14.34	342

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5 HESKETH

HALF-BACKS

6 ASHTON
7 PARR

FORWARDS

8 GARDINER
9 CLARKE
10 STEPHENS J.
11 FOGERTY
12 STEPHENS A.
13 LYON

SUBSTITUTES

14 O'NEIL
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HALF-BACKS

6 Warburton
7 CANNING

FORWARDS

8 BOTT
9 TAYLOR
10 OGDEN
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APPEARANCES AND TRIES SCORED

(up to and including Saturday, 11th March, 1967)

	Appearances	Tries		Appearances	Tries
Ashby, R.	27	2	Major, H.	14	—
Ashton, E.	25	8	McIntyre, L.	7	—
Barton, J.	2	—	McTigue, B.	2	—
Boston, W. J.	29	18	O'Loughlin, K.	10	—
Clarke, C.	28	4	O'Neil, T.	1	—
Fletcher, D.	1	—	Parr, F.	36	8
Fogerty, T.	14	1	Rafferty T.	2	—
Francis, W.	9	4	Rowe P.	14	2
Gardiner, R. B.	36	—	Southey J.	1	1
Gilfedder, L.	24	4	Stephens, A.	13	4
Hesketh, C.	26	13	Stephens, D.	21	13
Hill, C.	22	10	Stephens, J.	33	3
Molden, K.	24	7	Thompson J.	2	—
Jackson, J.	1	—	Tyrer, C.	2	1
Lake, T.	14	6	Walker, D.	1	—
Lyon, G.	36	8	Webb, R.	1	—
			Wilkinson, E.	3	—

Total number of Tries scored : 121

GOALS SCORED : 106

Ashby, R.	1
Ashton, E.	43
Boston, W. J.	1
Fogerty, T.	1
Gilfedder, L.	51
Tyrer, C.	7

Note: The part of the match played by substitutes is not recorded for appearance purposes and any tries or goals scored by substitutes are recorded separately.

E. Ashton — 2 Goals

D. Stephens — 1 Try
J. Thompson — 1 Try
G. Lyon — 1 Try
D. Walker — 1 Try

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1966	FIRST TEAM	F. A.	"A" TEAM	F. A.
Aug. 12	Warrington (W.Cup 7-0) A	8 10	WARRINGTON H	13 21
13				
17	Whitehaven (6-30) A	0 16		
20	HALIFAX H	22 34		
24	Leigh (7-30) A	9 18		
27	Wakefield A	7 19	LEIGH H	17 16
29	LEIGH (6-30) H	18 13		
Sept. 3	Leigh (Lancs. Cup) A	18 4	LEIGH (L.S. 1st Round) H	25 20
6	Blackpool (6-30) A	10 20	BLACKPOOL (6-30) H	Postponed
10	BARROW H	24 14	Barrow A	10 13
14	ST. HELENS (L.C. 2nd Rd.) H	11 9		
17	Leeds A	25 38	SWINTON H	8 17
24	WORKINGTON H	28 16	Workington A	14 25
28	WARRINGTON (S.F.L.C.) H	16 7		
30	Oldham (Friday 7-30) A	16 15	OLDHAM H	11 27
Oct. 7			Swinton A	8 14
8	SWINTON H	6 16		
15	Barrow A	15 13	BARROW (L.S. 2nd Rd.) H	5 5
22	HUDDERSFIELD H	15 4		
29	OLDHAM L.C. Final (Swinton) H	16 13	WORKINGTON H	10 16
Nov. 5	WAKEFIELD H	13 15		
12	WHITEHAVEN (2-30) H	40 0	St. Helens A	8 9
19	Halifax A	9 8	Barrow (L.S. 2nd Rd. replay) A	14 9
25			St. Helens Fri. (L.S. Semi. F.) A	17 12
26	ROCHDALE H	10 13	Rochdale A	2 25
Dec. 3	BLACKPOOL H	19 6	Blackpool A	10 12
10	Liverpool C. A	10 8		
11			WORKINGTON L.C.C.S. H	7 16
16	Widnes (7-30) A	20 7		
17			WIDNES H	12 11
26	St. Helens A	3 8		
1967 27	SALFORD H	28 11		
Jan. 2	WARRINGTON H	17 5		
13			Warrington A	16 14
14	Workington A	8 9		
21			ROCHDALE H	27 16
27			Widnes (7-30) A	13 7
28	WIDNES H	46 2		
Feb. 4	1st Round R.L.C.C. A	19 19	Liverpool C. A	15 6
8	1st Round R.L.C.C. Replay H	20 3		
11	Huddersfield A	10 8	SALFORD H	10 8
18	LEEDS H	7 17		
25	SALFORD 2nd Rd. R.L.C.C. H	6 18	Salford A	13 13
Mar. 3	Rochdale A	15 12	Leigh A	7 10
4	Gt. Britain v France H	13 23		
8	Swinton A	11 14		
18	OLDHAM H		WARRINGTON H	
24	ST. HELENS H		ST HELENS H	
25	Warrington A		LIVERPOOL H	
27	Salford A		Oldham A	
Apr. 1	SEMI-FINAL R.L.C.C.			
4				
5	LIVERPOOL C. (6-30) H			
8	SEMI-FINAL R.L.C.C.		BARROW H	
9			BLACKPOOL H	
15	Top 16 Play Off-1st Round			
22	Top 16 Play Off-2nd Round			
29	Top 16 Play Off-Semi-Finals			

FIRST TEAM
May 6 League Champ. Final
13 Final R.L. Challenge Cup