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CLUB VIEWS

Skipper Tug Wilson dropped! Tommy Warburton back in the first team following a serious leg injury! Twenty points scored in the defeat of Wigan! Coach Dyson's contract not renewed!

The above are this week's talking points at Watersheddings, and the following questions are being asked: Will Wilson get back into favour and be recalled to the senior side, or will he have an extended "A" team run? Was the Wigan victory a fluke? Who will replace Dyson as coach?

Perhaps, with the exception of the second question, I just do not know the answers—we shall have to wait and see. The win at Wigan was certainly a fine performance and it was nice to see the team recording a few tries, something we have been deprived of for a few games. The front-row of Bott, Taylor and Ogden all notched tries. With Brian Curry adding four goals, the score of 20 points to 8, I thought, rather flattered the home side, for Oldham's all-round superiority was obvious throughout the game and another ten points or so to the visitors would not have been an injustice.

It would, perhaps, be unfair to mention any specific player who played in the Wigan match, but I thought Kevin Taylor's brilliant hooking was a prominent feature in Wigan's downfall.

The team will be all out this afternoon to show that the Wigan triumph was no flash in the pan, and also to improve their chances of finishing in the top eight in the League table, which would ensure a home tie in the play-off.

Numerous people have asked me what the formation is for the play-off and I think that this is perhaps the best opportunity to explain it in detail.

The team occupying the top position in the final League table shall be awarded the League Leadership trophy.

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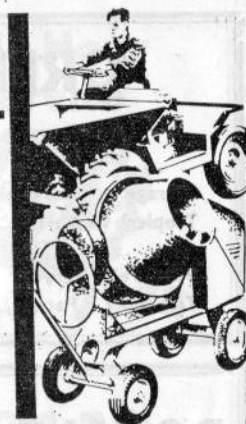
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WELCOME TO WIDNES

Our visitors today, like ourselves, are a members' club. They have had an up and down season and in the process have lost several top forwards, including Vince Karalius, now retired, and Frank Collier, who is enjoying a successful run at Salford.

The notes for the Easter match programmes are, of course, written some days in advance, and as a consequence, we do not know the formation of the Widnes team.

A few weeks ago at Naughton Park the teams battled out a 4-4 draw, and the least said about this game the better, because it was a dull affair and neither side looked capable of scoring a try.

We hope it will be a different story today, with a lot of tries being scored to give the Easter fans a treat.

Frank Myler is playing as well as ever in the Widnes centre and is being partnered at present by O'Neil, who, still in his teens, is a marvellous prospect. Ian Hare will, no doubt, occupy one flank spot with Johnny Gaydon taking the number five spot.

With Jimmy Boylan working the scrum and a bunch of young, mobile forwards to back him up, the Widnes side has a formidable look about it and we shall have to be on our toes if we are to chalk up a victory we so badly need.

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- 6—WARBURTON, T.
- 7—CANNING, T.
- 8—BOTT, C.
- 9—TAYLOR, K.
- 10—OGDEN, A.
- 11—SMETHURST, P.
- 12—IRVING, R. *T*
- 13—FLETCHER, G.

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| Saturday, May 6th, 1967—at Headingley, Leeds | Kick-off 2.30 p.m. |
| LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL | |
| Saturday, October 21st, 1967—at Headingley, Leeds | Kick-off 3.0 p.m. |
| GREAT BRITAIN v AUSTRALIA | |
| Friday, November 3rd, 1967—at White City, London | Kick-off 7.45 p.m. |
| GREAT BRITAIN v AUSTRALIA | |
| Saturday, December 9th, 1967—at Station Road, Swinton | |
| GREAT BRITAIN v AUSTRALIA | |

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Trevor is now a regular member in the Oldham senior side; he could, however, quite easily have been a regular member of Manchester United's team as an inside-forward. However, Trevor chose Rugby League, following trials at United, and signed professional forms for the Oldham club on October 27th, 1966. He is 22 years of age, stands 5ft. 11in. and weighs 12st. 3lb. By trade he is an auto-electrician and is employed by Oldham Motor Co. Trevor is married and his charming wife, Kathleen, "is just a housewife," says Trevor. They have a two-year-old daughter, Julie Elaine.

Trevor, who with his family, lives at 41 Ellend Street, is interested in all sports and motoring. He achieved his first ambition as a professional last week when he was on the winning side at Central Park. His next ambition is to play for the County.

The best of luck, Trevor!



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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	P'oned
" 23	(Tu) Blackpool Borough	Home	W 40-9	" 14	(S) Barrow	Away	W 13-8
" 27	(S) Hull	Home	W 20-7	" 21	(S) Salford	Home	W 17-4
Sept. 2	(F) Swinton	Home	W 16-13	" 27	(F) St. Helens	Away	L 7-25
" 10	(S) Salford	Away	L 13-15	Feb. 4	(S) Huddersfield	Away	W 12-7
" 12	(M) Blackpool B.	Away	W 22-4	" 11	(S) Workington T.	Home	L 5-13
" 17	(S) Whitehaven	Home	W 37-9	" 17	(F) St. Helens	Home	W 8-7
" 24	(S) Halifax	Away	L 15-23	" 25	(S) Leeds	Home	L 4-13
" 30	(F) Wigan	Home	L 15-16	" 25	(S) Leeds	(2nd Rd. R.L. Cup)	
Oct. 8	(S) Liverpool C.	Away	W 19-15	Mar. 3	(S) Widnes	Away	D 4-4
" 14	(F) Rochdale H.	Home	W 12-7	" 11	(S) Huddersfield	Home	W 4-3
" 22	(S) Whitehaven	Away	L 0-12	" 24	(F) Swinton	Away	L 10-13
" 29	(S) Wigan (L.C. Final)	Away	L 13-16	" 25	(S) Widnes	Home	W 6-4
Nov. 5	(S) Leeds	Away	L 14-21	" 27	(M) Halifax	Home	
" 11	(F) Liverpool C.	Home	W 11-2	Apr. 8	(S) Swinton	Home	
" 18	(F) Warrington	Away	L 17-21				
" 22	(Tu) Widnes (F'l't Comp.)	Away	W 14-11				
" 25	(F) Leeds	Home	W 16-13				
Dec. 3	(S) Workington T.	Away	W 13-9				
" 10	(S) Barrow	Home	W 10-4				
" 14	(W) Leigh	Away	L 8-12				
" 17	(S) Leigh	Home	W 14-5				
" 24	(S) Huddersfield	Away	L 7-13				
" 26	(M) Swinton	Home	P'oned				
" 27	(Tu) Rochdale H.	Away	0-0 Abnd.				
" 31	(S) Warrington	Home	L 6-12				

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