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The 1967-68 season is upon us already. It only seems a few days since the end of last season when you think back on our tremendous efforts to get a place in round two of the Championship play-off when we had two hard games with Swinton. However, behind the scenes there has been a great deal of happenings and the time required to do all these things is not quite enough.

As you know, at a tremendous expense, we have had the pitch returfed but I am sure you will agree that the pitch looks extremely well. Of course, we have had a lot of rain which has helped it to come on and although the rain was welcome at Watersheddings it was not so welcome at the various holiday resorts which the Oldham public have visited this summer. But we do hope that everyone found the sun on holiday and had an enjoyable time.

You will have noticed our new front cover on the programme this season. We have not changed the cover because we were disappointed with the cover on last season's programme; on the contrary, we thought last season's programme cover was quite attractive but we have aimed to make it even more attractive this season.

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Following my appeal in a programme last year for ideas to improve the programme, I received about a dozen replies and I have acknowledged these personally but I would like to thank again through the medium of this programme for their remarks, and I will certainly bring some of the ideas outlined, into the programme during the season.

As you all know there has been changes in the training staff, and the appointment of Great Britain physiotherapist Dennis Wright as Trainer has been well received. Dennis is doing a good job in his efforts to get that extra yard out of the team and we hope this is obvious this evening in this first league game of the season.

Our new centre Geoff Shelton has taken over as Player/Coach. He has got the full backing of the Committee and the players and we wish him luck and success in his position as Player/Coach.

Our visit to Wigan for the Annual 'Sevens' tourney was not as successful as it was for us last year. We were defeated in the first round by the eventual winners, Halifax, by 14 points to 3. We were, of course, handicapped by lack of possession and this in 7-a-side football is extremely difficult to overcome.

These notes are being written a few hours prior to our match against Blackpool on Saturday, so I am not in a position to report on it, but I can take this opportunity of thanking the Oldham Chronicle who have kindly donated a cup for our games with the Borough, and we sincerely hope that the games between

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We have been unfortunate in the fact that key players have been injured during the close season. Tom Warburton's shoulder injury at Leeds in the Headingley 'Sevens' was indeed a blow. Tom is now recovering well from his operation, but it will be another week or two before he will be making his come-back.

Martin Murphy broke a thumb at work recently and will miss the start of the season.

Peter Smethurst entered hospital in June for a thumb operation but is now back to peak fitness and ready for the new season. Incidentally, Peter's wife gave birth to a daughter during the summer. Congratulations!

Trevor Buckley has been suffering from a leg injury but he is now responding to treatment and should be fit very soon. Trevor and his wife have also had an addition to their family and our congratulations go to them also.

### COMINGS AND GOINGS

Mr. H. Jones returned to the head of the Club as President, unopposed, so too did our Treasurer, Mr. K. Fisher. Mr. A. F. Campbell defeated local Alderman

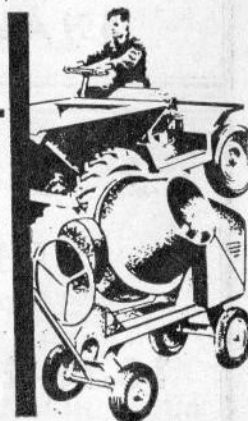
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J. Warrenner for the Vice-President's position and congratulations are extended to these gentlemen on their return to office.

Mr. R. L. Thomas, father of local referee Dick Thomas, was defeated in the election for the Committee. In his place is local businessman Les Eyre. We wish Mr. Eyre a happy term of office.

At this juncture we should report that Mr. Thomas entered hospital recently for an operation, and best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to him from everyone at Watersheddings.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery are also sent to Committeeman Mr. T. Rees, who is also unwell.

On the transfer front Charlie Bott was sold to Salford and five players were deleted from our list of registered players. Tommy Davies, a scrum-half from the Wigan area, joined the club. Tommy has shown tremendous promise up to now and it is hoped he has a long and successful career at Oldham.

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Liverpool are always attractive opposition and always play open football despite the fact that they may be well behind. They are a club with plenty of enthusiasm and their Board must be congratulated on the way in which they handle the affairs of the Club. A sample of this is in the shape of Jim Challinor, who will probably be in the Liverpool side this evening. The Club have done well in securing the services of Jim who should prove to be a very valuable asset to the Merseysiders.

### **LAWS OF THE GAME**

Many people will know that certain Laws have been amended during the close season and these will be operative this season. One important amendment is that concerning the Penalty Kick.

This season the player taking a penalty kick is not obliged to kick it ten yards or even to pass the mark. He can take the penalty in exactly the same way as the second kick was taken under the Law which applied in the 1966-67 season. This amendment is made necessary because under the 1966-67 rule a player near the opponents goal line often kicked to touch and then had to bring the ball back to almost the same position to recommence play with a tap kick. It is better to allow him to take the tap in the first place. If the kicker does kick a penalty into touch, then he can re-start play with a second kick or tap as was done under the 1966-67 Law.

Another amendment will be included in the Leigh match programme on Saturday.

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