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**CLIFF HILL & CO.**

Wigan visit Watersheddings this afternoon with an unimpressive record so far this season but it is only a matter of time till they find their true form and get back into their familiar invincible role.

We extend a hearty welcome to all their supporters, Officials and players for this afternoon's game and we hope it will be one of excitement and good football. There is one thing sure and that is that both sides are capable of playing good football. We proved this at Whitehaven last Saturday and Wigan have turned in exciting displays against Bramley when they scored 53 points and against Barrow last Saturday when they turned at half time deficit of 4-12 into a 22-12 win.

Cliff Hill has taken over the captaincy at Central Park from long serving Eric Ashton. Eric has stated he wishes to terminate his playing career but with an injury list almost as long as their playing register the Wigan Board have persuaded Eric to return to the team, and it would appear that Eric will be in the Wigan team this afternoon, probably as 'skipper'.

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**COLIN TYRER**

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Wigan's recent £5,000 signing from Leigh, full back Colin Tyrer received concussion in the game against Barrow last Saturday and missed the friendly game against Bradford Northern last Tuesday, a game at which Wigan opened their £15,000 floodlights, but it is expected that Colin will be fit enough to resume this afternoon. His ten goals from eleven against Bramley recently proved that he is an accurate marksman and his chances must be limited.

Wigan have recently sold Harry Major and Laurie Gilfedder to Leigh and the Wigan scouts have been out of late in efforts to find replacements, and it maybe that a new face will be in their side today . . . we shall have to see.

#### A PRECIOUS CAPTURE

The signing of Arthur Hughes from Salford for £2,000 has been a good capture.

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Against Rochdale in his first game for the Club, despite the fact that he played without first training with his new colleagues, turned in a sound loose forward display. He made the winning try for Tommy Canning just two minutes from the end of a drab game when both sides played badly.

At Whitehaven last week-end, Arthur, who was made 'skipper' for the day, following the resignation of Geoff Shelton and the absence of Geoff Fletcher, turned in a terrific non-stop display which earned him all round praise at the game's end.

However, Arthur was not the only Oldham player who is to be praised for this solid performance. All the pack played well especially Alan Ogden and Ken Wilson and ironically enough both players suffered from travel sickness en route.



**ARTHUR HUGHES**

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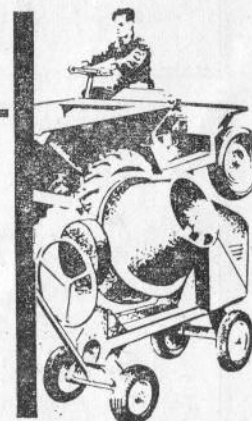
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- 12—HILL, J.
- 13—HUGHE, A. (Capt.)
- Substitutes—
- 14—BROOMHEAD, W.
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The kicking of Alex Cassie and second rower McFarlane's two fine drop goals certainly had our side worried at the start of the second half when between them they brought the arrears to one point at 11-10.

Everyone hopes that we see a repeat of last week's form this afternoon and if this is the case a win seems likely.

### THAT PITCH

As you are all aware several hundred pounds have been spent on the re-turfing of the centre of the pitch and the hard work which is put in to get the pitch in good order is being ruined by spectators, mainly children, running on to the pitch after the game. The Committee would be extremely grateful if everyone would keep off the field of play after the game because a tremendous amount of damage is caused when this happens.

Keeping off the pitch today is even more important because after today's game the pitch will have to be prepared for our important league game against Hull Kingston Rovers on Tuesday evening. So please co-operate with us in this matter.

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**By Ray Smith**

(after matches played on September 23)

#### BRADFORD COME FROM BEHIND FOR FIRST TANKARD WIN

Bradford Northern's big scoring on Saturday brought them from fourth place to top position in the Mackeson table to win the flag and the season's first set of tankards. It will be the first time the special Mackeson flag has ever been seen at the giant Odsal Stadium.

Four clubs finished the first period in a cluster. But previous leaders Warrington fell away disastrously and both Workington and Wakefield lost ground as Bradford went ahead.

Oldham finished in fifteenth position with an average of 15.50 over 10 games.

#### Top Four

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Aug. 15	(Tu) Liverpool City	Home	L 12-13	Jan. 1	(M) Workington T.	Away	
" 19	(S) Leigh (Lancs Cup - 1)	Home	W 17-11	" 6	(S) Batley	Away	
" 23	(W) Bradford Northern	Away	L 10-28	" 13	(S) Wigan	Away	
" 26	(S) Hull	Away	L 20-29	" 20	(S) St. Helens	Home	
Sept. 2	(S) Whitehaven	Home		" 27	(S) Barrow	Away	
" 4	(M) Blackpool Borough	Away		Feb. 3	(S) (1)		
" 7	(Th) Swinton (Lancs C - 2)	Away		" 10	(S) Batley	Home	
" 9	(S) Warrington	Away	L 2-28	" 17	(S) Widnes	Home	
" 16	(S) Rochdale H.	Home		" 24	(S) (2)		
" 23	(S) Whitehaven	Away		Mar. 1	(F) Rochdale H.	Away	
" 30	(S) Wigan	Home		" 9	(S) Workington T.	Home	
Oct. 3	(Tu) Hull K.R.	Home		" 23	(S) Leigh	Home	
" 14	(S) Bradford N.	Home		Apl. 12	(F) Swinton	Home	
" 20	(F) Salford	Away		" 15	(M) Hull K.R.	Away	
" 28	(S) Blackpool Boro'	Home					
Nov. 4	(S) Leigh	Away					
" 7	(Tu) Salford	Home					
" 17	(F) Widnes	Away					
" 25	(S) Hull	Home					
Dec. 2	(S) Liverpool C.	Away					
" 8	(F) Warrington	Home					
" 16	(S) St. Helens	Away					
" 26	(Tu) Swinton	Away					
" 30	(S) Barrow	Home					



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