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May I take this opportunity of extending a warm Oldham welcome to our friends from across the water.

It is indeed an honour to be privileged with a game against the Australians and we only hope that a good crowd turn up to see our team take on extremely attractive opposition.

The Tourists have had their 'ups' and 'downs' but generally speaking they are having a successful Tour.

As you all know they lost the first Test Match at Headingley but squared the position at one all in a thrilling game at White City, London last Friday evening.

The Third Test Match at Swinton on December 9th should be a thriller and it is certain that a good crowd will be in attendance to see this 'decider'.

The Tourists have won four and lost five games, not including the Test matches, so far on their tour.

LET'S TALK ABOUT OLDHAM

Our own team are going through an extremely lean spell and are badly in need of a good victory to give us confidence for the difficult games that lie ahead around Christmas time.

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Referee Reed from Leeds having one of his first senior games upset many of the Oldham fans with some of his decisions but these have to be accepted whether they right or wrong.

Very few fans expected a victory at Knowsley Road on Tuesday in the B.B.C.2 Floodlit Competition and of course as expected it was not to be. Our recent form compared with that of St. Helens was certainly a guide as to how the game was going to go.

However we were not disgraced and at times played some extremely attractive football. Our main fault was again the inability of the team to hold the ball for any length of time. Times without number the ball was in our hands but was returned to our opponents. Admitted the ground was in appalling condition and the ball must have resembled a piece of wet soap.

Referee D. S. Brown from Preston handled the game well and afterwards congratulated both captains, Vollenhoven of St. Helens and Fletcher of Oldham on the way in which they handled their sides in a clean and sporting manner.

THE FINAL TEST

As I have referred to already in the editorial the Final Test Match will be played at Station Road, Swinton on Saturday, December 9th, 1967 Kick-off 3 p.m.

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PEN PICTURES

Graeme Frank (Graeme) Langlands, Sales Representative. Full-back or centre. Age 25. Height 6 ft. Weight 13 st. Jersey No. 1. Starred as centre in 1963 tour, playing three Tests in England and two in France. Played in both Tests against New Zealand in New Zealand in 1965 and in first two against England in Australia in 1966. Full-back in all three Kiwi Tests in Australia this year. Scored 15 tries from full-back in one Sydney club season and 207 points on last Kangaroo tour.

Leslie Howard (Les) Johns, Sales Representative. Full-back. Age 25. Height 5 ft. 6½ ins. Weight 11 st 12 lbs. Jersey No. 2. Played in one Test against France in Australia in 1964, two against New Zealand in New Zealand in 1965 and the Third Test against Great Britain in 1966 in Australia. Fair-haired player who is a spectacular runner with the ball, and a great goalkicker.

Kenneth John (Ken) Irvine, Journalist. Winger. Age 27. Height 5 ft. 8 ins. Weight 11 st 12 lbs. Jersey No. 3. Toured in 1963/4 and last year set new record for most tries in Anglo-Australian Tests by taking total to 12. Very fast and tricky near line. Toured with Kangaroos in 1959, 1963 and for World Cup in England in 1960. Played three Tests in England and two in France last tour and also played in all three Tests in 1962 and 1966 series.

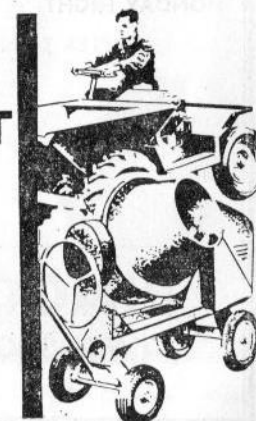
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Watson's pass to Flanagan is knocked down.



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Australian Noel Kelly tries to force his way past Neil Fox.

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Picture by courtesy of "Evening Post & Chronicle," Wigan.
McDonald break foiled by Bishop and Mantle.



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Branson breaks clear of Millward to set up Aussie attack.

John Cecil (John) King. Watchmaker, Winger, Age 24, Height 5 ft. 11 ins. Weight 12 st. 6 lbs. Jersey No. 4. First overseas tour but was a popular pick because of his sound play. Is a member of famous St. George Club in Sydney and is a very sound winger who makes few mistakes. Has survived several bad injuries to reach the top. Played all three Tests against Great Britain in 1966 and one against New Zealand in 1967.

Leslie Ray (Les) Hanigan. Sales Representative, Winger, Age 22, Height 5 ft. 9 ins. Weight 11 st 4 lbs. Jersey No. 5. Played for Southern N.S.W. at Wollongong in 1966 and outpaced Berwyn Jones to score 75 yards try. In Sydney this season was leading try-getter for all clubs. Played in first two Tests against Kiwis 1967.

John William (John) Greaves. Policeman, Winger or Centre, Age 24, Weight 13st. 7lb. Height 6ft. Jersey No. 6. Strong running centre who played Second and Third Tests against Great Britain in 1966. Played First Test against Kiwis in 1967 and was reserve back for other two Tests in 1967.

Reginald William (Reg) Gasnier. (Captain/Coach). Sales Representative, Centre. Age 28, Height 5 ft. 11 ins. Weight 12 st. 12 lbs. Jersey No. 7. Regarded in Australia as the world's finest player for many years. Brilliant attacking centre and sound defender as well as being smart tactician. Led Australia to three straight wins against Kiwis in Australia this year and also coached his teams. Toured in 1959, 1960 (World Cup) and 1963 but missed 1966 series in Australia through severe knee injury which almost caused retirement. Has played eight Tests against Great Britain and in twelve against France, being captain-coach for last two against France in Australia in 1964. Has played thirteen successive Tests against New Zealand.

John Norman (John) McDonald. Compositor, Centre, Age 23, Height 6ft. 0½ in. Weight 12 st. 10 lbs. Jersey No. 8. From that great nursery of champions, Toowoomba, Queensland. Broke ankle in Test debut against 1966 British team and did not play again that year. In 1967 partnered Gasnier in Second and Third Kiwi Tests and did well. Is a professional runner and also kicks goals.

Ronald William (Ron) Saddler. Electrical Linesman, Centre, Age 25, Height 5 ft. 11 ins. Weight 13 st. 6 lbs. Jersey No. 9. Very solid defender who plays for Eastern Suburbs Club in Sydney. Was Captain-Coach of N.S.W. for one game against Queensland in 1967, and Captained N.S.W. Colts against France, 1964.

Brian Reginald (Brian) Moore. Policeman, Centre, Age 23, Height 6 ft, Weight 14st. 12lb. Jersey No. 10. Has not played for Australia but was in N.S.W. Colts against France, 1964. Narrowly missed selection for 1963 tour.

John William (John) Gleeson. Brewery Representative, Stand-off, Age 26, Height 5ft. 6in. Weight 11st. 10lb. Jersey No. 11. Australia's stand-off against Kiwis in all three 1967 Tests and a mature player for this position. Has played a lot as half-back and captained Queensland. Toured with 1963 Kangaroos and also was in Australian team to New Zealand in 1965.

Anthony Ross (Tony) Branson. Panelbeater, Stand-off, Age 20, Height 5ft. 10in. Weight 12st. 2lb. Jersey No. 12. Played for Southern N.S.W. against Great Britain in 1966 at Wollongong and for N.S.W. against Queensland and New Zealand in 1967. Sound player with good defence and clever sidestep.

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William John (Bill) Smith. Cellarman. Half-back. Age 24. Height 5ft. 8in. Weight 11st. 7lb. Jersey No. 13. Has won Harry Sunderland Memorial Medal for Australia's best player in last two Test series against Great Britain, 1966, and Kiwis, 1967. Can play stand-off or original position of centre. Rugged type of half who is deadly cover defender.

Kevin Jack (Kevin) June. Salesman. Half-back. Age 23. Height 5ft. 7in. Weight 11st. 8lb. Jersey No. 14. Played for Sydney Colts against Other Nationalities in 1964 and for N.S.W. for last three years. Sharp penetrating type of half who represented Sydney against Great Britain and N.S.W. against Great Britain in 1966 and N.S.W. against New Zealand in 1967.

John William (John) Raper. Sales Representative. Loose Forward. Age 28. Height 5ft. 11½in. Weight 13st. 9lb. Jersey No. 15. Australia's finest forward of recent times. Has starred in Australian Test teams since 1959 when he made first of Kangaroo tours. Toured again for World Cup in 1960 and with Kangaroos in 1963. Played three Tests in England in 1963, one in 1959, two in 1962 and one in 1966, missing others in that period through injury. Also regular Test star against France and New Zealand. Appointed Vice Captain.

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Allan Kevin (Allan) Thomson. Schoolteacher. Second Row Forward. Age 24. Height 5ft. 9in. Weight 14st. 3lb. Jersey No. 18. Played for N.S.W. Colts against France, 1964, and first two Tests against Kiwis 1967. Short, stocky build and jarring tackler.

Elton William (Elton) Rasmussen. Sales Manager. Second Row or Loose Forward. Age 29. Height 6ft. 2in. Weight 15st. 4lb. Jersey No. 19. Toured with 1959 Kangaroos and this year has played best football of his career. Member of the great St. George team in Sydney for past six seasons. Played one Test in 1959 and two in 1962 against Englishmen.

Kevin Brian (Kevin) Goldspink. Policeman. Second Row Forward. Age 24. Height 6ft. Weight 15st. Jersey No. 20. Has been one of Canterbury-Bankstown's strongest forwards. Gave powerful display in 1967 Grand Final. Hard to stop and tackles well. Formerly a Country representative.

Peter Michael (Peter) Gallagher. Sales Representative. Front Row Forward. Age 30. Height 6ft. 1½in. Weight 15st. 10lb. Jersey No. 21. Toured with 1963 Kangaroos and has been a member of Queensland teams since 1960. Has had representative honours restricted by injuries. Played three Tests in England and one in France in 1963/64 and all three Tests against 1967 Kiwis.

Noel Raymond (Noel) Kelly. Car Salesman. Hooker or Prop. Age 30. Height 5ft. 11in. Weight 14st. 2lb. Jersey No. 22. Fiery forward who played in England on 1959 and 1963 tours. Missed many matches in 1967 through injury but played all three Tests against Kiwis. Played three Tests against Great Britain in 1963 and two in 1966. Smart forward tactician.

Dennis Peter (Dennis) Manteit. Butcher. Front or Second Row. Age 24. Height 6ft. 1½in. Weight 14st. 7lb. Jersey No. 23. Name is pronounced "Monty". Big forward with lots of dash. Reserve forward for last two Tests against Kiwis, 1967.

John William (John) Sattler. Sales Representative. Front Row. Age 24. Height 5ft. 11in. Weight 14st. 8lb. Jersey No. 24. Has not played representative football prior to gaining tour selection. Captain of South Sydney team and won tour place with good late form. Very rugged forward with lots of stamina.

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Noel James (Noel) Gallagher. Sales Representative. Hooker. Age 22. Height 6ft. Weight 14st. 7lb. Jersey No. 25. Big, young hooker, who plays well in the open. Played for Wide Bay against Great Britain at Bundabert, 1966. Missed chance of Test selection against 1967 Kiwis through injury, but Kangaroo selectors checked his form in social match at end of season before picking him.

Elwyn Aubrey (Elwyn) Walters. Carpenter. Hooker. Age 23. Height 5ft. 8in. Weight 13st. 11lb. Jersey No. 26. Dramatic rise has come at end of a mixed season. He was out for weeks with injury. Useful hooker and sound forward in general play.

Jack Robert Drewes (N.S.W.). Team Manager. Has managed Test teams in Australia with great success. Vice-President of N.S.W. Rugby Football League, member of the Australian Rugby Football League and Director of N.S.W. Leagues' Club.

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