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### WHICH WAY TO WATERSHEDDINGS ???

This was the obvious question that was being asked in the Town Centre today — after only two home games since November 11th, 1967 (well over two months ago) people are claiming they have forgotten the way to the ground. This could be for the glut of away fixtures together with a couple of postponements, a game at Watersheddings is something of a rarity.

It may be a good omen however to note that the two home games played since November 11th have both resulted in wins for our team and it is hoped that this home success will continue this afternoon when we take on our friends from St. Helens.

In our recent game at Batley our boys turned in a display of top class football and easily beat the Mount Pleasant men by 22 points to seven. Our supporters who travelled over the 'tops' to watch the team came back thrilled with the performance of the team.

Tom Warburton at stand-off had easily his best game of the season turning in a top class display of high speed football which had the Yorkshire men in a daze. His six goals from seven attempts certainly had a bearing on the game.

Another very important aspect of the game was the brilliant hooking of Kevin Taylor who completely outhooked his opposite number and scored a couple of tries as well in the bargain.

However this wasn't a two man effort, every man played his part in this fine win and we all sincerely hope that their form will continue this afternoon.

Supporters are asked to make note of the following dates of our re-arranged games:

We travel to Wigan on Monday for a game which was postponed last Saturday and the three times postponed Warrington match will be played at Watersheddings

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on Monday, February 5th, just two days after our game at Hunslet in the 1st round of the Rugby League Cup. The kick-off at both matches is at 7.30 p.m. Another date which should be noted is Friday, January 26th when the first team are at Barrow. This match has been brought forward from the Saturday because Barrow A.F.C. are drawn to play Leicester City at home on the Saturday and the Barrow Board felt this would affect the 'gate' so we readily agreed to help them. The kick-off for this game is 7 p.m.

#### CONGRATULATIONS GEOFF

The congratulations of everyone at Watersheddings are extended to our 'skipper' Geoff Fletcher on his selection for Lancashire. Geoff's honour is certainly deserved as he has been a consistent forward all season. If Geoff can produce his Club form in the County match it may be that he will be selected to fly out with the Great Britain Team to Australia for the World series. We certainly hope so.

The County match will be played at Naughton Park, Widnes on Wednesday next, January 24th, 1968 kick-off at 7.30 p.m. Why not go along to watch this decider between Lancashire and Yorkshire and give 'our lad' a good shout. He will need every encouragement.

#### WELCOME ST. HELENS

For our first home game of 1968 we have the pleasure of a visit of St. Helens and we hope that they will bring along with them many supporters to help swell the attendance.

Cliff Evans has taken over the coaching reins from fitness fanatic Joe Coan, who has parted company with the 'Saints'. Cliff, of course, is the former Swinton

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coach and under his guidance Swinton achieved quite a bit of success. In the two years that the two divisions were in operation Swinton won the first division championship both seasons. They were also runners-up four times to St. Helens in the Lancashire Cup Competitions and Cliff also guided Swinton to a Western Championship final again against the 'Saints'.

In outlining Swinton's proud record under Cliff Evans the outstanding success of St. Helens has also been obvious and although they are not as powerful as they were, say, two years ago, they will still be a very difficult side to beat this afternoon.

Frank Barrow has become one of the games leading full-backs and his omission from the County team has raised some eyebrows in the St. Helens district.

Tom Van Vollenhoven is playing better than ever. Tom recently received a bumper cheque for his benefit.

Tommy Bishop is one of the games leading scrum halves although he has been left out of the Lancashire team and his place has gone to former Saints favourite Alex Murphy.

In the forwards St. Helens are especially strong with Great Britain players Cliff Watson and John Mantle and strong men John Warlow, Brian Hogan, Bill Sayer and Ken Coslett.

St. Helens recently sold Peter Douglas back to Barrow and bought back their former player Austin Rhodes from Swinton . . . no doubt Cliff Evans was behind this move.

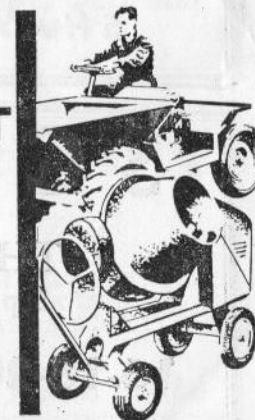
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# THE MACKESON RUGBY LEAGUE CONTEST — 1967/68

Period 3 — November 20th - January 13th — Final Table

	Matches Played	Points Scored	Average	Points Against
1. Leeds .....	9	216	24.00	65
2. Hull Kingston Rovers .....	9	169	18.78	72
3. <b>Oldham</b> .....	<b>7</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>15.14</b>	<b>66</b>
4. Wakefield Trinity .....	8	111	13.88	67
5. Bradford Northern .....	7	97	13.86	45
6. Workington Town .....	7	96	13.71	60
7. Featherstone Rovers .....	8	107	13.38	92
8. Barrow .....	7	93	13.29	77
9. Warrington .....	8	105	13.13	60
10. Wigan .....	7	89	12.71	62

## PLAYER'S No. 6 AWARDS

Leading players in the Player's No. 6 Player of the Year Awards, in which each supporter sends in one vote for one player at each of the Senior Rugby League games, points are as follows:—

1. Charlie Renilson (Halifax) ..... 30 points
2. Dave Horn (Bramley) ..... 30 points
3. C. Davidson (Hull) ..... 29 points
4. Bev Risman (Leeds) ..... 28 points
5. Martin Murphy (Oldham) ..... 25 points
6. Alex Murphy (Leigh) ..... 25 points

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Barrow v. Wakefield Trinity (J. B. Hebblethwaite).  
 Dewsbury v. Bradford Northern (R. L. Thomas).  
 Doncaster v. Widnes (D. S. Brown).  
 Hull v. Wigan (T. Keene).  
 Hull K.R. v. Featherstone Rovers (D. T. H. Davies).  
 HUNSLET v. OLDHAM (E. Lawrinson).  
 Keighley v. Batley (J. Manley).  
 Leeds v. Liverpool City (G. T. Scholefield).  
 Leigh v. Warrington (E. Clay).  
 St. Helens v. Huddersfield (R. Jackson).  
 Salford v. Blackpool (W. H. Thompson).  
 Swinton v. Bramley (G. F. Lindop).  
 Workington v. Whitehaven (G. Philpott).  
 York v. Rochdale (S. Shepherd).  
 B.O.C.M. (Hull) v. Castleford (H. G. Hunt).  
 Leigh Miners v. Halifax (G. Wilson).

Tickets for the Cup tie at Hunslet will be on sale soon. Please watch the local press for details.

Anyone who is interested in going to this match a coach will be leaving the Social Club at 1 p.m. and the fare will be 6/-. Names can be given to the Secretary in the office or to the Club Manager Mr. R. Jackson in the Social Club.

## IT'S LEEDS ALL THE WAY IN MACKESON CONTEST PERIOD 3 PRIZES FOR HEADINGLEY

Leeds' 26-13 win over Hull K.R. on Saturday last (January 13) — with all other matches postponed due to snow—gave the Headingley club the prizes in Period 3 of the Mackeson Contest.

Top placings: 1. Leeds (24.00); 2. Hull K.R. (18.78); 3. Oldham (15.14).

This is Leeds' second successive tankard win and they join Wigan and Wakefield Trinity as the only clubs with a quartet of Mackeson wins.

It also highlights Yorkshire's continued complete domination in the contests. One has to look back to Wigan's win in the early spring of 1966 for the last Lancashire success. Halifax took the final prizes in the 1965/6 series and Yorkshire clubs won all 75 tankards last season as well as the first three sections of the contest in the 1967/8 campaign.

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## FIXTURES 1967-8

1967				1968			
Date	Opponents	Venue	Result	Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 15	(Tu) Liverpool City	Home	L 12-13	Dec. 30	(S) Barrow	Home	W 15-10
" 19	(S) Leigh (Lancs Cup - 1)	Home	W 17-11	Jan. 1	(M) Workington Town	Away	L 5-10
" 23	(W) Bradford Northern	Away	L 10-28	" 6	(S) Batley	Away	W 22-7
" 26	(S) Hull	Away	L 20-29	" 13	(S) Wigan	Away	P'posed
Sept. 2	(S) Whitehaven	Home	W 34-14	" 20	(S) St. Helens	Home	14-26
" 4	(M) Blackpool Borough	Away	L 19-15	" 22	(M) Wigan	Away	
" 7	(Th) Swinton (Lancs C - 2)	Away	L 8-11	" 27	(S) Barrow	Away	
" 9	(S) Warrington	Away	L 2-28	Feb. 3	(S) Hunslet (RL Cup Rd 1)	Away	
" 16	(S) Rochdale H.	Home	W 13-12	" 10	(S) Batley	Home	
" 23	(S) Whitehaven	Away	W 24-12	" 17	(S) Widnes	Home	
" 30	(S) Wigan	Home	L 13-17	" 24	(S) (2)		
Oct. 3	(Tu) Hull K.R.	Home	L 7-9	Mar. 1	(F) Rochdale H.	Away	
" 14	(S) Bradford Northern	Home	L 14-25	" 9	(S) Workington T.	Home	
" 20	(F) Salford	Away	L 6-12	" 23	(S) Leigh	Home	
" 28	(S) Blackpool Boro'	Home	W 13-4	Apr. 12	(F) Swinton	Home	
Nov. 4	(S) Leigh	Away	L 2-29	" 15	(M) Hull K.R.	Away	
" 11	(S) Australia	Home	L 8-18				
" 13	(M) Salford	Home	L 0-4				
" 17	(F) Widnes	Away	L 14-33				
" 25	(S) Hull	Home	W 31-7				
Dec. 2	(S) Liverpool City	Away	W 13-0				
" 8	(F) Warrington	Home	P'posed				
" 16	(S) St. Helens	Away	L 2-10				
" 26	(Tu) Swinton	Away	L 18-22				

## NEXT MATCH AT WATERSHEDDINGS

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