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**CLUB NOTES**

Though not the first Sunday football to be played at the Athletic Grounds—two England v France amateur internationals have been staged here on the Sabbath in recent years—this afternoon's match against Oldham is the first League game to be held on a Sunday.

Arguments for and against Sunday football would take up too much time and space to propound. Suffice to say that the Rugby League's flirtation with Sunday football is just another example of British compromise.

For better or for worse (many think the cap fits the latter), the Rugby League is "wedded" to T.V. Saturday afternoon "gates" obviously suffer, no matter what the pro-T.V. addicts might say, so clubs are left with two alternatives to beat the "Telly".

They play either floodlight matches or on Sunday afternoons. For the spectators' comfort, Sunday afternoon is much preferable to a bitter December, January or February night on the terraces.

But what of the players? Regular Sunday football would virtually destroy their social life. One realises that they are professionals and under contract, but none of them is wholly committed to Rugby League football. Few are keen on the idea of Sunday football and if they took collective action then it would be in the melting pot.

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Both Hornets and Oldham have outside chances of making the Top Sixteen and the result of today's game will probably mean that one of the teams will no longer be in the running.

After their fine performance in the Cup-tie at Bradford, Oldham must be in a more confident mood than they were a few weeks ago and it will require a much improved display by the forwards if the Hornets are to keep their Top Sixteen hopes alive.

The pack against Liverpool was most disappointing, especially when compared with the spirited play of youngsters Gordon Worswick, David Taylor and Tony Pratt in the back division.

Oldham, who claim to have one of the best front-rows in the game at the moment in Wilson, Taylor and Fletcher, will be a much tougher proposition than the City if the Hornets forwards do not find more drive this afternoon.

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"A" TEAM v SWINTON "A"

**Fixture Alteration.**—Please note that the first team match v Featherstone Rovers on Friday, 15th March, is now postponed due to Featherstone's involvement in the R.L. Challenge Cup, and a rearranged date will be announced later.

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### AMATEUR LEAGUE ATTRACTION

Next Saturday, prior to the Salford game, Broadwater will play Kingsway in the Walker Cup final, kick-off 1.30 p.m., and on Sunday, March 17th, our "A" team will play a selected team from the Amateur League in aid of Mick Baxter's Benefit Fund. Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

### APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

	App.	Tries	Goals		App.	Tries	Goals
Chamberlain	32	2	0	Ravouvou	11	1	7
Pimblett	29	2	0	Goddard	11	2	0
Tighe	29	0	0	Robinson	11	1	0
Starkey	28	9	62	Gaskell	10	1	1
Price	27	8	0	Payne	10	1	0
Parkinson	25	1	0	Cook	10	0	0
Hope	24	0	7	Williams	9	0	0
Crocker	20	1	1	Kettleton	7	0	0
Brown	19	0	0	Dawson	6	0	0
Earl	18	4	0	Smith	6	2	0
Ratu	17	1	0	Crowther	6	0	0
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Owen	15	1	0	Taylor	5	3	0
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- 6—WORSWICK, Gordon
- 7—TIGHE, Ken \*
- 8—BROWN, Eddie
- 9—GREENALL, Les
- 10—BIRCHALL, Peter
- 11—ARGENT, Joe
- 12—COOK, Colin
- 13—DELOOZE, Henry

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- 6—BRIGGS, Wilf \*
- 7—CANNING, Tom \*
- 8—WILSON, Ken
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We wish to bring to the notice of members of the Supporters' Club that the bar will be open this afternoon from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., after being closed from 12 noon to 2 p.m. This is a special extension granted by the licensing justices, and we must respect all the responsibility this places on us. All members are asked to show their cards to the doorkeepers to gain admission to the club. The committee are asking all members to give their co-operation. The extra hours have been asked for and granted for your benefit. Please help to make it easier to administer by showing your membership card.

### JUNIOR SUPPORTERS

The Junior Supporters' Club are holding a film show at the Kingsway Hotel on Tuesday, April 9th. Test match films will be shown, and admission will be free to members of the Junior Supporters' Club. Adults may, of course, accompany them, but they will have to pay an admission charge.

A dance for our juniors is being arranged, and details were due to be discussed at this morning's meeting of the Junior Supporters' Club. It is possible that this function will be held on a Saturday night at Lea Hall. You can join the juniors, and receive a very attractive badge, for the small sum of 2s. 6d.

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Our old stalwart, Alf, is home and we are hoping that when the weather improves he will be able to get out a little. Give him a call. He will be pleased to see you.

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### HALF-TIME SPECIAL

On Wednesday evening at the Liverpool match, the Half-Time Special prize of £5 was won by Mr. F. C. Shaw, of 274 Kingsway, Rochdale. Today's prize is again £5.0.0 for a shilling. Tickets are on sale at various parts of the ground. Please support our efforts.

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### 1st TEAM

Date 1967	Opponents	Venue	Result	Date 1968	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 5 (S)	Dewsbury (Charity)	Home	W 23-15	Jan. 6 (S)	Keighley	Home	W 10-2
.. 12 (S)	Whitehaven	Home	L 9-10	.. 10 (W)	Swinton	Home	P'poned
.. 18 (F)	St. Helens (Lancs. C)	Away	L 4-7	.. 13 (S)	Swinton	Away	P'poned
.. 22 (Tu)	Batley	Home	W 27-5	.. 17 (W)	Swinton	Home	W 12-7
.. 26 (S)	York	Away	L 14-31	.. 20 (S)	Warrington	Home	L 2-8
.. 30 (W)	York	Home	W 20-5	.. 27 (S)	Leigh	Away	L 2-9
Sept. 1 (F)	Barrow	Away	L 11-16	Feb. 3 (S)	York (RL Cup 1st Rd)	Away	L 2-24
.. 9 (S)	Blackpool	Home	L 9-20	.. 9 (F)	Liverpool City	Home	P'poned
.. 16 (S)	Oldham	Away	L 12-13	.. 17 (S)	Liverpool City	Away	W 21-8
.. 20 (W)	Salford	Away	L 4-30	.. 23 (F)	Swinton	Away	L 9-17
.. 23 (S)	St. Helens	Home	L 2-8	.. 28 (W)	Liverpool City	Home	W 13-7
.. 30 (S)	Blackpool	Away	W 10-6	Mar. 3 (Su)	Oldham	Home	L 10-13
Oct. 6 (F)	Leigh	Home	W 10-6	.. 9 (S)	Salford	Home	
.. 10 (Tu)	Swinton (Fl. Comp.)	Home	L 2-10	.. 15 (F)	Featherstone Rovers	Home	
.. 14 (S)	Workington	Away	L 5-40	.. 23 (S)	Warrington	Away	
.. 16 (M)	Australia	Home	L 2-25	.. 30 (S)	Semi-Final R.L. Cup		
.. 20 (F)	Widnes	Home	W 18-8	Apr. 6 (S)	Semi-Final R.L. Cup		
.. 27 (F)	St. Helens	Away	L 7-12	.. 12 (F)	Batley	Away	
Nov. 4 (S)	Workington	Home	W 15-11	.. 15 (M)	Keighley	Away	
.. 11 (S)	Wigan	Away	L 0-30				
.. 18 (S)	Swinton	Home	P'poned				
.. 25 (S)	Featherstone	Away	L 5-29				
Dec. 1 (F)	Barrow	Home	W 7-6				
.. 9 (S)	Whitehaven	Away	P'poned				
.. 13 (W)	Swinton	Home	P'poned				
.. 22 (F)	Wigan	Home	W 9-2				
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## 'A' Team

### 2nd TEAM

Date 1967	Opponents	Venue	Result	Date 1968	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 12 (S)	Whitehaven	Away	W 6-2	Jan. 5 (F)	Widnes	Away	P'poned
.. 19 (S)	St. Helens (LCCS 1)	Home	W 15-10	.. 13 (S)	Swinton	Home	P'poned
.. 26 (S)	Whitehaven	Home	W 33-3	.. 19 (F)	Warrington	Away	W 18-6
Sept. 2 (S)	Barrow	Home	W 27-0	.. 27 (S)	Leigh	Home	W 28-5
.. 6 (W)	Warrington (LCCS 2)	Home	W 13-12	Feb. 10 (S)	Liverpool City	Away	P'poned
.. 13 (W)	Liverpool (LCCS S-F)	Away	L 11-16	.. 17 (S)	Liverpool City	Home	W 22-8
.. 16 (S)	Oldham	Home	W 21-2	Mar. 2 (S)	Oldham	Away	W 23-5
.. 23 (S)	St. Helens	Away	L 14-33	.. 8 (F)	Salford	Away	
Oct. 6 (F)	Leigh	Away	W 21-12	.. 16 (S)	Swinton	Home	
.. 14 (F)	Workington	Home	L 6-19	.. 23 (S)	Warrington	Home	
.. 28 (S)	St. Helens	Home	W 18-0				
Nov. 4 (S)	Workington	Away	L 3-10				
.. 11 (S)	Wigan	Home	L 7-14				
.. 18 (S)	Swinton	Away	L 14-22				
Dec. 2 (S)	Barrow	Away	W 23-11				
.. 16 (S)	Salford	Home	D 7-7				
.. 22 (F)	Wigan	Away	L 5-6				
.. 30 (S)	Widnes	Home	W 16-2				

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- 4—TAYLOR, David
- 5—PRATT, Tony
- 6—WORSWICK, Gordon
- 7—TIGHE, Ken
- 8—BROWN, Eddie
- 9—GREENALL, Les
- 10—BIRCHALL, Peter
- 11—ARGENT, Joe
- 12—COOK, Colin
- 13—DELOOZE, Henry
- 14—CROCKER, Michael
- 15—KETTLETON, Brian

### OLDHAM 13

- 1—CURRY, Brian *T T*
- 2—ELLIOTT, Mike
- 3—McCORMACK, Jim
- 4—DONOVAN, John *T Broke his arm*
- 5—~~MURPHY, Martin~~ *TOBY TERRY*
- 6—BRIGGS, Wilf *T \**
- 7—CANNING, Tom
- 8—WILSON, Ken
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- 11—~~IRVING, Bob~~ *MOONEY MICK*
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- 13—HUGHES, Arthur
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