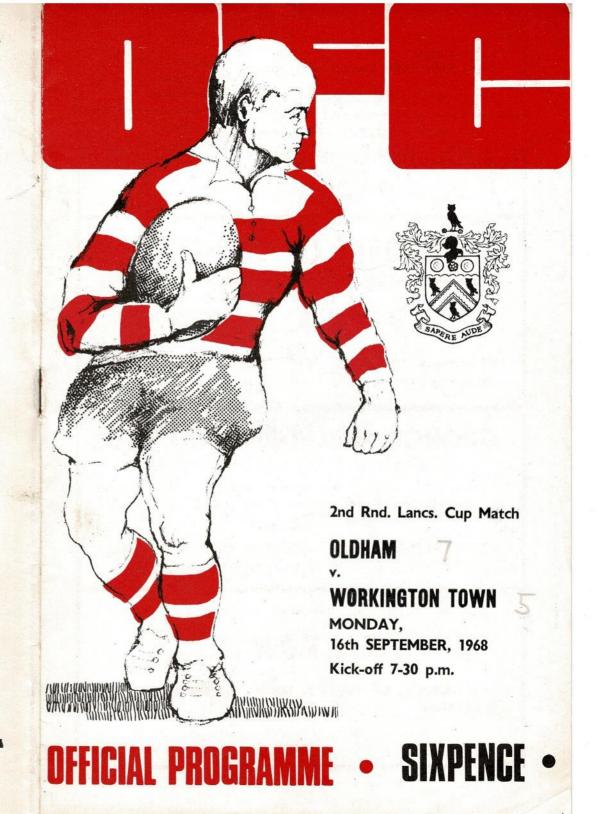


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#### WELCOME TO 'THE TOWN'!

We extend a warm welcome this evening to our friends from Workington.

Workington, after a shaky start to the season have settled down and are now playing some attractive football. They lost their two opening games at home against Castleford and Halifax but followed this with a fine win against ourselves. Mind you, Workington will never find us so poor again and I think the least said about this match the better.

Since our defeat at Derwent Park, Workington have won two games away from home. One against near rivals Whitehaven and the other in the 1st round of the Lancashire Cup at Station Road, Swinton.

'Town' should have played Huyton last weekend but the match was post-poned so Workington will come tonight fresh and no doubt confident of a second round success.

Paul Charlton the Workington full back is, of course, one of the best No. I's in the game. He had an excellent game in the first encounter between the Clubs a few weeks ago and he will certainly have to be watched tonight. Wingers Davies and Sewell are both speed merchants and their centres

Tait and Wright are both players who are proving to be firm favourites at Derwent Park.

Former Whitehaven player, Phil Kitchen and ex Rugby Union star Harry Whittaker have formed an attractive half back partnership. It will be remembered that Whittaker was dismissed in the league game at Workington against Oldham but his suspension is clear for him to play this evening.

The Workington forwards, well led by Dennis Martin and loose forward Pattinson, are a mobile unit and our boys will have to be on their toes to contain them.

Swinton Secretary Vic Jones told the writer that Workington would never have won the Cup encounter at Station Road if Swinton had not made so many mistakes. He did however add "that these Workington boys are certainly capable of putting the points on the board." We shall all know the outcome at approx. 9 p.m. this evening.

#### LET'S TALK ABOUT OLDHAM

Our 1st round Lancashire Cup win at Rochdale was indeed a tremendous tonic. The boys, in comparison to their recent performances certainly covered themselves with glory and their 17 pts. to 5 victory was well executed and certainly deserved.

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Larder, playing his first competitive game at centre had a very promising game. He scored a fine try and made one for Elliott and he also ran well in midfield and showed exciting pace.

On Monday, Larder was not available but the boys took the game by the scruff of the neck and won very easily by 44 points to 10 against a Blackpool side who seemed sadly out of touch and who, no doubt, had one eye on the 1st round Lancashire Cup replay against Leigh.

It is hoped that our success story was continued on Saturday at Hunslet because League points are certainly valuable.

## NEW MACKSON GOLDEN BALL CONTEST

A big new Mackeson Golden Ball Rugby League contest is being launched by Whitbread & Co. Ltd., starting on Saturday October 5th. The contest replacing the Mackeson Competition which has been held for the past six years, will run throughout the season and be staged on an exciting formula.

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The Rugby Football League Management Committee has given the new Mackeson Golden Ball Contest a big welcome. Some clubs may only keep the ball for a game or two—others will be looking for a long run and big winnings.

Fixture arrangements in the sport may cause the prize to bob about in Lancashire and Yorkshire for a while. But Cup tournaments and inter-County fixtures should lead to the Mackeson Golden Ball making frequent trips across the Pennines. An analysis carried out over three previous seasons has shown that in that period 29 of the 30 clubs would have challenged for the prize and three quarters of the clubs would have been in the money.



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I am sure I speak for all supporters Officials, players and staff when I offer sincere congratulations to three of our players who have been selected to play for Lancashire against Yorkshire at Craven Park, Hull, on Wednesday, 25th September.

The honour for Kevin Taylor, Geoff Fletcher and Derek Whitehead is certainly well deserved and if these players produce their Club form for the county then it will not be long, I am sure, before they will find themselves in the International team. Well done lads, keep up the good work.

## HISTORY OF OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB — Part 3

The Oldham team did some great performances early in 1891-92 season. Swinton had been for years the acknowledged champions of Lancashire, and Oldham had beaten them on only one occasion, namely, at Clarksfield. The Oldham side, however, went to Swinton and gained their first success there by a try to nil. Two weeks later the Oldhamers journeyed to Warrington and won by eight points to five. That was Warrington's first defeat on

their ground for two years. Crompton and Carlisle were vanquished, but Wigan won both games with Oldham. Millom had then a strong side. They came here and were victorious by 3 goals to 1. After about two feet of snow had been removed, Oldham managed to score 7 points to 4 by Dukinfield, and the return game at Dukinfield which Oldham won, 10-0, brought the season to a close.

For the first time since 1888 Oldham visited Salford's old ground near Manchester Race Course, early in the 1892-93 season, when each side got a try. Hartlepool Rovers at Oldham scored 10 points to 7, but Crompton met with their most severe reverse at Watersheddings. Oldham obtained 33 points to 5. Llanelly afterwards made their first visit to Oldham, and the home side rising to the occasion got 6 points to 2. By a penalty goal to a try, or three points to two, Swinton just got the better of Oldham.

At the end of the year Oldham went on tour, playing Llanelly and Newport, and losing both games. Llanelly got a try to nil, and Newport 3 goals 7 tries to 2 tries. Salford won at Watersheddings by 8 points to 6, but Liversedge went under, 24-0; and Hartlepool Rovers by a try to nil.

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