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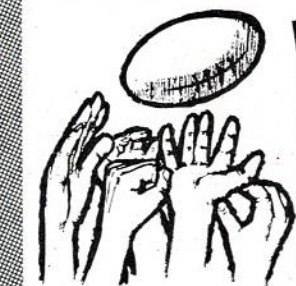
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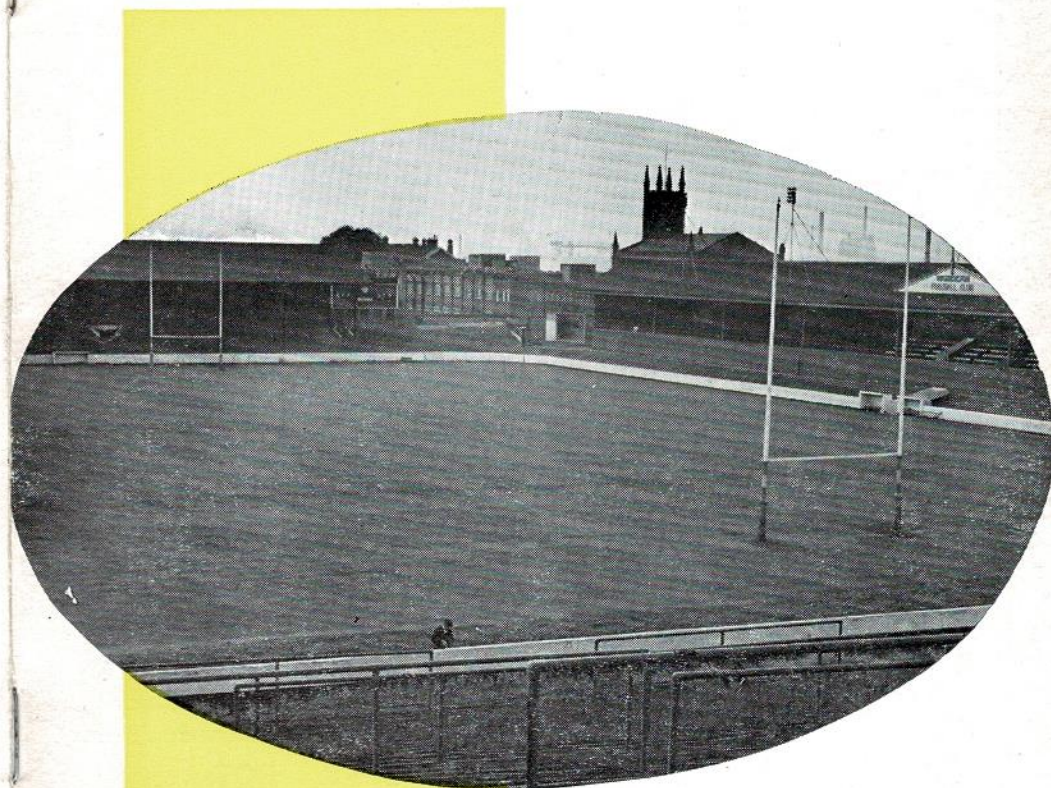
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These are problem times for the Warrington Club and also the game in general. Attendances are not what they were and except in a few instances, there is not the amount of cash around to buy new players. Unless the return at the "gate" is lucrative, then it is impossible to strengthen the team. So we ask the sporting public to really come and support us in their former style.

Our players gave a very good account of themselves against a strong Leeds team, but we had to admit defeat in the end, although there were occasions when it seemed as if we would create one of the biggest shocks of the season.

The score of 16 points to nine against us hardly does our team justice. It should be noted that we had almost half a side out through injury. The deputies did very well, but we are upset that our forward Dave Cotton received a nasty nose injury which may keep him out of action at a time when he was really showing a big improvement.

In welcoming Oldham, we note that the Watersheddings club is not quite the force it used to be. Nevertheless, the games between the two clubs always produce a hard struggle and today's match should be no exception. These notes had to be written well in advance of the match because of the intervening holiday period.

Derek Whitehead, their winger goalkicker, came from Swinton and at one time we were very interested in his future. Wilf Briggs, the stand-off half, is a tricky attacker. He is the brother of our forward, Barry.

At one time, Wilf was with Leigh. Martin Murphy, the ginger-haired lad, is a great favourite with the Oldham crowd because of his consistent displays and in the pack they have a young and very useful hooker in Taylor. Stuart Whitehead has

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played for the county. The star forward is Geoff Fletcher (ex-Leigh) but he may not be playing because he is still feeling the effects of that bad injury he received in the Lancashire Cup final when Oldham lost to St. Helens at Wigan.

The Warrington and Oldham clubs almost came to the agreement whereby Ray Clark, our loose-forward, and Arthur Hughes, the Watersheddings number 13, transferred jerseys.

But Hughes, who you may see playing against us, refused to come to Wilderspool. Arthur, who is a former Widnes player (he was in their Wembley Challenge Cup final winning team against Hull Kingston Rovers), was also at Salford before he went to Oldham.

A big change at Warrington is the change in the coaching personnel. Jack Fleming, our former international stand-off half, has handed over the coaching reins to Joe Egan, who has been the coach at Wigan, Leigh and Widnes after gaining the highest honours in the game.

There were many occasions when Joe was a thorn in the side of our team. This was when Warrington feared very few teams—and won many honours.

Jack Fleming leaves us on very good terms. We are expecting quite a lot from our new coach, although he must be given the necessary time to settle in his job. He needs a lot of help from all concerned and we hope that his stay at Wilderspool will be a long as well as successful and happy one.

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Although we lost to Widnes in the first round of the Regional seven-a-side tournament at Leigh, it should be noted that several of our players had been on duty against Leeds the previous night, and that was a really hard game. We lost 3-6.

The winners were Workington Town, who now go forward to meet one of the other regional winners. Castleford have already qualified.

The post of secretary of a football club is not infrequently a thoroughly unenviable one, as will be gathered from the following.

If the secretary writes a letter, it's too long.

If he writes a post-card, it's too short.

If he attends a Committee meeting, he's butting in.

If he stays away, he's a shirker.

If he offers a suggestion, he's a know-all.

If he says nothing, he's useless.

If he asks a member for his subscription, he's insulting.

If he doesn't, he's lazy.

If the meeting is a success, the Committee gets the praise.

If it's a failure, the secretary generally gets the blame.

If he asks for advice, he's incompetent.

If he does not, he's swollen-headed.

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Before our clash with Oldham, we had faced Leigh at Hilton Park—this is always a hard game. The Doncaster game was postponed at the request of the Yorkshire club. It will now be played early in the New Year—at Doncaster, of course.

On New Year's Day we face our old rivals, Wigan, at Central Park. So Joe Egan will be returning to Central Park in charge of a new team. We wish him luck.

On Saturday, January 4th, we are at Blackpool, who have improved their team in recent months. Here is another hard match where we can expect a lot of opposition.

FIRST TEAM SCORING LIST

	G	T	Pts		G	T	Pts
Jeff Bootle (utility player) ...	67	5	141	Warren Ayres (scrum-half) ...	0	4	12
Parry Gordon (scrum-half) ...	0	13	39	Brian Brady (prop-forward) ...	0	3	9
John Coupe (winger)	0	10	30	Ray Clarke (forward)	0	2	6
Peter Hutchinson (winger) ...	0	7	21	Ken Parr (forward)	0	2	6
Brian Glover (centre)	0	6	18	Peter Harvey (stand-off)	0	2	6
Billy Aspinall				Keith Ashcroft (forward) ...	0	1	3
(full-back/stand-off)	4	3	17	Tom Conroy (full-back)	0	1	3
Barry Briggs (forward)	2	4	16	Joe Price (forward)	0	1	3
Jack Melling (centre)	0	4	12	Alan Aspey (threequarter) ...	0	1	3
Keith Affleck (full-back)	6	0	12	Len McIntyre (forward)	0	1	3
Bill Allen (threequarter)	0	4	12				

(Includes all matches—friendly and otherwise)

(This list includes the game with Leeds and the "sevens" against Widnes at Leigh)

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FIXTURES 1968-69

FIRST TEAM

Date 1968	Opponents	Venue	Result	Date 1969	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 10	(S) Wigan (W'donia Cup)	Home	L 20-25	Jan. 1	(W) Wigan	Away	
" 17	(S) Bradford Northern	Away	W 29-9	" 4	(S) Blackpool Borough	Away	
" 24	(S) Blackpool Borough	Home	W 32-16	" 11	(S) Workington Town	Home	
" 31	(S) Wakefield Trinity	Home	W 24-20	" 17	(F) Swinton	Away	
Sept. 2	(M) Widnes	Home	L 16-18	" 25	(S) R.L. Cup (1st Rd.)		
" 6	(F) Salford	Away	L 3-14	Feb. 1	(S) Whitehaven	Away	
" 12	(Th) Huyton	Away	P'oned	" 8	(S) Bradford Northern	Home	
" 14	(S) Leeds	Away	L 8-24	" 15	(S) R.L. Cup (2nd Rd.)		
" 21	(S) Salford	Home	W 25-7	" 21	(F) Salford	Away	
" 24	(Tu) Huyton	Home	W 25-7	Mar. 1	(S) R.L. Cup (3rd Rd.)		
" 27	(F) St. Helens	Away	L 11-24	" 7	(F) Rochdale Hornets	Home	
Oct. 5	(S) Whitehaven	Home	W 22-2	" 15	(S) Barrow	Home	
" 11	(F) Widnes	Away	W 21-7	" 22	(S) R.L. Cup Semi (1)		
" 18	(F) Swinton	Home	L 12-25	" 29	(S) R.L. Cup Semi (2)		
" 26	(S) Wakefield Trinity	Away	L 15-22	Apr. 4	(F) Barrow	Away	
" 29	(Tu) Halifax (F'lit Cup)	Home	W 30-12	" 5	(S) Leigh	Home	
Nov. 1	(F) Salford	Home	W 12-8	" 7	(M) Wigan	Home	
" 9	(S) Rochdale Hornets	Away	P'oned	" 12	(S) Workington Town	Away	
" 15	(F) Oldham	Away	L 10-14	" 19	(S) 1st Rd. Champ. Play-off		
" 19	(Tu) Huddersfield (F'lit C)	Home	W 18-5	" 26	(S) Champ. Quarter-finals		
" 23	(S) St. Helens	Home	L 5-20	" 10	(S) Champ. Semi-finals		
" 29	(F) Doncaster	Home	W 48-5	" 17	(S) R.L. Cup Final		
Dec. 4	(W) Rochdale Hornets	Away	W 10-8	" 24	(S) Championship Final		
" 14	(S) Leeds	Home	P'oned				
" 18	(W) Leeds	Home	L 9-16				
" 21	(S) Doncaster	Away					
" 26	(Th) Leigh	Away					
" 28	(S) Oldham	Home					

"A" TEAM

Date 1968	Opponents	Venue	Result	Date 1969	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 10	(S) Wigan (Friendly)	Away	L 8-33	Jan. 11	(S) Workington Town	Away	
" 17	(S) Workington Town	Home	L 12-17	" 18	(S) Swinton	Home	
Sept. 7	(S) Salford (L.C.S.)	Home	L 23-24	Feb. 1	(S) Whitehaven	Home	
" 13	(F) Salford (L.C.S.)	Away	L 17-24	" 8	(S) Huyton	Away	
" 21	(S) Warrington League	Home	W 14-8	" 22	(S) Salford	Home	
" 28	(S) St. Helens	Home	L 8-11	Mar. 8	(S) Rochdale Hornets	Away	
Oct. 5	(S) Whitehaven	Away	P'oned	" 15	(S) Barrow	Away	
" 12	(S) Widnes	Home	W 24-11	" 22	(S) Huyton	Home	
" 19	(F) Swinton	Away	L 17-24	" 29	(S) Huddersfield (F)	Away	
Nov. 1	(F) Salford	Away	P'oned	Apr. 5	(S) Barrow	Home	
" 8	(F) Rochdale Hornets	Home	W 24-7	" 12	(S) Wigan	Away	
" 16	(S) Oldham	Home	W 32-5	" 19	(S) Huddersfield (F)	Home	
" 23	(S) St. Helens	Away	L 8-21	" 7	(M) Leigh	Away	
" 30	(S) Widnes	Away	W 9-7				
Dec. 7	(S) Wigan	Home	W 25-5				
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