



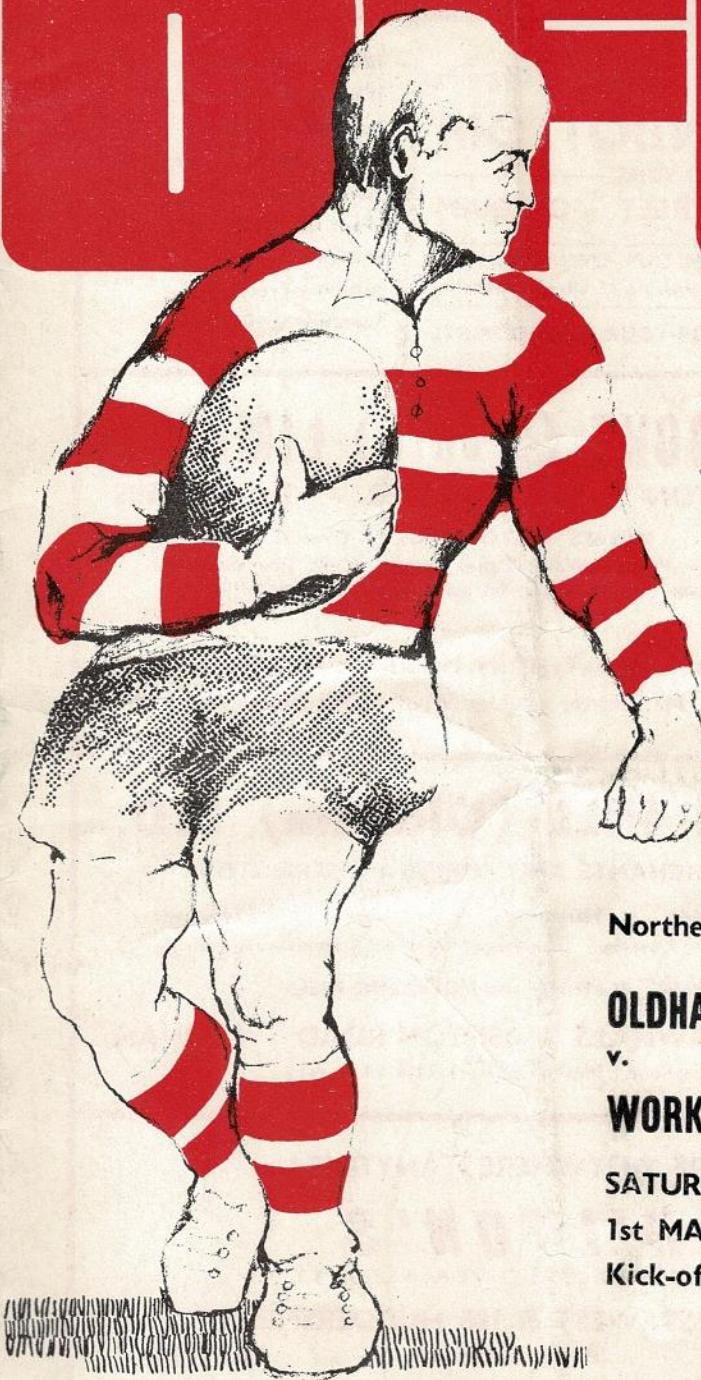
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OUT WE GO

Our interest in the Rugby League Challenge Cup is over for another year and yet the story could have been so different. The match which was played last Tuesday, after four postponements, was a game which could have gone either way but it was the team that had that little bit of lady luck who eventually got through.

Yes! the luck was certainly with St. Helens on Tuesday evening, particularly the Bill Benyon try which, no doubt, will still be talked about when the Rugby League final is under way.

The Saints' luck at this incident was two-fold. Firstly Benyon saw his 'up and under' kick hit the upright and bounce favourably for him and then secondly we were unfortunate in seeing Derek Whitehead badly dazed in an effort to stop the St. Helens centre from scoring. As it turned out, the Whitehead injury proved to be vital, for one feels he would have easily 'popped over' a couple of goals from penalties handed out a few minutes later, following St. Helens offences.

It was a match in which we could have no complaints at all, however, for St. Helens took their chances well and they had to overcome a first half

hammering in the scrums and also had to reorganise their set-up when winger Les Jones was ordered off early in the second half.

As a matter of fact I consider that Jones was perhaps unfortunate to be sent off. Don't misunderstand me, I think his action deserved the fate it got, but this doesn't alter the fact that any one of four team mates could have joined him for that proverbial 'early bath'. It would appear that Jones was a victim of circumstances but I do understand that York referee, John Hebblethwaite had to punish someone but it appears a shame for Jones to suffer with an isolated incident when other players got away with equally dirty actions time and time again.

St. Helens are at Warrington today in the third stage of their Cup campaign. Personally I can't for one minute see the boys from Wilderspool, as enterprising as they might be, stopping these big boys from Knowsley Road.

Whilst I am in a forecasting mood, I take the Clubs in **bold** to go through to the semi-finals . . . Do you agree?

Salford v. Widnes; **Rochdale** v. **Wakefield T.** or **Bradford N.**; **Castleford** v. **Leeds**; **Warrington** v. **St. Helens.**

WELCOME TO WORKINGTON

Today's visitors to Watersheddings, Workington Town, suffered the same fate as ourselves in falling at the second hurdle in the Cup competition and like ourselves also, Workington did not have luck on their side in their game at Salford last Sunday.

Firstly, they had a set-back as early as the fifth minute when key man, hooker Malcolm Moss, had to retire with a leg injury and from this point Workington never really recovered. Later they had prop forward Dennis Martin sent off and, of course, these two factors proved too much for the gallant Cumbrians.

Paul Charlton, the 'Town' full back is one of the best full backs in the game and was very unlucky not to be in the Great Britain team for the recent games against France. Paul has been turning in some faultless displays and it is surprising that the selectors have overlooked him.

The threequarter line of Tait, Wells Wright and Sewell, is quite a speedy one and this was proved recently when Workington beat Salford in the final of the Player's No.6 seven-a-side tourney.

Half backs Kitchen and Whittaker are a lively pair of half backs. Kitchen is the former Whitehaven player, while Whittaker is a former R.U. star.

Hooker Moss will be unavailable this afternoon following his injury at Salford, but Allen I am sure will prove an able deputy. His props today will be Les Moore (another former Whitehaven player) and Dennis Martin.

Harold McCourt, brother of Charlie, will pack down in the second row alongside McFarlane, and Calvin will be at loose forward in place of Bill Pattinson who injured an arm at Salford.

It is hoped that we return to winning form this afternoon to keep alive our top 16 play-off hopes although Workington will be out to do likewise.

THANKS.

Our sincere thanks are extended to all and sundry whose efforts on the ground on Monday and Tuesday last made our game against St. Helens possible.

Mr. Jack Buckley, of Buckley and Frost, was more than helpful with his machines and men, and local firm, Pemberton and Lawton, did a prompt and efficient job on the stand roofing which had been damaged by storm.

Our own ground staff also played a big part in the work and so to did several voluntary helpers, to whom we are most grateful.

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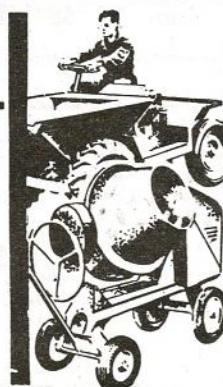
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Anyone requiring seat tickets for the 1970 Cup Final are strongly advised to send off their applications NOW ! It is never too early if you are sure you will be attending in 1970.

GOLDEN BALL STILL AT WARRINGTON

Warrington will today defend the the Mackeson Golden Ball against St. Helens. If St. Helens win at Wilderspool then it will be the first time that the Golden Ball has gone to Knowsley Rd.

GERRY HELME

Gerry Helme, the Club coach, is still in hospital following a heart attack. Gerry is making slow but satisfactory progress and I am sure I speak for everyone when I wish Gerry a quick and complete recovery.

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Date	Club	Grd.	F	A
Aug. 10	Blackpool (friendly) ...	home	37...27	
17	Huddersfield	away	14...19	
19	Blackpool	home	29... 5	
24	Featherstone R.	home	22...24	
28	Rochdale H.	away	14...22	
31	Workington T.	away	10...29	
Sept. 6	Rochdale (Lancs. Cup) ..	away	17... 5	
9	Blackpool B.	away	44...10	
14	Hunslet	away	22...14	
21	Wigan	home	4... 9	
28	Doncaster	away	26...10	
Oct. 5	Huddersfield	home	15...13	
12	Featherstone R.	away	12...23	
19	Widnes	home	17...9	
25	Salford	away	2...4	
Nov. 11	Wigan	away	3...50	
15	Warrington	home	14...10	
30	St. Helens	away		
Dec. 1	Whitehaven	away	15... 6	
7	Hunslet	home	30...13	
14	Leigh	home		
20	Widnes	away	5 26	
22	Whitehaven	home	17... 7	
26	Swinton	home		
Jan. 4	Huyton	home	5 13	
8	Warrington	away	19...10	
11	Huyton	away	3 7	
18	Salford	home	22...12	
Feb. 1	Leigh	away		
8	St. Helens	home		
Mar. 1	Workington T.	home		
8	Barrow	home		
15	Doncaster	home		
Apr. 4	Swinton (G.F.)	away		
7	Rochdale H. (E.M.) ...	home		
11	Barrow	away		

'A' TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Club	Grd.	F	A
Aug. 31	Workington 'A'	home		
Sept. 7	Rochdale 'A' (Shield) ..	away		
14	Rochdale 'A' (Shield) ..	home		
21	Wigan 'A'	away		
Oct. 12	Rochdale 'A'	home		
19	Widnes 'A'	away		
26	Salford 'A'	home		
Nov. 2	Whitehaven 'A'	away		
9	Wigan 'A'	home		
16	Warrington 'A'	away		
23	Whitehaven 'A'	home		
30	St. Helens 'A'	home		
Dec. 14	Leigh 'A'	away		
21	Widnes 'A'	home		
28	Warrington 'A'	home		
Jan. 4	Huyton 'A'	away		
11	Huyton 'A'	home		
18	Salford 'A'	away		
Feb. 1	Leigh 'A'	home		
8	St. Helens 'A'	away		
Mar. 1	Workington T. 'A' ...	away		
8	Barrow 'A'	away		
21	Swinton 'A'	away		
Apr. 7	Rochdale 'A'	away		
12	Barrow 'A'	home		
19	Swinton 'A'	home		

Times of Kick-off

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