

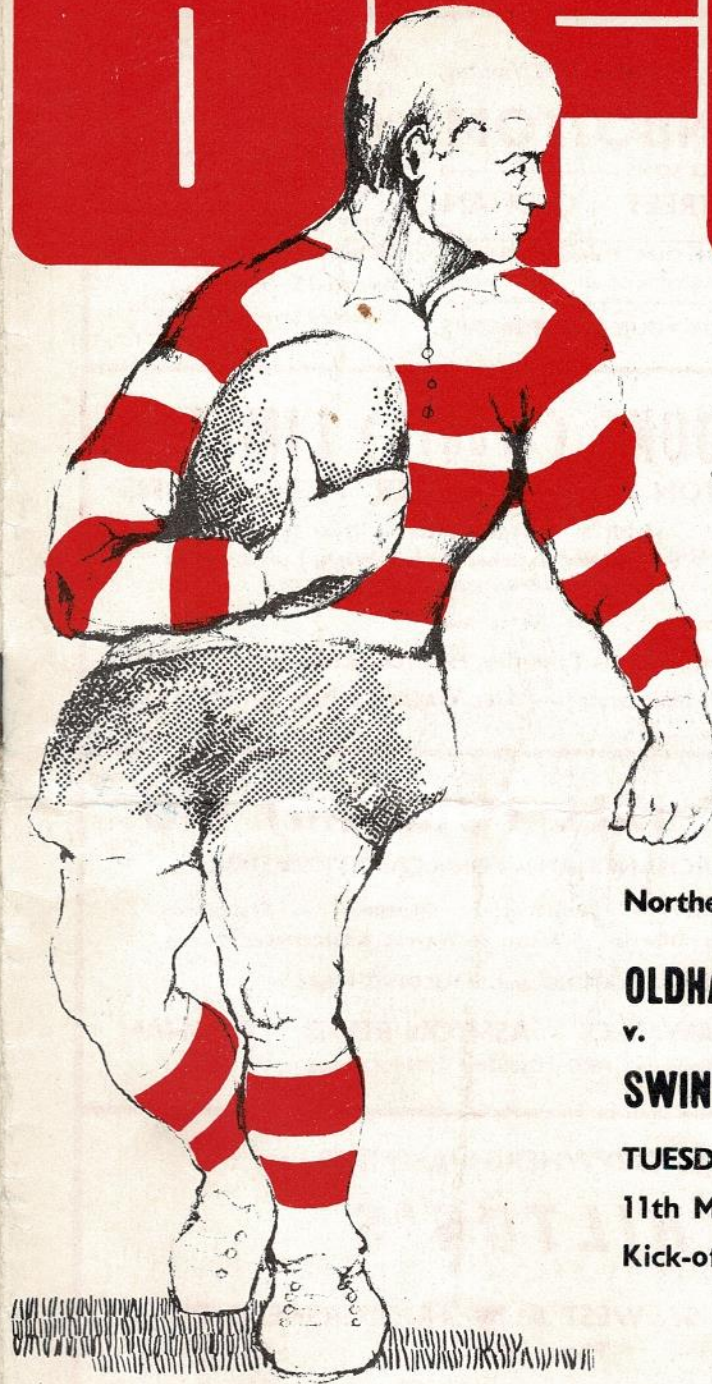


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## WELCOME TO SWINTON

In my programme notes written for the match v. Swinton on Boxing Day which was postponed, I said "We hope we have a little more luck today for our traditional Boxing Day fixture with Swinton and that the pitch is fit enough to play on, which is not very often the case on Boxing Day."

Unfortunately the luck was not with us to stage a 'holiday' fixture against the 'Lions' on Boxing Day, so we make another effort to play this game this evening.

We extend to all players, officials and supporters of the Swinton Club a hearty welcome and we trust that this evening's game will keep with the tradition of games between Oldham and Swinton—played in a clean and sporting manner.

Swinton had an outstanding win in their last game against Wigan last Friday evening, winning by 17 points to 10. This is a game which I personally saw and was more than impressed with the performance of the Swinton side.

From the word go they set about Wigan as if their existence depended on a win against the Central Park Club. Alan Buckley grabbed a great try just five minutes after the start and with Bill Holliday's conversion Swinton were in a happy position of being five points

up in as many minutes against a team like Wigan.

A Bill Ashurst try which was converted by Ashton, levelled the scores and we had to wait until the second half to see Swinton's real power.

In the second period they scored two excellent tries following exciting raids into Wigan territory, both these were converted and Holliday also kicked a penalty. Wigan's other five points came in the closing seconds when David Hill scored a clever try which Eric Ashton augmented.

Yes, it was a performance which must have delighted Swinton supporters and particularly coach Albert Blan for Swinton played with method, ran and tackled well and were always in a position to find the man with the ball supported by a colleague.

One Oldham player, with me after the game commented, "This is a good omen for us on Tuesday, because they never play two good games together". We shall have to see.

At full back Ken Gowers is still playing exceedingly well. He has been relieved of the goal kicking duties since Bill Holliday's arrival at Station Road and this has given Ken more time to concentrate on his full back duties.

Reg Williams and John Stopford are on the flanks and both are difficult men to stop when in full cry for the

line. Williams' partner in the centre is Bobby Fleet, while inside Stopford in the No. 4 jersey is international Alan Buckley.

Fleet recently had his transfer fee slashed by half from £6,000 and he is certainly a bargain for some Club. He had an outstanding game on Friday.

At half back the 'Lions' are well served by current international Billy Davies and Peter Kenny. We offer our congratulations to Davies on his excellent game against France recently and our congratulations are also extended to him on his recent marriage.

Prop forward Bill Holliday has added zest to the 'Lions' pack. He has taken on the role of pack leader and is also an excellent kicker both for goal and judicious kicks for touch. Alongside him in the front row are hooker Derek Clarke and blind side prop forward Bernard Scott.

In the second row new signing Smith from Workington has created a good impression at Station Road and Frank Hutton, who attracted the eye of Oldham scouts last season is turning in some sound performances. International Dave Robinson is as forceful as ever in Swinton's No. 13 jersey.

On paper the match should be one of excitement, let's all hope that this is the case.

## RE-ARRANGED MATCHES

Supporters are asked to make a note of these re-arranged matches :-

### 1st Team

Tuesday March 18th kick-off 7-30 p.m.  
Leigh v. Oldham (at Leigh)

Friday 28th March kick-off 7-30 p.m.  
St. Helens v Oldham (at St. Helens)

Tuesday 15th April kick-off 7-30 p.m.  
Oldham v St. Helens (at Oldham)

### 'A' Team

Monday 24th March kick-off 7-30 p.m.  
Oldham 'A' v Wigan 'A' (at home)

Saturday 29th March kick-off 3 p.m.  
Whitehaven 'A' v Oldham 'A' (away)

Monday 31st March kick-off 7-30 p.m.  
Oldham 'A' v Warrington 'A' (home)

Saturday 5th April kick-off 3 p.m.  
St. Helens 'A' v Oldham 'A' (away)

Monday 21st April kick-off 7-30 p.m.  
Oldham 'A' v Leigh 'A' (home)

Saturday 26th April kick-off 3 p.m.  
Oldham 'A' v Whitehaven 'A' (home)

The game Oldham 'A' v Widnes 'A' has still to be arranged.

## GERRY HELME

A lot of people have enquired as to the progress of our Coach, Gerry Helme, who is still in hospital following a heart attack.

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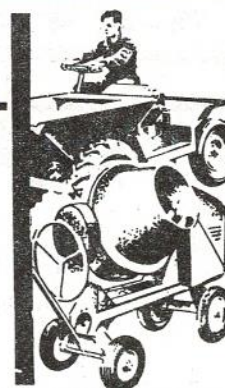
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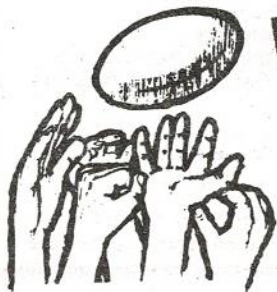
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The accident happened when Tom was walking home, some twenty yards from his home he was struck by a car. He died afterwards in a Whitehaven hospital.

We extend to Jim our very sincere condolences.

### HOLIDAY DRAW

It has been decided to hold a Grand Wakes Draw, with cash prizes which will help considerably to your holiday spending money should you be one of the lucky winners.

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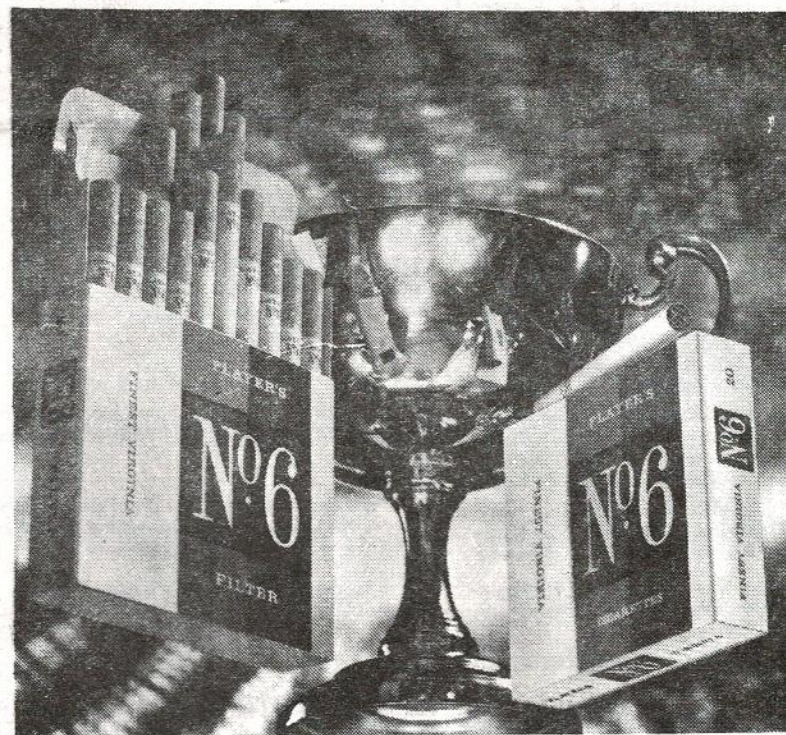
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### FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

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	
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	13...11	
3	Leigh .....	home	20...7	
8	Barrow .....	home	18...8	
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		
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8	Barrow 'A' .....	away		
21	Swinton 'A' .....	away		
Apr. 7	Rochdale 'A' .....	away		
12	Barrow 'A' .....	home		
19	Swinton 'A' .....	home		

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