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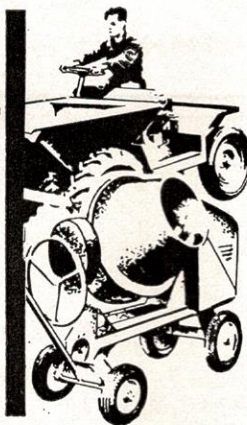
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CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION, 1st ROUND

Oldham celebrated this cup-tie, played in the most appalling weather conditions, with a return to winning ways, the final score of 5-0 coming from an Elliott try and Larder penalty goal. For too long our team has languished in the shadows, but the new training schedules introduced by Ken Wilson and Dennis Wright are now paying dividends, and we see a definite improvement in both spirit and team-work. Ken Wilson has had to be content to watch the last two matches from the side-lines, due to his impending cartilage operation, but Joe Dunn is proving a very able deputy. This lad only knows one way to go on a football field — straight forward! With the return to top form of Bob Irving, the pack now seems to be settling down into a workmanlike unit, and the backs are certainly getting more scoring chances as a result of this mobility. Mike Elliott's try last Saturday was a perfect example of team-work and backing-up. From Irving's initial defence-shattering burst, the ball travelled in quick succession to Taylor and Collins for Elliott to dive over in the corner. Due to the adverse weather conditions, this was one of the very few bright moments of this hard tussle, but dare we hope that it was a glimpse of things to come? I trust that the lads will endeavour to prove today that this movement was no fluke, and that they have mended their ways — we all want to watch a winning team, let's face it!

WELCOME TO WIGAN

For this 2nd Round Challenge Cup match today, we are very pleased to welcome our good friends from Wigan, and look forward, weather permitting, to seeing some good football from the teams this afternoon.

Wigan, under the guidance of former international centre three-quarter Eric Ashton, are always formidable opposition, but Oldham expect to give them a keen contest today, and are quite naturally hopeful of progressing to the 3rd Round.

Over the past few weeks Ken Wilson and Dennis Wright have been quietly building up team-spirit and confidence, and our win over Blackpool in the 1st Round, whilst not brilliant, was achieved in the face of appalling conditions of snow, hail and sleet, the pitch resembling something akin to a swamp by the end of the game!

Added interest for today's match is in the appearance of former Wigan players Danny Gardiner, Jim McCormack and (on loan) Colin Standing in the Oldham team, against their former team-mates! These lads will no doubt be pulling out that little bit extra for the occasion, but whatever the situation at 4-30 p.m., we are assured of a real derby game, and may the best team win!

OLDHAM EX-PLAYERS' ASSOCIATION

The members of this Association have come up with a practical suggestion of help for the parent Club in the shape of a film show (of the Oldham team of 1955/58 vintage) and sports forum, to be held in the concert-room at the Social Club on Tuesday, March 3rd. Gerry Loftus has agreed to chair the sports discussion, and members of the public are asked to submit questions for the panel to answer. The senders of the questions selected will be invited free to the evening's entertainment, so let the Secretary have your written queries, and they will be passed on to the right quarter. Well-known sporting personalities such as David Watkins, Trevor Foster and Bernard Ganley are to be invited on to the panel, and it is hoped that the event will be a huge success! Profits from the evening's doings will be donated by the CHERRY AND WHITES to the Oldham Football Club. More details will be given in later programme notes.

HALF-TIME DRAW

The prize in today's Half-Time Draw is a Pontin's Holiday Voucher for four for a free Rent-a-Chalet Holiday at Southport during the coming season.

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- 6—DAVIES, T.
- 7—SMITH, G.
- 8—GARDINER, R. B.
- 9—TAYLOR, K.
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At half-time today we shall see the first of the semi-finals in this contest between St. Hilda's (black and white jerseys) and Athershaw (claret and gold).

These young boys have given us some grand entertainment in the intervals at recent home matches, and we congratulate them all on their enthusiasm and ability! Last Saturday, fourteen little heroes from Fitton Hill and St. Hilda's junior schools took the field in a blinding hail-storm, and played the full match. Well done, boys, such courage and determination deserves all our encouragement!

OLDHAM TEAM —

LEAGUE APPEARANCES AND SCORERS, SEASON 1969/70

	A	G	T	Pts		A	G	T	Pts
D. Whitehead	10	31	0	62	T. Garrett	5	1	0	2
W. Briggs	13	14	15	73	J. Dunn	2	0	0	0
J. Crellin	20	29	6	76	R. Hopwood	2	0	0	0
R. Irving	27	0	10	30	T. Davies	13	0	0	0
M. Elliott	25	0	8	24	S. Baldwin	2	0	0	0
K. Wilson	20	3	3	15	C. Standing	1	0	0	0
P. Larder	12	2	3	13	A. Ogden	5	0	0	0
J. Collins	9	0	3	9	W. Churm	1	0	0	0
K. Taylor	26	0	3	9	A. Daley	2	0	0	0
R. Clark	13	0	2	6	J. Ravatali	3	0	0	0
C. McCourt	12	0	2	6	T. Buckley	6	0	0	0
J. McCormack	17	0	2	6	C. Bowden	1	0	0	0
F. Russell	19	0	2	6	C. Sayer	14	0	0	0
G. Smith	17	0	1	3	T. Leyland	1	0	0	0
R. Hicks	12	0	1	3	R. Fletcher	9	0	0	0
M. Murphy	25	0	1	3	K. Payne	3	0	0	0
T. Canning	6	0	1	3	B. Clarke	5	0	0	0
R. B. Gardiner	15	0	1	3	D. Maders	4	0	0	0
G. Beverley	9	0	1	3	C. Dickman	4	0	0	0
J. Mullarkey	11	1	0	2					

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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Club	Grd.	F	A
1969				
Aug. 9	Blackpool	home	32	15
	(Charity)			
16	Swinton	home	4	28
	(L.C. 1st Rd.)			
19	Salford	home	11	20
23	Warrington	home	8	15
27	Bradford	away	9	25
30	Workington	away	7	28
Sept. 6	Keighley	home	41	10
8	Blackpool	away	33	6
13	Wigan	away	10	40
20	Huyton	home	37	7
22	Rochdale	home	12	2
26	Warrington	away	8	10
Oct. 4	Workington	home	8	10
11	Keighley	away	9	20
24	Barrow	away	19	26
Nov. 1	Whitehaven	home	20	10
8	Leigh	away	4	14
15	Widnes	home	5	7
22	St. Helens	away	10	41
Dec. 6	Huddersfield	home		P
13	Wigan	home		
20	Huyton	away		
26	Swinton	away		
28	Batley	away		
1970				
Jan. 3	St. Helens	home		
17	Huddersfield	away		
24	Barrow	home		
31	Whitehaven	away		
Feb. 7	(Chal. Cup 1st Rd.)			
14	Leigh	home		
21	(Chal. Cup 2nd Rd.)			
27	Salford	away		
Mar. 7	Bradford	home		
14	Widnes	away		
23	Blackpool	home		
27	Swinton	home		
28	Rochdale	away		
Apr. 11	Batley	home		

"A" TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Club	Grd.	F	A
1969				
Aug. 23	Warrington	away	6	13
	(Shield, 1 Rd., 1 leg)			
30	Workington	home	20	8
Sept. 6	Rochdale	away		P
13	Wigan	home	12	22
20	Huyton	away	18	5
27	Warrington	home	6	11
	(Shield, 1 Rd., 2 leg)			
Oct. 4	Workington	away		P
11	Warrington	home	15	26
17	Salford	away	10	35
25	Barrow	home	8	4
Nov. 8	Leigh	home	23	8
15	Widnes	away		
22	St. Helens	home		
Dec. 13	Wigan	away		
20	Huyton	home		
1970				
Jan. 3	St. Helens	away		
10	Swinton	home		
17	Swinton	away		
24	Barrow	away		
Feb. 14	Leigh	away		
28	Salford	home		
Mar. 14	Widnes	home		
20	(Fri.) Warrington	away		
28	Rochdale	home		

Times of kick-off

All Saturday games at home k.o. 3 p.m.
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