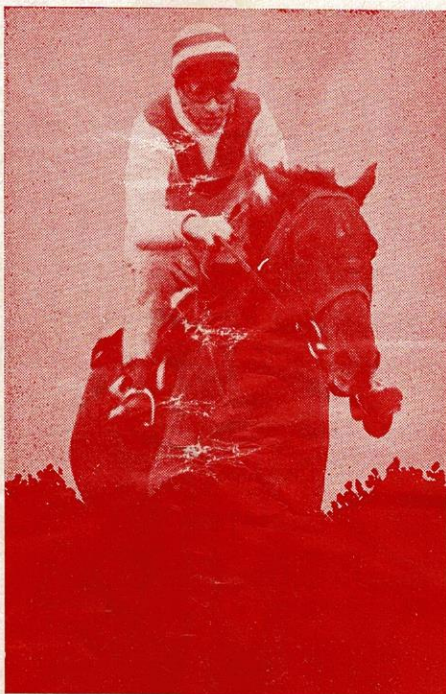


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## SAINTS CLUB NEWS

### NEW DATES

The match last Saturday had to be postponed because we had three players in the International, the same applied to the match against Batley only on that occasion they used four of our players. As Batley have no floodlights, they have agreed to take our Saturday fixture (March 4th) and they will come to us on Monday next, 25th October, the time of kick-off being 7.30 p.m.

The "A" Team play their First Leg of the Challenge Shield at Oldham on Wednesday next, 20th October (7.30 p.m.) and come to us on Friday for the Second Leg, 22nd October (7.30 p.m.).

Bill Boycotts boys played well to beat Barrow "A" 31-12 on Friday 8th October, the switching of the game brought added interest and makes one still feel that Friday evening football at this time of the year is more acceptable to the spectators. Once the Social Club extension is completed, it would be an admirable way of spending a leisure evening.

### JACK PIMBLETT

Sadly, we received the news of a fatal accident to one of our former players whilst playing Junior League Football on Saturday, 9th October, 1971.

Jack signed for the St. Helens Club in November, 1959 and stayed with us until 1962. Recently he had been playing regularly for Pilkington Recs Junior Club leading that side well. At such an early age, his death is tragic.

The Board of Directors' immediately agreed to take a collection this evening and other fund raising events will take place in the very near future under the organisation of the Pilkington Club and the Junior League.

Jack leaves behind a wife and two young children, you must help us to help them.

### SPONSORED COMPETITION

A new major competition will be played this season. It is the Players No. 6 Challenge Trophy. The first round is due to be played on Saturday the 13th November, and the draw for this round will be televised on Friday evening October 29th.

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# **SAINTS CLUB NEWS**

## **GIVE AND TAKE**

A hard hitting report comprising more than thirty pages has been prepared by a firm of marketing consultants engaged by the league after being given a brief to see what could be done to increase Rugby League attendances. They have come up with answers we have known for many years, the only hope now is that those who have **asked for the advice will** now take it.

For many years now, this club has campaigned for various reforms, less live television, two divisions, football in the better weather and a return to Rugby League Football as we once knew it.

We have always thought that the system of voting by those who at present administrate tended to lower the standard of the game, and we can hardly be accused of not trying to cater in all ways for our public.

Let the St. Helens Club be the first to applaud the League for having the courage to ask about their faults, but let us all bear in mind that we must not sit back and just clap our hands, indeed, we ourselves must get down to the task of looking at our own image.

## **THE FUTURE**

After many months of careful study, we have now reached the final stage of preparation for the extension to the Social Club building. This will be a dual purpose building supplying the type of meals demanded, with special emphasis on spectator comfort and after match entertainment. The building itself will add to the modern architecture of the ground, and further plans are being examined for the siting of an electronic scoreboard over this building.

## **A COMPLETE CONTRADICTION**

The match against Salford was exciting without being a classic, in attack and defence we were superior in every department and we all left the ground with a feeling that we would not lose another match before Christmas.

The match at Bramley was a complete contradiction, and if one must look for an excuse, it could only be that our team all had an off-day together. The fact that we scored two tries to their one and had one disallowed under the Bramley posts points to it being a game that we should have won, but perhaps a lesson has been learned not to offend in good goal kicking positions.



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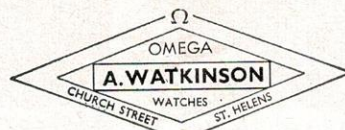
Colours: Royal Blue Jerseys,  
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1. PIMBLETT G.
2. JONES L.
3. BENYON W.
4. WHITTLE A. T.
5. WILLS J.
6. KELLY K.
7. HEATON J.
8. STEPHENS J.
9. KARALIUS A.
10. REES G. T.
11. HALLIWELL K.
12. MANTLE J.
13. PRESCOTT
14. CHISNALL E.
15. COSLETT T. K. (Capt.)
15. BLACKWOOD R.

T.	G.

Half-Time: .....17.....pts.  
Final Score: .....50.....pts.

## ★ Today's Line-ups ★



**FULL BACK**  
**RIGHT WING**  
**RIGHT CENTRE**  
**LEFT CENTRE**  
**LEFT WING**  
**STAND OFF**  
**SCRUM HALF**  
**FRONT ROW**  
**HOOVER**  
**FRONT ROW**  
**SECOND ROW**  
**SECOND ROW**  
**LOOSE FORWARD**

### Referee:

Mr. R. APPLEYARD  
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### Touch-Judges:

T. Clayton R. J. Percival

(Two Substitutes can be allowed at any time in the game  
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# OLDHAM <sup>2</sup>

Colours: Red & White Jersey,  
Black Shorts

1. MURPHY
2. ELLIOTT
3. LARDER
4. BUCKLEY
5. HODGKINSON
6. HILL
7. SAYER
8. WILSON
9. TAYLOR
10. ~~BONSER~~ <sup>Walker</sup>
11. ~~IRVING~~ <sup>Bonser</sup>
12. ALCHIN
13. CLARKE

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### Substitutes

14. DAVIES
15. REYNOLDS

Half-Time: .....2.....pts.  
Final Score: .....2.....pts.

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# FIRST TEAM

Date	Opponents	Grd.
1971		
July	30—Salford 7.30 p.m.	A 13-28
Aug.	6—Leigh 7.30 p.m. (L.C.)	H 11-10
	7—Wigan Seven-a-Side Comp.	
	12—Warrington (L.Cup)	H 23- 6
	14—Leigh (League Champs. v. C. Cup Winners)	H 11- 4
	17—Widnes (L.C. Semi-F.)	H 10-12
	21—Hull	H 30-14
	24—Leeds 7.30 p.m.	A 13-20
	28—Leigh	A 8- 3
Sept.	30—Workington 7.30 p.m.	H 21-14
	4—Keighley	H 30-19
	6—New Zealand 7.30 p.m.	H 18- 8
	8—Castleford 7.30 p.m.	A 13-22
	11—Wakefield 6.30 p.m.	A 23-12
	18—Halifax	H 14-10
Oct.	21—Swinton (B.B.C. 2)	A 14- 9
	2—Salford	H 23-12
	9—Bramley	A 10-15
	18—Oldham	H 50-2
	23—Huddersfield	A
	25—Batley	H
	30—Bramley	H
Nov.	6—Dewsbury	A
	9—Leigh (B.B.C. 2)	A
	13—Player's No. 6 Comp.—	
	20—Castleford	H
	27—Player's No. 6 2nd Round or Top Try Scoring Comp.	
Dec.	4—Oldham	A
	11—Hull K.R. (Play.—3rd R.)	H
	18—Halifax (Players—S.F.)	A
	27—Wigan 3 p.m.	A
1972		
Jan.	1—Widnes	H
	8—Wakefield (Player's Semi)	H
	15—Keighley	A
	22—Leeds (Player's Final)	H
Feb.	29—Chall. Cup, 1st Round	
	5—Workington	A
	12—Leigh	H
	19—Chall. Cup, 2nd Round	
	26—Hull K.R.	A
Mar.	4—Batley (Chall. C. 3rd Rd.)	A
	18—Dewsbury	H
	24—Salford, 7.30 p.m.	A
	31—Wigan, 3 p.m.	H
April	3—Widnes, 7.30 p.m.	A
	8—Hull (Chall. C. Semi F.)	A
	15—Huddersfield (C. C. S.F.)	H

# "A" TEAM

Date	Opponents	Grd.
1971		
Sept.	3—Warrington "A" 7.30 p.m.	A 9- 9
	11—Rochdale "A"	H 9-23
	18—Barrow "A"	A 3-29
	25—Huyton "A"	H 36- 4
Oct.	2—Rochdale "A"	A 4- 9
	9—Barrow "A"	H 31-12
	15—Salford "A" 7.30 p.m.	A 8-15
	20—Oldham "A" (C. Shield)	A 7-4
	22—Oleham "A" (C. Shield)	H
Nov.	6—Widnes "A"	H
	12—Swinton "A" 7.30 p.m.	A
	20—Whitehaven "A"	A
	27—Oldham "A"	H
Dec.	4—Warrington "A"	H
	18—Swinton "A"	H
1972		
Jan.	8—Leigh "A"	A
	15—Salford "A"	H
	22—Oldham "A"	A
	29—Whitehaven "A"	H
Feb.	5—Workington "A"	H
	12—Huyton "A"	A
	26—Leigh "A"	H
Mar.	11—Widnes "A"	A
	25—Wigan "A"	H
	31—Wigan "A" 11.30 a.m.	A
	—Workington "A"	A
Apr.	22—Top "16" League Champs. Play Off.	
	29—Top "16" League Champs. Quarter-Final	
May	6—Top "16" League Champs. Semi-Final	
	13—Challenge Cup Final at Wembley	
	20—Top "16" League Champs. Final	

## DO YOU KNOW OUR

# VISITORS?...

## OLDHAM WERE ALWAYS "TOUGH"

By T. A. OWEN

Like Halifax, Oldham are one of the old time Greats of the Rugby League, come of late into rather hard and difficult times. I can go back with Oldham, to the times of Joe Ferguson, that mighty man of football and famous kicker of goals from all angles and distances. Joe finished (I think) as a Committeeman, but had played till well into his 'forties.' They like old famous players to join the Committee. Fred Ashworth — a splendid forward — and 'Guardsman' Tom Rees — an international full-back were serving till recent years, and may still be. Oldham's most famous Chairman was Fred Hutchens, a great man on the Council of the R.L., a 'Tour' manager, and a man of integrity, respected by all. In the great and gallant years (and they were many and long) Oldham produced, or purchased, some splendid players, with great personalities. Albert Brough may be forgotten now, but he was 'another Albert Fildes' in looks and build, and an international and Touring star. He was only one of a tremendous Oldham pack which also had internationals Bob Sloman and Hermann Hilton.

Fifty years ago, they developed, locally, three brothers, of Italian family origin, into star players — the Corsi brothers. Joe became an honours man at centre, Louis was a tearaway winger (he once scored an 80 yard try at Knowsley Road, partly by sidestepping, partly by cannoning off defenders) and also won R.L. Representative Honours. Angelo was good, but not, perhaps, as successful as the other two. In a team very 'Lancashire' in looks and speech, the Corsi's were dark, swarthy, aquiline faced and 'foreign,' but they had a 'Lanky' accent just the same, as no doubt, some coloured players to-day, also have. After all, the Karalius brothers are 'Lanky' enough, but they are of a family of Polish origin — as other Widnesian players have been. Of course, you have only to mention 'Fitzpatrick' in St. Helens (and in other clubs that felt the fury of that meteor of Rugby) to set the Fans — at least the older ones — grinning. He was it was said an old 'Black and Tan.' He was only medium in Height and barely more than 13½ stone in weight. And a good, fast second row man and a tigerish sort of attacker and defender, he was all energy. But he used to go berserk, and would go into a tackle with such fury that he 'laid em out.' Ben Halfpenny once laid him out, and he suffered a temporary jaw dislocation, but Oldham eventually had to put him aside as a player. Great hearted, yes: but he caused too much trouble and had too many suspensions.

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Then, of course, they had the Champion goal-kicker of the previous generation (or perhaps I should say decade) to ours — in some ways rivalling Jim Sullivan and Coslett, Bernard Ganley, the name. Not was he any sort of illiterate Irishman. He studied for and gained a degree, and after many years as a first class full-back, he joined the BBC as a sports commentator, and has done well there.

Oldham have still retained a few stars, and Bob Irving is one in particular. Though a Yorkshireman he plays like a traditional Lancashire second row forward, fast, elusive, good hands and a fine distributor. I hope they can assemble more like him, and secure, or develop centres like Sid Rix who once graced their team, and many international teams.

I could mention dozens more: but, above all, I remember their powerful challenge in other days and I want to see a formidable Oldham side once again challenging our very best defiances.

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Other than the finalists allocations, all seating tickets for the 1972 Cup Final were sold at the beginning of June last. Standing enclosure tickets (under cover) at 50p can still be obtained from Rugby League Offices, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7. Applications must be accompanied by a stamped and addressed envelope.

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Tuesday, 2nd November, 1971. Kick-off 7.15 p.m.  
Leeds v. Halifax.

Tuesday, 9th November, 1971. Kick-off 7.15 p.m.  
Leigh v. St. Helens.

Tuesday, 16th November, 1971. Kick-off 7.15 p.m.  
Huddersfield v. Hull.

Tuesday, 23rd November, 1971. Kick-off 7.15 p.m.  
Salford or Rochdale v. Wigan or Widnes.





## ST. HELENS SCORERS

	Goals	Tries		Goals	Tries
COSLETT, T. K.	61		WANBON, R.		1
WILSON, F.		2	WOODYER, E.		1
KELLY, K.	1	6	PIMBLETT, G.	1	2
TAYLOR, D.		1	HOUGHTON, S.		1
BROWN, D.		1	CHISNALL, E.		4
JONES, L.		10	REES, G.		5
BENYON, W.		4	WHITTLE, A.		4
KARALIUS, A.		2	BLACKWOOD, R.		2
WILLS, J.		2	HEATON, J.		2
HOUGHTON, J.		1	STEPHENS, J.		1
MANTLE, J.		1			

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