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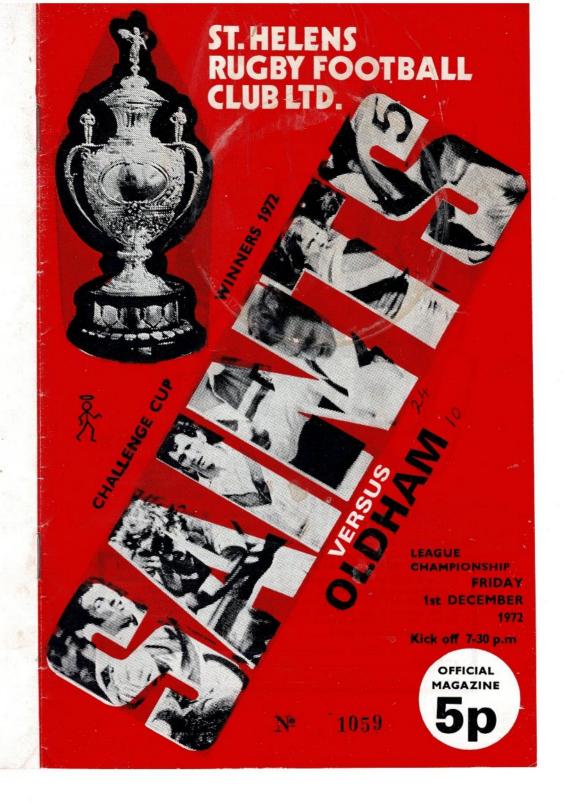
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#### A RETURN TO WINNING WAYS

And so we return to winning ways with a 24-8 victory against a strong Featherstone team, and for those who consider that we "beat nowt" a win for them against us would have put them but four points behind the current league leaders with one game in hand.

There are few finer sights on a rugby league ground than seeing "Joner" in full flight for the line with the opposition trailing without hope, and this could not have been a better return for Les who took his chance well and also changed the whole picture of the game at a time when the "Saints" appeared to be struggling.

Later, Roy Mathias got the message, and he also proved that given a half chance he can rank with the best in the game to-day being able to come away from his own line or beat the opposition by courage and strength from the short run in.

The return of John Mantle and the return to form of Eric Chisnall made a difference to the pack, and with everyone showing improvement perhaps we can say that we are coming back to the early season form.

#### A VALUABLE TROPHY

The only trophy we have yet to win (bar the Yorkshire Cup) is the Player's No. 6. Trophy, and this would appear now to be well within our grasp with a "Home" draw in the Third Round against Widnes on Saturday, 9th December, with a 2.15 p.m. kick-off. We have a score to settle with the Naughton Park Outfit following our exit from the Lancashire Cup at Widnes on the 13th September, but as for most of the season, we had injury problems on that evening which meant pushing in players who had not even trained together.

A good win against the "Chemics" should see us into the New Year without defeat, and for Saints supporters' it is indeed a good month for "Home" fixtures with matches following this evening against Widnes, Workington and Wigan.

As the weather goes colder we shall have to take precautions to see that our fixtures are played, and it is intended to make sure of the plum fixture against Wigan on Boxing Day by applying the blankets regardless of forecasts of sunny spells and showers.

#### THE INJURY LIST

The news regarding both our first team players on the injured list is indeed good, and it is hoped that Tony Karalius will be playing again very shortly having made an almost complete recovery from his shoulder injury. Ken Kelly is in the same position and both could be fit for the match against Widnes and if not then, well before the old year is out.

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# SAINTS CLUB NEWS

#### PLAYERS No. 6 TROPHY — THIRD ROUND DRAW

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ST. HELENS v WIDNES Saturday, December 9th, 2.15 p.m. kick off.

HULL v LEEDS

	LEAG	GUE T	ABLE				
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F	A	Pts.
WARRINGTON	14	13	1	0	361	163	26
LEEDS	12	11	1	0	334	90	22
OLDHAM	14	10	2	2	286	131	22
ST. HELENS	13	10	2	1	280	114	21
WIDNES	14	10	4	. 0	256	157	20
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2. JONES, L. 3. BENYON, W.

4. WELLMAN, C. 5. MATHIAS, R.

ECKERSLEY, D. 7. HEATON, J.

8. STEPHENS, J.

GREENALL, L. WOODYER, E.

MANTLE, J. CHISNALL, E.

Substitutes:

14. WILLS, J.

15. MURPHY, M.

COSLETT, K. (Capt.)

Full Back Right Wing

Right Centre

Left Centre

Left Wing

1. MURPHY M.

2. ELLIOTT M.

3. LARDER P. 4. DAVIES T.

5. HODGKINSON N. 2 tries

Stand Off Scrum Half

Front Row

Hooker

6. WAINWRIGHT A. 7. McCONE M.

8. WILSON K.

9. TAYLOR K. 10. FOSTER F. 2 quals

Front Row Second Row 11. IRVING R.

Second Row 12. DALEY A. Loose Forward 13. REYHOLDS J.

### Substitute

14. O'BRIEN J.

15. ASHCROFT K.

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Shield), 7.30 A 4-16
26—Huyton "A", 3.00 A 35-9
1—Widnes "A", 7.30 H 17-16
9—Leigh "A", 3.00 H 17-16
30—Swinton "A", 3.00 H 27-6
30—Swinton "A", 3.00 H 19-3
20—Swinton "A", 7.30 H 19-3
20—Swinton "A", 7.30 H 19-3
20—Swinton "A", 7.30 H 11-9
4—Rochdale "A", 7.30 H 11-9
4—Rochdale "A", 3.00 H 14-11
10—Warrington "A", 7.30 H 15-4
2—Oldham "A", 3.00 H 15-4
2—Oldham "A", 3.00 A
8—Barrow "A", 7.30 H
16—Workington T. "A", 3.00 A
23—Swinton "A", 3.00 A
23—Swinton "A", 7.30 A Aug. F 11-Salford (Char. Cup) 7.30A 12-12 15-Wigan "A", 7.30 A 7-30 Aug. Su 20-Rochdale H., 3.00 Tu 22—Warrington, 7.30 F 25—Huyton, 7.30 .... 15-11 M 28—Huyton, 3.00 A 47-13 Sept, Su 3—Warrington (L.C.), 3.00A 18-16 F 8—Leigh, 7.30 H 9-2 W 13—Widnes (L.C.) 7.30 A 2-13 Su 17—Featherstone R., 3.00 A 14-19 Sept. 23—Halifax (No. 6 Comp,) 29—Swinton, 7.30 22-20 H 33-12 A 12-12 7—Oldham, 3.00 Tu 10—Leeds (BBC 2) 7.15 F 13—Bradford N., 7.30 H 6-14 H 22- 8 A 17-12 Nov. Su 22-Dewsbury, 3.00 Su 22—Dewsbury, 3.00
F 27—Featherstone R., 7.30
F 3—Dewsbury, 7.30
W 15—Australia, 7.30
18—Workington T., 3.00
F 24—Featherstone (No. 6) H 33- 8 12- 7 9-24 H 24- 8 1—Oldham, 7.30 Dec. F 5—Widnes "A", 7.30 .... 13—Rochdale H. "A", 3.00 19—Salford "A", 7.30 ...... 9—Widnes (No. 6) 2-15 15-Workington T., 7.30 19—Salford "A", 7,30 A
27—Rochdale H, "A", 3.00 A
Feb. 3—Barrow "A", 3.00 A
9—Warrington "A", 7,30 H
16—Huyton "A", 7,30 H
24—Salford "A", 7,30 H
March 9—Swinton "A", 7,30 H
April 13—Widnes "A", 7,30 H
13—Widnes "A", 7,30 H
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# OUR VISITORS

Oldham are an amazing Club in that although they have a comparitively small band of registered players nothing seems to be able to keep them under for long.

They shrug of injuries easily because they have a good, if not numerous set of reserves, and this season have upset the odds against the League's best sides, last week-end completing the enviable double over Wigan.

Early this season they held Saints to a 12-12 draw at Watersheddings and it will take all that the Knowsley Road outfit can offer to prevent Oldham from taking full League points tonight.

Starring in his familiar role of full-back is Martin Murphy who was transfer listed last season at £10,000 but has now settled his differences and is happy to stay at Watersheddings.

The threequarter line up looks as strong as any seen at Knowsley Road this season On the wing is speedy Norman Hodgkinson who joined Oldham from a Rugby Union Club in the London area. Norman is proving himself a prolific try scorer this season and given any opportunity he will find a way over the line. He and his team mate on the opposite flank, South Wales born Mike Elliott the coloured lad who has been with Oldham for many seasons and they are lucky in having centres who are well above par.

Twenty-two year old Tony Wainwright, a stand-off who was signed from Leeds in September was immediately moved into the left centre berth where Oldham had a weak link and he has been partnered by Rugby goal kicker Phil Larder who joined the Club from Sale Rugby Union Club. To-night he will be back to his best position at Stand-off-Half.

Oldham are well placed for centres, with Mick Siddall a junior signing from Yorkshire Amateur Club Ovenden, Joe Collins who has been at Watersheddings for some time but is still young enough to be challenging for a first team place, and youngster Stuart Bottom and Keith Jackson, all looking worthy of senior selection.

Club captain Cliff Hill signed from Wigan a couple of seasons ago, has been lending his useful experience at stand-off but will almost certainly be out of action tonight with hamstring trouble.

Keith Ashcroft ex-Wigan is an experienced player who is a useful stand-in for regular front row men Ken 'Tug' Wilson and Frank Foster, the big Cumbrian who has made such a vast difference to the Oldham "Power Pack". Hooker Kevin Taylor makes up a strong trio in the front row.

County and International player Bob Irving, who came on as substitute in the World Cup Final against Australia in France, is in the second row. He will be partnerd by Widnes lad Arthur Daley who is challenging for a first team place, Jeff Munro who is already being tipped for future honours, or Gareth Owens son of former St. Helens, Leigh and Rochdale favourite Stan Owens, and who can also play at prop if needed. Leigh lad Jim Reynolds only 20 years old but already a firm favourite with the Watersheddings crowd, will be in his usual position of loose forward to complete what looks to be a strong and workmanlike Oldham team.

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Oldham 6	St. Helens 8 (R.L.C.C. 1st Rnd)
St. Helens 41	Oldham 10
Oldham 0	St. Helens 43
St. Helens 30	Oldham 2 (Lancs. Cup Final)
Oldham 6	St. Helens 15 (R.L.C.C. 2nd Rnd)
St. Helens 19	Oldham 4
Oldham 2	St. Helens 17
St. Helens 14	Oldham $0 (B.B.C. 2)$
St. Helens 10	
Oldham 14	St. Helens 26
St. Helens 25	Oldham 7
Oldham 8	St. Helens 7
St. Helens 23	Oldham 17
Oldham 13	St. Helens 9
St. Helens 15	Oldham 10 (Top 16)
St. Helens 22	Oldham 6
St. Helens 22	Oldham 11 (W.R. Semi final)
Oldham 8	St. Helens 10 (Lancs. Cup semi-final)
	St. Helens 24
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