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Message from the President of the Club

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As President of the Oldham Rugby Football Club, I send to you my Best Wishes, and trust that we are on the verge of a successful era in the life of the "Oldham Football Club." I can assure you that every endeavour will be made at Watersheddings to raise our playing standards to such limits that our Team will not only be respected by all the Clubs in the Rugby League, but that we shall at long last field a Team at Wembley, at the close of the forthcoming season.

We shall require all the assistance we can get, and so we look to your Organisation for assistance in this great endeavour which, of course, will require money to purchase players of high quality, etc.

My message, therefore to you is — Let us go forward with confidence in the hope that at the end of the Season, our energies have brought about the reward we all await and deserve, namely — **WEMBLEY!**

In conclusion, may I thank you all for your efforts in the past and your continued help in the future.

Yours sincerely,

HERBERT JONES,

President

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Secretary's Message

To all Members and Friends of the Supporters' Club,

Once again it is my pleasure to write for the Year Book. I should first of all like to thank all those people who have bought a copy of the 1965/66 edition, some of you live in Oldham and others in many parts of Lancashire and Yorkshire. I have also sent one to Australia and one behind the Iron Curtain.

The wind of change which I thought would blow over Water-sheddings last year did not blow as much as I thought in the direction of the Supporters' Club.

We now have a new President of Oldham Football Club and we wish Mr. Jones a happy year of office. The good wishes of the club must also go to Mr. A. Parker, who has been elected to the committee of Oldham F.C.

The season for Oldham started off in a blaze of glory, by being League leaders for the first few weeks then it happened again! and we started losing match after match. Then just as the year turned we started winning again and we finished in ninth position and won the first match of the play-off at Workington then lost to the champions, St. Helens. I would like to thank those of you who call in the canteens on match days for your coffee and pies, etc. Lastly, I should like to thank all the many people who make my job as Secretary easier by their help — the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and all members who help in the canteens.

For those who are interested we now sell gold and silver blazer Badges at 37/6d, each, Ties at 15/- and a new Scarf in Club colours at 25/- — these are all obtainable from me or from any member of the Committee.

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Message from Mr. Parker

Dear Members and Supporters,

The thanks for your support at our Canteens on the ground, and your attendances at our Social activities and our Annual R.Q. Dance during the past year, are due once again from me and my colleagues on the Supporters' Club Committee.

This support is welcomed and appreciated by the loyal staff of the Supporters' Club who give their services to Oldham F.C. voluntarily and find more pleasure in this work when business is thriving, so friends please continue in the forthcoming season in supporting us.

Our team missed the honours of the Rugby League, but they came through with a glorious finish and gained a moral victory over St. Helens in the Top Sixteen 2nd Round.

I sincerely hope they can improve on this this coming season.

A good team means good support, so it is up to the Club Committee to supply the good team.

Since I started writing these notes I have been informed that I am elected to the Oldham F.C. Committee, and I will do my utmost to give you a team you'll be proud of and will support regularly. I thank all those members who voted for me.

On parting from the Supporters' Club Committee, may I say thanks to them for their splendid work for the Oldham F.C. Best wishes to you all for the future.

Yours sincerely,

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SEASON 1966/67

	1966	Opponents	Ground	F	A
Aug.	20—Hull	...	Away		
	23—BLACKPOOL BOROUGH	...	Home		
	27—HULL	...	Home	.....	.....
Sept.	3—Lancashire Cup (1)				
	10—Salford	...	Away	.....	.....
	12—Blackpool Borough	...	Away	.....	.....
	17—WHITEHAVEN	...	Home	.....	.....
	24—Halifax	...	Away	.....	.....
Oct.	1—WIGAN	...	Home	.....	.....
	8—Liverpool City	...	Away	.....	.....
	15—ROCHDALE HORNETS	...	Home	.....	.....
	22—Whitehaven	...	Away	.....	.....
	29—LEIGH	...	Home	.....	.....
Nov.	5—Leeds	...	Away	.....	.....
	12—LIVERPOOL CITY	...	Home	.....	.....
	18—Warrington	...	Away	.....	.....
	26—LEEDS	...	Home	.....	.....
Dec.	3—Workington Town	...	Away	.....	.....
	10—BARROW	...	Home	.....	.....
	14—Leigh	...	Away	.....	.....
	24—Huddersfield	...	Away	.....	.....
	26—SWINTON	...	Home	.....	.....
	27—Rochdale Hornets	...	Away	.....	.....
	31—WARRINGTON	...	Home	.....	.....
	1967				
Jan.	7—Wigan	...	Away	.....	.....
	14—Barrow	...	Away	.....	.....
	21—SALFORD	...	Home	.....	.....
	27—St. Helens	...	Away	.....	.....
Feb.	4—(1)				
	11—WORKINGTON TOWN	...	Home		
	18—ST. HELENS	...	Home		
	25—(2)				
Mar.	3—Widnes	...	Away		
	11—HUDDERSFIELD	...	Home		
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	25—WIDNES	...	Home		
	27—HALIFAX	...	Home		

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It would be remiss of the Supporters' Club if they did not take this opportunity of congratulating Oldham committee man Jack Errock on his appointment as assistant tour manager in Australia.

Mr. Errock has come a long way since those far off days when he used to play for Higginshaw in their glorious days in the Oldham Junior Rugby League.

When his playing days were over, he retained his interest in Rugby League football and was finally elected to the Oldham F.C. Committee.

Further honours were to follow. He is now Oldham's representative on the R.L. Council and becomes the first Oldham man to tour Australia in an official capacity for over 30 years... an honour he achieved by handsomely beating the League Vice-Chairman, Jack Harding (Leigh) and Dewsbury's Brierley Bailey at the vote.

Following his appointment in late December, Mr. Errock was co-opted on to the International Committee.

He is also Chairman of the League's Finance and General Purposes Committee.

The Supporters' Club, who have presented him with a cigarette case and lighter in recognition of the honour he has brought to both club and town, wished him bon voyage, and a happy and successful tour.

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Mackeson Contest Review

by **RAY SMITH**

Organiser of the Mackeson Rugby League Contest

At the Mackeson reception in Manchester following the 1966 League Championship Final, Mackeson Managing Director Dick Fanshawe concluded his speech with the quite formal announcement that the Mackeson Rugby League Contest would continue again in the 1966/67 season.

As organiser of the contest on behalf of Whitbread & Co. Ltd., I was delighted at the cheers which greeted Mr. Fanshawe's statement. What I did not expect — but which gave me even more pleasure — were the comments made afterwards by Rugby League officials, club directors and players alike.

"Surely the Mackeson contest was never in doubt" said one. And another: "The season wouldn't be the same."

These comments, and others like them, seemed to me to show how, in only four seasons, the Mackeson Rugby League Contest has become a part of the rugby league scene. A scene, may I say, in which we are very glad to be able to feature.

HIGHEST SCORE

The 1966 Main Contest trophy and 200 guinea cheque were clearly won by Wigan and the "Mackeson" certainly did perform a useful service in putting the club's season-long performances in proper perspective. We all know that, as a rule, Wigan and success go together, and to some it might seem just and proper that the League's official top awards should have gone elsewhere for a change.

But all this must have made the last minute exits from the Cup and the League Championships — and the attendant criticism — seem all the more harsh to Eric Ashton and his men. In Rugby League, it seems — as in show business — you are only as good as your last performance.

In fact, a look at the Mackeson tables shows that Wigan's performances last year were hardly those of "tired men." The only club topping the 700-mark with a final tally of 775 points in 44 matches for an average of 17.61. 17 times scoring over 20 points in a match, topping 30 on three occasions, twice running up more than 40 points and cracking in the season's highest score of 51 points.

MAGNIFICENT SEASON

Neither was their defence that bad. Wigan only conceded more than 20 points on five occasions. One of those was their League Championship semi-final exit at the hands of Halifax. The other was the Cup Final!

Wigan's final Main Contest lead over runners-up Wakefield Trinity (16.30) and Halifax (15.44) had hardly looked certain earlier in the season. In January and February the top four placings were

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Mackeson Contest Review—Continued

constantly juggled by Wigan, Wakefield, Castleford and St. Helens, with rarely as much as two points between them.

St. Helens finished their magnificent season only .02 of a point behind Halifax whilst Castleford eventually fell away to fifth place having only scored just over 10 points per match in their final eight games.

BRIGHT START

The five subsidiary contests again gave an interesting side-light on performances at different periods of the season — and threw up some very surprising results. St. Helens, for instance, sweeping all before them in League and Cup, not only failed to win a single set of tankards but never finished a period in the top four!

Then there were clubs who achieved high scoring at times but failed to maintain consistency over the season as a whole. Hull Kingston Rovers topped the first period table with 20.50 but finished Period 2 in 22nd place with an average of 8.86 before climbing back to fifth place in the final session. Workington's bright start with second and seventh placings in the first two periods followed by a sudden slump to 26th position in period 3.

And such disappointment as Warrington's continued inability to get among the points, culminating (if that is the word) in an average of 5.10 points per game in their last ten matches to finish in 29th place.

After Hull K.R. had taken the first flag of the season came the first leg of Wigan's double in periods two and four. Period 2 gave Wigan a very clear win over Castleford with the season's top winning average of 22.86. Period 4 only went the Central Park way on the final day with Wigan just leaving month-long leaders Featherstone stranded in second place.

TALKING POINT

In between these events came Wakefield Trinity's storming mid-season win in Period 3 ahead of Widnes, Bradford Northern and Swinton. Odd to reflect that these last three have never yet won a section of the contest in all four years!

Finally came Halifax in Period 5 with the late-season run that earned them flag and tankards and only fell short of the League Championship itself.

So to the new season when we hope the Mackeson Contest will continue to prove an added incentive to players, a stimulus to brighter play, and a talking point on the terraces.

Which club will consistently score the 17½-plus points per match necessary to win the main trophy? Will the Mackeson flag fly over new grounds, such as the Boulevard, Fartown, Wilderspool, Odsal or Naughton Park? Or will some of the previous winners expand their tankard collection?

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PERIOD CONTESTS			
Workington	Oldham	St. Helens	Hull K.R.
Workington	Wigan	St. Helens	Wigan
Wigan	Leigh	Featherstone	Wakefield
Wakefield	Castleford	Leeds	Wigan
St. Helens	Workington	Halifax	Halifax

MACKESON MAIN CONTEST, Final Table, 1965/66

	P.	Pts.	Ave.
Wigan	44	775	17.61
Wakefield Trinity	37	603	16.30
Halifax	39	602	15.44
St. Helens	43	663	15.42
Castleford	38	560	14.74
Swinton	40	585	14.63
Leeds	43	614	14.28
Hull Kingston Rovers	43	577	13.42
Hull	39	492	12.62
Widnes	36	437	12.14
Huddersfield	43	518	12.05
Oldham	40	479	11.98
Workington Town	38	455	11.97
Featherstone Rovers	38	454	11.95
Barrow	37	441	11.92
Bradford Northern	43	480	11.16
Hunslet	38	424	11.16
Salford	37	381	10.30
Blackpool Borough	36	342	9.50
York	36	333	9.25
Bramley	37	342	9.24
Leigh	39	354	9.05
Warrington	42	375	8.93
Liverpool City	36	320	8.89
Rochdale Hornets	39	332	8.51
Dewsbury	39	302	7.74
Keighley	36	272	7.56
Doncaster	36	232	6.44
Whitehaven	36	229	6.36
Batley	36	214	5.94

PERIOD WINNERS

First Period won by Hull K.R.	average of 20.50
Second Period won by Wigan	average of 22.86
Third Period won by Wakefield T.	average of 20.57
Fourth Period won by Wigan	average of 22.50
Fifth Period won by Halifax	average of 21.45

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Time To Take Stock

by **ROGER HALSTEAD**
of the Oldham Evening Chronicle

By the time this handbook is on sale, season 1965/66 will be almost forgotten. The balance sheet, which went out to members last May, will be just a bad dream. In fact, thoughts will have turned to the new season with hopes of success and, if I dare mention it, I believe that the coming year may at last see Oldham engaged in a long Challenge Cup run.

Hopes are all very well. But they must be tempered with logical thinking and, frankly, there will have to be plenty of action . . . on the right lines, too . . . if the crowds are to pack Watersheddings regularly once again.

The new committee is now in power. In their hands lie the destinies of a famous club which, in latter years, has lost some of the shine and glitter with which it was associated in the late 1950's.

I urge them, when looking back over last season, to place more emphasis on the balance sheet and the financial side of the club than on the playing record.

Despite a first-round Challenge Cup flop at Swinton, the team performed soundly on many occasions and generally showed signs that there is the nucleus of a team which could get among the honours with one or two judicious buys.

But the harsh, cold facts of cash and specator appeal leave a lot to be desired.

The net loss of £5000-plus, following another deficit the previous year, and a slump in income from the pools of almost 50 per cent., point to only one end — DISASTER.

Pools and gate receipts must be stepped up if the club is to turn the corner. No one can dispute that.

But how should it be done? This is the question which invariably brings out two points of view.

On the one hand there is the belief that the fans and members should show more interest in the club and increase income to provide cash with which to go into the transfer-market.

On the other is the argument that the club should provide a successful and attractive side — even if it means going further into debt — and win the fans' support in this way.

Of the two the latter is by far the more logical argument.

The committee has to put the goods in the shop window if they are to attract custom — custom which is crying out for a successful football team more than anything else.

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Time To Take Stock—continued

The new social club may do well financially. I hope it does. So does everyone with the club at heart.

BUT THE TOP PRIORITY MUST BE A SUCCESSFUL TEAM WINNING ITS GAMES WITH A FAST, FLUENT BRAND OF FOOTBALL.

This, in turn, would not only increase the crowds; it would generally stimulate interest in the club from which would rise more income from the pools and other money-making efforts.

It would, too, play a big part in helping the social club to be successful.

Success breeds success. But it must begin on the field.

Last season's activities in the transfer-market must be a warning that misguided buys are worse than no buys at all.

At the last annual meeting, President Stanley Stretch pointed out that no expense had been spared in building up a sound team.

Certainly, the President had a point. Over £6,000 was spent on players. But, alas, the committee blundered in paying out precious cash on players who failed to achieve the desired object.

Two points must be considered by the new committee this winter. Firstly, the need for one or two judicious purchases. Secondly, the absolute necessity for getting the right men.

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SEASON 1965/66

Match	Venue	Score	Result	Comp.	Att.
Rochdale Hornets	H	14-19	Lost	Charity	3,937
Warrington	H	26-14	Won	R.L.	4,317
Whitehaven	A	12-0	Won	R.L.	2,000
Wigan	A	23-8	Won	R.L.	12,444
New Zealand	H	2-5	Lost	Tour	10,333
Blackpool Borough	H	4-4	Draw	R.L.	4,818
Rochdale Hornets	H	12-5	Won	R.L.	4,187
Barrow	H	21-14	Won	Lancs. Cup	4,868
Blackpool Borough	A	13-2	Won	R.L.	5,000
Wigan	H	28-13	Won	Lancs. Cup	9,500
Workington	A	7-28	Lost	R.L.	2,775
Salford	H	12-8	Won	R.L.	4,888
St. Helens	A	17-23	Lost	R.L.	11,000
Warrington	A	10-21	Lost	Lancs. Cup	15,764
Huddersfield	H	11-4	Won	R.L.	6,291
Swinton	A	5-21	Lost	Floodlight	5,800
Wigan	H	6-16	Lost	R.L.	8,098
Widnes	A	5-49	Lost	R.L.	5,500
Liverpool City	H	7-7	Draw	R.L.	3,355
Salford	A	11-12	Lost	R.L.	3,500
Leeds	H	2-10	Lost	R.L.	3,726
Castleford	H	4-6	Lost	Floodlight	853
Huddersfield	A	7-26	Lost	R.L.	2,559
Leeds	A	13-10	Won	R.L.	3,700
Widnes	H	15-3	Won	R.L.	2,727
Hunslet	A	7-3	Won	R.L.	2,250
St. Helens	H	13-9	Won	R.L.	9,445
Hunslet	H	10-10	Draw	R.L.	5,701
Halifax	H	13-4	Won	R.L.	5,078
Warrington	A	8-4	Won	R.L.	5,160
Halifax	A	11-17	Lost	R.L.	3,500
Swinton	A	5-18	Lost	Cup	12,914
Leigh	H	15-5	Won	R.L.	4,018
Liverpool City	A	20-9	Won	R.L.	400
Swinton	H	10-12	Lost	R.L.	5,945
Whitehaven	H	33-5	Won	R.L.	2,005
Barrow	A	9-14	Lost	R.L.	2,480
Swinton	A	2-8	Lost	R.L.	9,000
Rochdale Hornets	A	11-9	Won	R.L.	2,668
Barrow	H	12-2	Won	R.L.	1,455
Leigh	A	6-2	Won	R.L.	2,700
Workington Town	H	15-5	Won	R.L.	3,690
Workington Town	A	7-6	Won	Play-off	2,510
St. Helens	A	10-15	Lost	Play-off	12,000

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MAXIMUM APPEARANCES 44
(Appearances include half-games as substitutes)

	App.	G.	T.	Pts.
J. Winton ...	41	121	2	248
J. Warburton ...	39	2	16	52
J. Donovan ...	38	0	6	18
D. Parker ...	37	0	4	12
J. McCormack ...	34	0	9	27
S. Whitehead ...	34	0	11	33
G. Sims ...	30	1	1	5
K. Taylor ...	30	0	4	12
P. Smethurst ...	28	0	4	12
S. McLeod ...	27	0	6	18
C. Bott ...	26	0	2	6
A. Burns ...	25	0	1	3
R. Irving ...	25	0	4	12
K. Wilson ...	25	0	0	0
T. Simms ...	24	0	5	15
T. Canning ...	22	1	3	11
G. Fletcher ...	18	0	0	0
M. Elliott ...	17	0	3	9
W. Broomhead ...	12	0	0	0
A. Mumberson ...	12	0	0	0
L. McIntyre ...	10	0	0	0
J. Gaskell ...	7	0	0	0
M. Mooney ...	6	0	1	3
J. Pycroft ...	6	0	0	0
G. Crowther ...	5	0	0	0
T. Dolly ...	5	0	0	0
G. Wood ...	4	0	0	0
N. Brelsford ...	2	0	0	0
W. Delooze ...	2	0	0	0
A. Ogden ...	2	0	0	0
T. Tomlinson ...	2	4	0	8
P. Bamford (trialist) ...	1	0	0	0
D. Kershaw (trialist) ...	1	0	0	0
D. Maders ...	1	0	0	0
H. Major ...	1	0	0	0

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While we say welcome to the new Queen we say a big thank you to our retiring Queen, Miss Susan Vickerstaff, for all she has done in the past year, and I am sure she has had a good and happy year.

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Thanks are also due to the following people: Mr. J. Stringer, Secretary of Oldham Football Club, Mr. Halstead and the Editor of the Oldham Chronicle, also Mr. Wooley the photographer.

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R.L. Final Table, 1965/6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
St. Helens	34	28	1	5	521	275	57
Swinton	34	27	1	6	510	283	55
Wigan	34	27	0	7	604	302	54
Wakefield Trinity	34	25	2	7	562	239	52
Castleford	34	23	3	8	524	233	49
Leeds	34	24	0	10	493	295	48
Bradford Northern	34	21	1	12	375	247	43
Workington Town	34	21	1	12	423	306	43
Oldham	34	20	3	11	398	347	43
Halifax	34	21	0	13	482	318	42
Huddersfield	34	20	0	14	420	267	40
Hull K.R.	34	20	0	14	496	321	40
Hull	34	20	0	14	448	346	40
Widnes	34	17	0	17	442	344	34
Featherstone Rovers	34	17	0	17	408	399	34
Warrington	34	16	1	17	287	339	33
Hunslet	34	15	2	17	378	436	32
Salford	34	15	1	18	360	438	31
Keighley	34	15	0	19	266	452	30
Leigh	34	14	1	19	306	416	29
Barrow	34	13	1	20	410	367	27
Bramley	34	12	2	20	331	476	26
York	34	11	0	23	316	507	22
Dewsbury	34	10	1	23	257	424	21
Liverpool City	34	9	2	23	307	494	20
Rochdale Hornets	34	10	0	24	284	387	20
Blackpool Borough	34	9	1	24	331	549	19
Batley	34	6	2	26	196	576	14
Doncaster	34	6	0	28	228	586	12
Whitehaven	34	4	2	28	191	585	10

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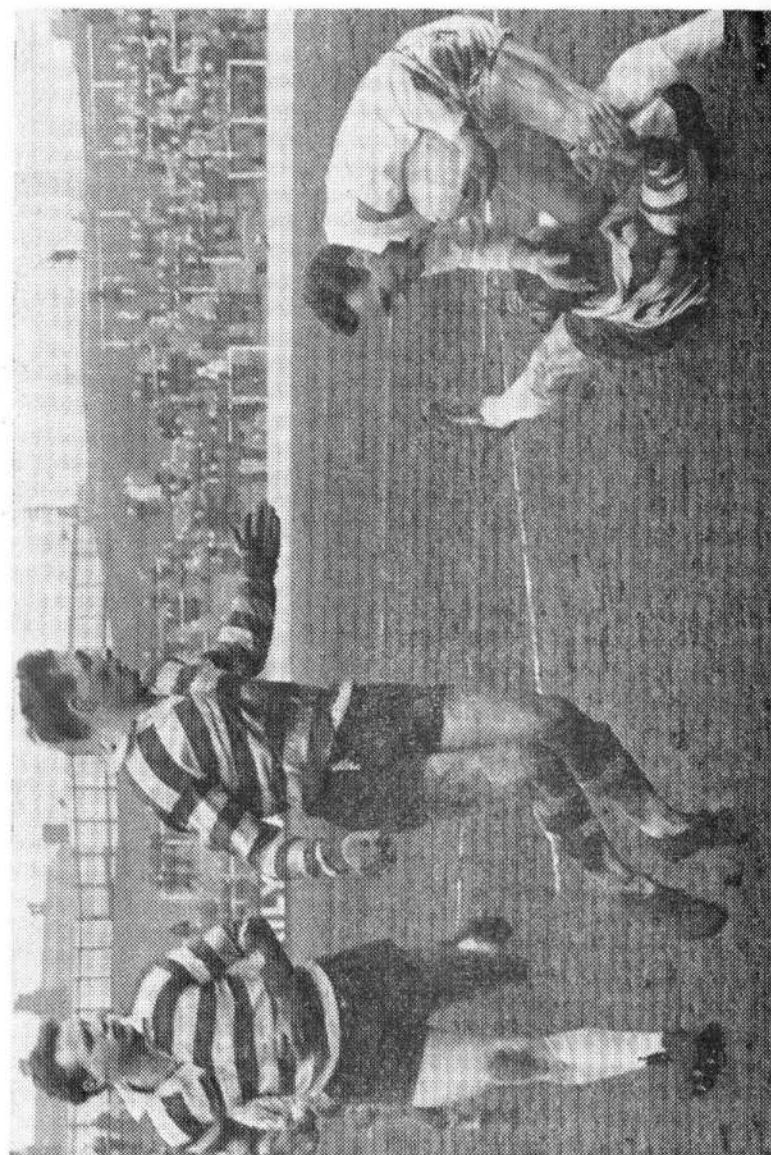
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But Oldham's skies won't always be grey,
We'll hit that Wembley trail one day.
It may not be so far away you know,
When that day comes, how our hearts will glow.
May I thank all concerned for their support,
Rugby League is a wonderful sport ;
And that fact alone, makes it a good reason —
To come along and bring all your friends next season.
So here's to a season of brilliant success,
And lots of good games to really impress.
My very best wishes for a season just right
To Oldham's Thirteen in red, blue and white.

Written by Mrs. Norah Slattery, 49/7th Avenue, Limeside, Oldham
Seat Member and Oldham's No. 1 Supporter — I love 'em all

Lancashire Combination R.L. Table, 1965/6

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Warrington	24	18	3	3	39
Swinton	24	18	0	6	36
Wigan	24	15	1	8	31
Widnes	24	15	0	9	30
St. Helens	24	15	0	9	30
Workington Town	23	14	0	9	28
Barrow	24	12	1	11	25
Oldham	24	8	2	14	18
Liverpool City	24	7	2	15	16
Salford	24	7	2	15	15
Leigh	24	6	3	15	15
Rochdale Hornets	24	7	1	16	15
Blackpool Borough	24	5	2	17	12

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RUGBY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

At Swinton, Sautrday, 28th May, 1966

ST. HELENS 35 HALIFAX 12

Attendance : 30,165 Receipts : £8,750

Teams :

SAINTS—F. Barrow ; A. Barrow, Murphy, Benyon, Killeen ; Harvey, Bishop ; Halsall, Sayer, Watson, French, Warlow, Mantle. Substitutes : Hitchen, Prosser.

HALIFAX—Cooper ; Jones, Burnett, Dixon, Freeman ; Robinson, Baker ; Roberts, Harrison, Scroby, Ramshaw, Fogerty, Renilson. Substitutes : Eastwood, Duffy.

Referee : Mr. J. Manley (Warrington)

RUGBY LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP FINAL

At Wembley, 21st May, 1966

ST HELENS 21 WIGAN 2

Attendance : 100,000 (record) Receipts : £50,429 (record)

Teams :

ST. HELENS—F. Barrow ; Vollenhoven, Murphy (capt.), Benyon, Killeen ; Harvey, Bishop ; Halsall, Sayer, Watson, French, Warlow, Mantle. Substitutes : A. Barrow, Hitchen.

WIGAN—Ashby ; Boston, D. Stephens, Ashton (capt.), Lake ; Hill, Parr ; Gardiner, Woosey, McTigue, A. Stephens, Gilfedder, Major. Substitutes : Hesketh, Lyon.

Referee : Mr. H. G. Hunt (Lowton)

Scorers :

ST. HELENS—Goals : Killeen 5, Murphy (drop).
Tries : Mantle, Killeen, Bishop.

WIGAN—Goal : Gilfedder.

Lance Todd Trophy winner : Len Killeen

Scrums : First half : St. Helens 11, Wigan 6. Second half : St. Helens 5, Wigan 3.

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1897	Batley ...	...	1	2	10	St. Helens ...	...	0	1	3	Headingley
1898	Batley ...	...	2	1	7	Bradford ...	...	0	0	0	Headingley
1899	Oldham ...	...	2	5	19	Hunslet ...	...	3	1	9	Fallowfield
1900	Swinton ...	...	2	4	16	Salford ...	...	1	2	8	Fallowfield
1901	Batley ...	...	0	2	16	Warrington ...	...	0	0	0	Headingley
1902	Broughton R. ...	...	5	5	25	Salford ...	...	0	0	0	Rochdale
1903	Halifax ...	...	2	1	7	Salford ...	...	0	0	0	Headingley
1904	Halifax ...	...	1	2	8	Warrington ...	...	0	1	3	Salford
1905	Warrington ...	...	0	2	6	Hull K.R. ...	...	0	0	0	Headingley
1906	Bradford ...	...	1	1	5	Salford ...	...	0	0	0	Headingley
1907	Warrington ...	...	4	3	17	Oldham ...	...	0	1	3	Broughton
1908	Hunslet ...	...	4	2	14	Hull ...	...	0	0	0	Huddersfield
1909	Wakefield T. ...	...	1	5	17	Hull ...	...	0	0	0	Headingley
1910	Leeds ...	...	2	1	7	Hull ...	...	2	1	7	Huddersfield
1910	Leeds (Replay) ...	...	7	4	26	Hull ...	...	3	2	12	Huddersfield
1911	Broughton R. ...	...	2	0	4	Wigan ...	...	0	0	0	Salford
1912	Dewsbury ...	...	1	2	8	Oldham ...	...	1	1	5	Headingley
1913	Huddersfield ...	...	0	3	9	Warrington ...	...	1	1	5	Headingley
1914	Hull ...	...	0	2	6	Wakefield T. ...	...	0	0	0	Halifax
1915	Huddersfield ...	...	5	9	37	St. Helens ...	...	0	1	3	Oldham
1920	Huddersfield ...	...	3	5	21	Wigan ...	...	2	2	10	Headingley
1921	Leigh ...	...	2	3	13	Halifax ...	...	0	0	0	Broughton
1922	Rochdale H. ...	...	2	2	10	Hull ...	...	0	3	9	Headingley
1923	Leeds ...	...	5	6	28	Hull ...	...	0	1	3	Wakefield
1924	Wigan ...	...	3	5	21	Oldham ...	...	2	0	4	Rochdale
1925	Oldham ...	...	2	4	16	Hull K.R. ...	...	0	1	3	Leeds
1926	Swinton ...	...	3	1	9	Oldham ...	...	0	1	3	Rochdale
1927	Oldham ...	...	4	6	26	Swinton ...	...	2	1	7	Wigan
1928	Swinton ...	...	1	1	5	Warrington ...	...	0	1	3	Wigan
1929	Wigan ...	...	2	3	13	Dewsbury ...	...	1	0	2	Wembley
1930	Widnes ...	...	2	2	10	St. Helens ...	...	0	1	3	Wembley
1931	Halifax ...	...	5	4	22	York ...	...	1	2	8	Wembley
1932	Leeds ...	...	4	1	11	Swinton ...	...	4	0	8	Wigan
1933	Huddersfield ...	...	6	3	21	Warrington ...	...	4	3	17	Wembley
1934	Hunslet ...	...	1	3	11	Widnes ...	...	1	1	5	Wembley
1935	Castleford ...	...	1	3	11	Huddersfield ...	...	1	2	8	Wembley
1936	Leeds ...	...	3	4	18	Warrington ...	...	1	0	2	Wembley
1937	Widnes ...	...	3	4	18	Keighley ...	...	1	1	5	Wembley
1938	Salford ...	...	2	1	7	Barrow ...	...	2	0	4	Wembley
1939	Halifax ...	...	4	4	20	Salford ...	...	0	1	3	Wembley
1941	*Leeds ...	...	2	5	19	Halifax ...	...	1	0	2	Bradford
1942	*Leeds ...	...	3	3	15	Halifax ...	...	5	0	10	Bradford
1943	*Dewsbury ...	...	2	4	16	Leeds ...	...	3	1	9	(Dewsb. won on agg. 16-15)
	Dewsbury ...	...	0	0	0	Leeds ...	...	3	0	6	
1944	*Bradford N. ...	...	0	0	0	Wigan ...	...	0	1	3	(Brad. won on agg. 8-3)
	Bradford N. ...	...	1	2	8	Wigan ...	...	0	0	0	
1945	*Huddersfield ...	...	2	1	7	Bradford N. ...	...	2	0	4	(Hudd. won on agg. 13-9)
	Huddersfield ...	...	0	2	6	Bradford N. ...	...	1	1	5	
1946	Wakefield T. ...	...	2	3	13	Wigan ...	...	0	4	12	Wembley
1947	Bradford N. ...	...	1	2	8	Leeds ...	...	2	0	4	Wembley
1948	Wigan ...	...	1	2	8	Bradford N. ...	...	0	1	3	Wembley
1949	Bradford N. ...	...	3	2	12	Halifax ...	...	0	0	0	Wembley
1950	Warrington ...	...	5	3	19	Widnes ...	...	0	0	0	Wembley
1951	Wigan ...	...	2	2	10	Barrow ...	...	0	0	0	Wembley
1952	Workington T. ...	...	3	4	18	Featherstone R. ...	...	2	2	10	Wembley
1953	Huddersfield ...	...	3	3	15	St. Helens ...	...	2	2	10	Wembley
1954	*Warrington ...	...	1	2	8	Halifax ...	...	0	0	4	Bradford
1955	Barrow ...	...	3	6	21	Workington ...	...	3	2	12	Wembley
1956	St. Helens ...	...	2	3	13	Halifax ...	...	2	0	2	Wembley
1957	Leeds ...	...	0	3	9	Barrow ...	...	2	1	7	Wembley
1958	Wigan ...	...	2	3	13	Workington ...	...	3	1	9	Wembley
1959	Wigan ...	...	6	6	30	Hull ...	...	5	1	13	Wembley
1960	Wakefield T. ...	...	7	8	38	Hull ...	...	1	1	5	Wembley
1961	St. Helens ...	...	3	2	12	Wigan ...	...	3	0	6	Wembley
1962	Wakefield T. ...	...	3	2	12	Huddersfield ...	...	0	2	6	Wembley
1963	Wakefield T. ...	...	5	5	25	Wigan ...	...	2	2	10	Wembley
1964	Widnes ...	...	2	3	13	Hull K.R. ...	...	1	1	5	Wembley
1965	Wigan ...	...	4	4	20	Hunslet ...	...	5	2	16	Wembley
1966	St. Helens ...	...	6	3	21	Wigan ...	...	1	0	2	Wembley

*War-time competition in which not all the clubs took part
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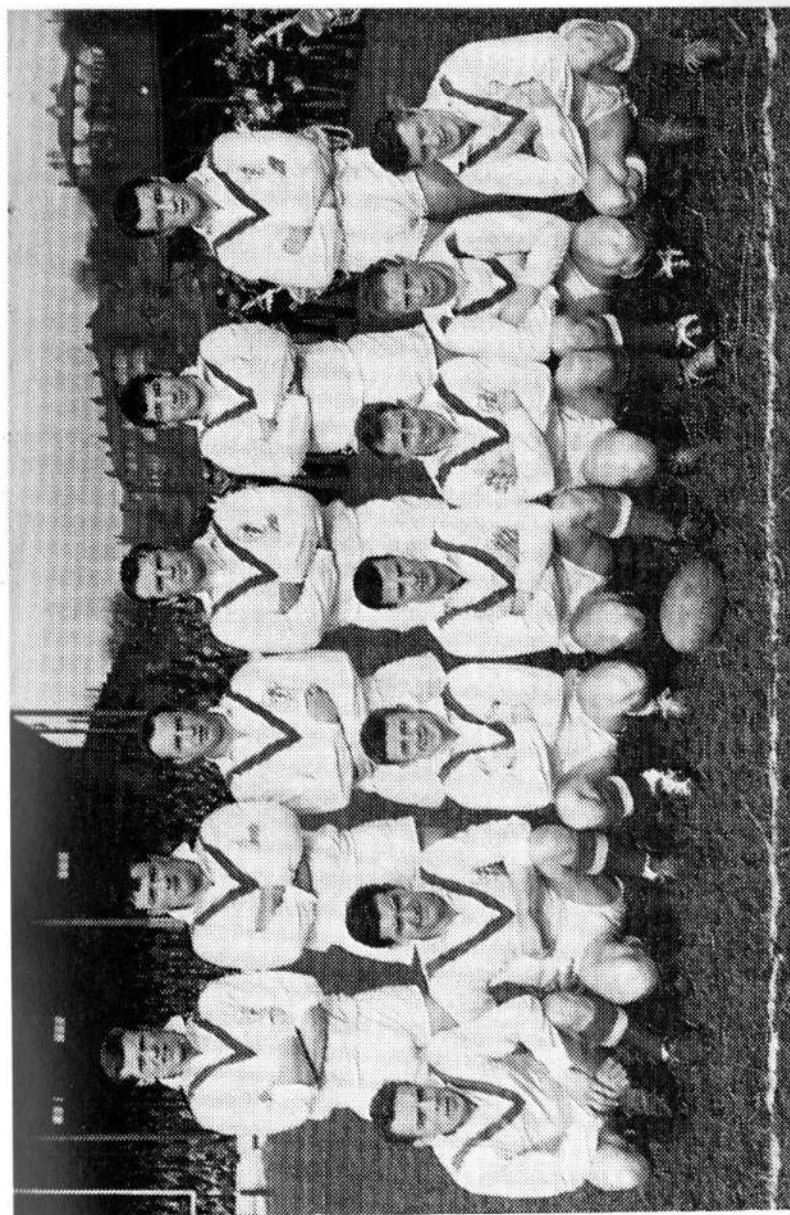
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1953	PETER RAMSDEN	Huddersfield
1954	GERRY HELME	Warrington
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1956	ALAN PRESCOTT	St. Helens
1957	JEFF STEVENSON	Leeds
1958	REES THOMAS	Wigan
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1960	TOMMY HARRIS	Hull
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1962	NEIL FOX	Wakefield Trinity
1963	HAROLD POYNTON	Wakefield Trinity
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1935	Castleford v. Huddersfield	39,000	£6,000
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1937	Widnes v. Keighley	47,699	£6,704
1938	Salford v. Barrow	51,243	£7,174
1939	Halifax v. Salford	55,453	£7,681
1946	Wakefield T. v. Wigan	54,730	£11,993
1947	Bradford N. v. Leeds	77,605	£17,483
1948	Wigan v. Bradford N.	92,500	£21,160
1949	Bradford N. v. Halifax	95,000	£22,000
1950	Warrington v. Widnes	95,000	£24,723
1951	Wigan v. Barrow	95,000	£24,728
1952	Workington T. v. Featherstone R.	73,000	£23,000
1953	Huddersfield v. St. Helens	90,000	£31,000
1954	Warrington v. Halifax	83,000	£30,000
1955	Barrow v. Workington T.	67,000	£27,500
1956	St. Helens v. Halifax	80,000	£29,500
1957	Leeds v. Barrow	77,000	£32,545
1958	Wigan v. Workington T.	66,000	£31,030
1959	Wigan v. Hull	80,000	£33,000
1960	Wakefield T. v. Hull	80,000	£33,000
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1962	Wakefield T. v. Huddersfield	85,000	£33,350
1963	Wakefield T. v. Wigan	85,000	£45,000
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