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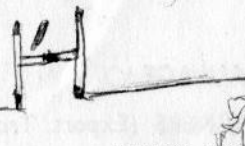
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Saturday, 21st November, 1964—

No 1712

**OLDHAM v. WIGAN**

—Kick-off 2-30 p.m.



### NEWS AND VIEWS ON PLAY AND PLAYERS

Once again we continued our winning way with a good victory at Huddersfield on Saturday last, but we are not quite showing that early season form, but there are great signs of it returning. Although we won at Huddersfield by a narrow margin of two points it was a game that should be forgotten from a playing point. There were too many infringements, too much man for man stuff. As we stated earlier in the season, this head hunting tackling is no good for anyone. It is damaging to a player to be continually hit in the face, human nature has its limits and players are apt to lose their tempers, and retaliation is obvious, with the result that the game becomes a fight and the finer points of the game are forgotten. It is This kind of thing is not good to watch and must be one of the main reasons for the appallingly low attendances at the majority of Rugby League matches. What finer sight is there than to see a wing threequarter in full flight for the line and a defender coming across to make a flying tackle round the waist, it is indeed a thrill. Our game of Rugby League is alright if played in the right spirit and according to the rules.

### COMINGS AND GOINGS

It is a great feature in our game that the public like to see new faces in their favourite team and so it is with our Club. Players can remain with a club too long and outlive their welcome, others are not likely to make the grade but the spirit is there. The Northern Rugby Football League allow 50 players to be on each club's register and it is this that has made us strike off our list a few players who we feel will not make the grade.

These players are :- John Cheshire, Keith Robinson, Edward Hill, Ray Mitchell and Bernard Fallon.

The above players have not trained at Watersheddings for some time and appear to have gone out of football completely. However the above have been replaced somewhat by the acquisition of Stan McLeod, out half, centre or wing from Wigan; Tom Warburton, out half of Tyldesley Rugby Union Club; and Colin Spencer, second row forward of Heworth Junior Club, York. We wish them a happy and successful time with us.

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## OUR VISITORS

The Wigan Club are always welcome visitors to Watersheddings, and it is to be hoped that today's weather is kind enough to us to house our largest 'gate' of the season. It is no secret that wherever Wigan play, the host club expect the financial resources being replenished by such an attractive team. The players who make up the Wigan team require no introduction as they are household names where Rugby League gets in the conversation. Special mention must be made of the two great wingers, Boston and Lake. This boy Lake appears to be going places by his try scoring efforts and Wigan must have no regrets in bringing this player from Rhodesia.

Although our visitors lost at home last Saturday to lowly Widnes, we must ignore this defeat, as any team can have an off day, but one can rest assured that our team will be all out to record one of the few victories we have achieved against our worthy opponents in recent seasons.

So here is hoping for a good game and Rugby League played as it should be played between such old friends and foes.

## INJURED PLAYERS

Dave Parker is still having trouble with his breathing and the consultant has diagnosed a virus in the sinus. Dave is having hospital treatment and we hope that this will be cleared up within the next fortnight or so.

Joe Collins, what an unlucky player he is, ruptured a blood vessel during the game at Huddersfield. He has had considerable pain in the calf and severe swelling. He has had an X-ray and the leg is being drained.

Ian Howarth with a shoulder injury received at St. Helens, expects to be fit next week. Trevor Simms is still hobbling about on crutches and the progress of the broken leg is slow.

## HARRY SUNDERLAND MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Rugby League now has a companion trophy to the Lance Todd award which goes to the player Rugby League journalists consider to be the best player on the field in a Wembley Cup Final.

The new trophy to be known as the Harry Sunderland Trophy, given by the Rugby League Writers' Association, is to perpetuate the memory of the former Australian tour manager, broadcaster and journalist.

It will be awarded annually to the player deemed to be the best on the field in the League championship final. The award will be made on a vote of Writers' Association members attending the game.

The player, who will retain the trophy for one year, will also receive a personal gift from the Association.

Saturday next at Watersheddings—

**OLDHAM 'A' v SALFORD 'A'**

—Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

## APPEARANCES AND SCORERS (All Matches)

Up to and including Saturday last

| Player    | A  | G  | T | P  | Player    | A  | G | T | P  |
|-----------|----|----|---|----|-----------|----|---|---|----|
| Dyson     | 18 | 64 | 5 | 14 | Price     | 12 |   | 9 | 27 |
| Sims      | 18 | 4  | 5 | 2  | Robinson  | 2  |   | 1 | 3  |
| McCormack | 16 |    | 2 | 6  | Noon      | 12 | 1 |   |    |
| Nestor    | 10 |    | 4 | 12 | Smethurst | 12 |   | 3 | 9  |
| Patterson | 3  |    | 2 | 6  | Gaskell   | 5  |   | 1 | 3  |
| Donovan   | 14 |    | 4 | 12 | Collins   | 6  | 1 | 2 | 6  |
| Pycroft   | 13 |    | 3 | 9  | Howarth   | 4  |   |   |    |
| Mumberson | 11 | 1  |   | 3  | Crowther  | 2  |   |   |    |
| McIntyre  | 15 |    | 5 | 15 | Hill      | 1  |   |   |    |
| Wilson    | 12 |    |   |    | Whitehead | 5  |   |   |    |
| Simms     | 1  |    | 1 | 3  | Tomlinson | 1  | 1 |   | 2  |
| Wilkinson | 1  |    |   |    | Broomhead | 1  |   |   |    |
| Major     | 1  |    |   |    | Taylor    | 2  |   |   |    |
| Parker    | 16 |    | 4 | 12 | Elliott   | 3  |   |   |    |
| Bott      | 16 |    | 2 | 6  | McLeod    | 1  |   |   |    |

Appearances 1/2 indicates where a player has only played half the game  
The Substitute Rule operating

## NEWS FROM THE MACKESON RUGBY LEAGUE CONTEST

MAIN CONTEST — Position after matches played November 14th

| CLUB               | Played | Pts. F. | Average | Pts. A. |
|--------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1—Wigan .....      | 15     | 372     | 24.80   | 106     |
| 2—St. Helens ..... | 17     | 421     | 24.76   | 136     |
| 3—Hull K. R. ....  | 15     | 308     | 20.53   | 171     |
| 4—Leeds .....      | 17     | 316     | 18.58   | 200     |
| 5—Workington ..... | 15     | 266     | 17.73   | 167     |
| 6—Halifax .....    | 17     | 292     | 17.18   | 174     |
| 7—Warrington ..... | 17     | 283     | 16.65   | 189     |
| 8—Hunslet .....    | 15     | 247     | 16.47   | 208     |
| 9—Oldham .....     | 16     | 242     | 15.13   | 154     |

## FIXTURES & RESULTS FOR 1964/65 SEASON

| Date    | Club               | Grd. | Time | F. A. | Date   | Club                  | Grd. | Time | F. A. |
|---------|--------------------|------|------|-------|--------|-----------------------|------|------|-------|
| Aug. 15 | Rochdale (Charity) | away | 3.0  | 39-7  | 19     | Liverpool             | away | 2.30 |       |
| 22      | Dewsbury           | away | 3.0  | 17-4  | 26     | St. Helens            | home | 2.30 |       |
| 25      | Widnes (Tues.)     | home | 7.0  | 23-2  | 28     | Keighley (Mon.)       | away | 2.30 |       |
| 29      | Swinton            | home | 3.0  | 13-2  | Jan. 2 | Hunslet               | home | 2.30 |       |
| Sept. 4 | Whitehaven (Cup)   | away | 6-30 | 31-10 | 9      | Barrow                | away | 2.30 |       |
| 12      | Liverpool          | home | 3.0  | 42-5  | 16     | Rochdale H.           | away | 2.30 |       |
| 14      | Blackpool          | away | 6.0  | 13-2  | 23     | Salford               | home | 3.0  |       |
| 19      | Widnes             | away | 3.0  | 21-2  | 30     | Warrington            | away | 3.0  |       |
| 26      | Whitehaven         | home | 3.0  | 4-21  | Feb. 6 | (1st Rnd. R.L. Cup)   |      |      |       |
| Oct. 3  | Leigh              | away | 3.0  | 20-10 | 13     | Keighley              | home | 3.0  |       |
| 10      | Rochdale H.        | home | 3.0  | 14-5  | 27     | (2nd Rnd. R.L. Cup)   |      |      |       |
| 17      | Workington         | away | 3.0  | 5-21  | Mar. 6 | Leigh                 | home | 3.0  |       |
| 24      | Warrington         | home | 3.0  | 6-15  | 13     | Workington            | home | 3.0  |       |
| 31      | St. Helens         | away | 3.0  | 6-22  | 20     | Wigan                 | away | 3.0  |       |
| Nov. 7  | Barrow             | home | 3.0  | 21-4  | 27     | Huddersfield          | home | 3.0  |       |
| 14      | Huddersfield       | away | 2.30 | 12-10 | Apr. 3 | (Semi-Final R.L. Cup) |      |      |       |
| 21      | Wigan              | home | 2.30 | 9-18  | 10     | (Semi-Final R.L. Cup) |      |      |       |
| 28      | Salford            | away | 2.30 |       | 16     | Swinton (G.F.)        | away | 3.0  |       |
| Dec. 5  | Hunslet            | away | 2.30 |       | 17     | Whitehaven            | away | 3.0  |       |
| 12      | Blackpool          | home | 2.30 |       | 19     | Dewsbury (E.M.)       | home | 3.0  |       |