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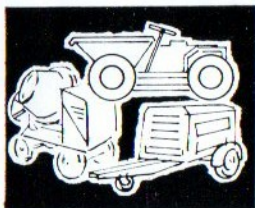
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Last Saturday we were successful in gaining a first round triumph against Barrow. It was a closely fought match and the result was in doubt right up to the last few minutes when young Bob Irving made the game safe for us with a great opportunist try. Our opponents tonight were in the same predicament in their first round tie against Whitehaven at Central Park on Saturday. Their 'life saver' was player/coach Eric Ashton who kicked a fine penalty goal with only five minutes left for play with the score at 23-23.

On Monday we gained our fifth victory of the season and maintained our unbeaten record with a very good win at Blackpool, before a large holiday crowd. Blackpool, who made a draw at Oldham last week made us fight all the way for our 13-2 win and we were all very glad to hear the final whistle.

TONIGHT'S VISITORS

Tonight we welcome players, officials and supporters of the Wigan Club. The Wigan team, I am sure, really needs no introduction at all but we would like to, if we may, refer to just a few of the Wigan personalities. First of all I would like on behalf of everyone at Watersheddings, to offer sincere congratulations to Wigan's prop Danny Gardiner, who has been selected for the first Test Match against New Zealand at Swinton on Saturday week. Unfortunately, out of the two teams on view tonight only Danny has been selected. We certainly hope tonight's game will indicate to the selectors that there is a lot more talent in Wigan and Oldham than they have noticed.

Wigan's full-back is of course former Liverpool City player Ray Ashby. Ray played for Great Britain against France at Leigh two seasons ago and has created a very good impression as a good all-round player since he moved to Wigan.

The Wigan half-backs, young as they are, have proved a very valuable asset to the Wigan Club. They particularly excelled last season en route to Wembley. Hill's try at Workington more or less clinched the game for Wigan, and what a try it was.

In the pack Wigan have ex-International Brian McTigue at No. 10. Brian has been an excellent servant to Wigan and I'm sure has plenty of good useful football left in him. Danny Gardiner, who has already been referred to, and hooker Bill Sayer make up the front row and in the 11 and 12 jerseys are Geoff Lyon and Roy Evans, although Tony Stephens may be included in one of these positions. Gilfedder at loose forward completes what certainly looks a fine team.

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Wigan will be hoping for revenge following our defeat of Wigan at Central Park on August 28th when we ran out winners by 23 points to eight, and will be out to prove that this win was no 'flash in the pan'.

BRITISH SPORTS GUILD

You will no doubt remember we referred to this new competition in our Club programme a few weeks ago. We are delighted to announce that in the very first week of the competition, which is based on Football Teams, and goals scored, an Oldham man won £38. It is difficult to explain details of the competition in such a confined space, but details can be obtained from the Secretary's office or from our organiser who is Mr. J. Burke, 14 Webster Hill Road, Fitton Hill, Oldham.

FLOODLIT T.V. COMPETITION

The following programme of matches will be televised on B.B.C.2 on successive Tuesdays starting 5th October in the new Floodlit Competition.

Oct. 5—St. Helens v Leigh	Nov. 2—Leigh v Warrington
12—Warrington v Widnes	9—Widnes v Swinton
19—Swinton v Oldham	16—St. Helens v Leeds
26—Castleford v Leeds	23—Oldham v Castleford

The four teams having the widest margins between points scored as against points scored against them will qualify for the Semi-Finals (preference being given to the clubs winning both their qualifying games). The Semi-Finals and Final will be played on November 30th, December 7th and December 14th respectively.

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LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

LEADING POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	Points		
					For	Agst	Pts
OLDHAM	6	5	1	0	90	33	11
St. Helens	5	5	0	0	92	35	10
Swinton	5	5	0	0	101	44	10
Wigan	6	5	0	1	103	75	10
Blackpool Bor.	6	4	1	1	79	42	9
Bradford Northern ..	5	4	0	1	73	40	8
Leeds	5	4	0	1	96	54	8
Workington	4	3	1	0	80	37	7

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Leeds	6	136	22.67	58
Castleford	5	112	22.40	44
Huddersfield	6	115	19.17	62
Halifax	5	92	18.40	47
Wigan	7	128	18.29	98
Swinton	6	109	18.17	51
Oldham	6	103	17.17	45
Workington	5	85	17.00	51
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- 7—PYCROFT, J. or
BROOMHEAD, W. J.
- 8—BOTT, C. H.
- 9—McINTYRE, L.
- 10—WILSON, K. J.
- 11—IRVING, R. A. or ^T
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- 4—BOSTON, W. J. ^T
- 5—LAKE, T.
- 6—HESKETH, C.
- 7—PARR, F.
- 8—GARDINER, D.
- 9—SAYER, W.
- 10—McTIGUE, B.
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Any person is eligible who is, or has been, a player of Rugby League football, in Junior football or as a professional who is, or has been, a Committee member of any Senior or Junior Club, any School Master who has taught the game, any Journalist who, at any time, has devoted most of his time to covering the Rugby League game, and any other person who is currently a shareholder or a full member of a Rugby League Club.

You can see that eligibility covers quite a wide range of people who are interested in the game.

The next competition is for the Sharman Trophy, and will be played on Tuesday, October 12th at the Ilkley Golf Club, Ilkley, Yorkshire. The Main Competition is played in the morning and there is a subsidiary four-ball better-ball competition in the afternoon. Activity at the "19th hole" in the evening is probably greater fun than on the course earlier in the day.

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FIXTURES FOR 1965-66

First Team

Date 1965	Opponents	Venue	Result	Date 1966	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 21	(S) Warrington	Home	W 26-14	Jan. 1	(S) Hunslet	Away	
" 25	(W) Whitehaven	Away	W 12-0	" 8	(S) St. Helens	Home	
" 28	(S) Wigan	Away	W 23-8	" 15	(S) Barrow	Away	
" 31	(Tu) New Zealand	Home	L 2-5	" 22	(S) Leigh	Home	
Sept. 4	(S) Blackpool Borough	Home	D 4-4	" 29	(S) Widnes	Away	
" 6	(M) Rochdale Hornets	Home	W 12-5	Feb. 5	(S) Halifax	Home	
" 11	(S) Barrow (L.C. 1st Rd.)	Home	W 21-14	" 12	(S) Workington Town	Home	
" 13	(M) Blackpool Borough	Away	W 13-2	" 19	(S) Halifax	Away	
" 16	(Th) Wigan (L.C. 2nd Rd.)	Home	W 28-13	" 26	(S) 1st Round R.L. Cup		
" 18	(S) Workington Town	Away		Mar. 5	(S) Liverpool City	Away	
" 25	(S) Salford	Home		" 12	(S) 2nd Round R.L. Cup		
Oct. 1	(F) St. Helens	Away		" 19	(S) Whitehaven	Home	
" 9	(S) Huddersfield	Home		" 26	(S) Swinton	Away	
" 16	(S) Swinton (Floodlit C.)	Away		" 9	(S) Barrow	Home	
" 19	(Tu) Hunslet	Home		" 11	(M) Rochdale Hornets	Away	
" 23	(S) Warrington	Away					
" 30	(S) Liverpool City	Home					
Nov. 6	(S) Salford	Away					
" 13	(S) Leeds	Home					
" 20	(S) Castleford (Floodlit C.)	Home					
" 23	(Tu) Huddersfield	Away					
" 27	(S) Wigan	Home					
Dec. 4	(S) Leeds	Away					
" 11	(S) Widnes	Home					
" 18	(S) Swinton	Home					
" 27	(M) Leigh	Away					
" 28	(Tu)						

Second Team

LANCS. COUNTY COMBINATION LEAGUE

Date 1965	Opponents	Venue	Result	Date 1966	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 21	(S) Rochdale Hornets	Away	W 26-7	Jan. 1	(S) Rochdale Hornets	Home	
" 28	(S) Blackpool Borough	Home	W 38-11	" 8	(S) St. Helens	Away	
Sept. 4	(S) Blackpool Borough	Away	W 51-13	" 15	(S) Whitehaven	Home	
" 11	(S) Barrow	Away	L 8-24	" 22	(S) Leigh	Away	
" 18	(S) Workington Town	Home		" 29	(S) Widnes	Home	
" 25	(S) Salford	Away		Feb. 12	(S) Workington Town	Away	
Oct. 2	(S) St. Helens	Home		" 19	(S) Barrow	Home	
" 9	(S) Warrington	Away		Mar. 12	(S) Liverpool City	Home	
" 16	(S) Swinton	Away		" 19	(S) Wigan	Home	
" 30	(S) Warrington	Home		" 26	(S) Whitehaven	Away	
Nov. 6	(S) Liverpool City	Away		Apl. 2	(S) Leigh	Home	
" 13	(S) Salford	Home		" 9	(S) Barrow	Away	
Dec. 4	(S) Wigan	Away					
" 18	(S) Widnes	Away					
" 25	(S) Swinton	Home					

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