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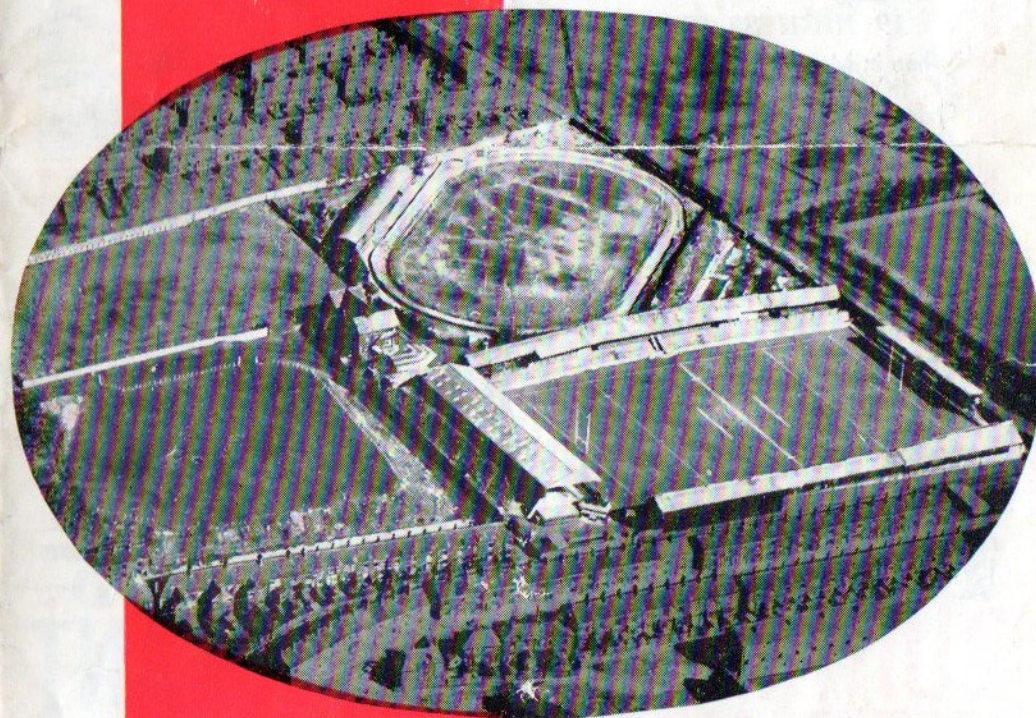
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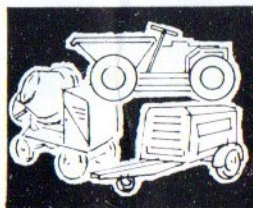
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS & VIEWS

Every Oldham supporter who witnessed last Thursday's magnificent triumph against Wigan in the 2nd round of the Lancashire Challenge Cup went away feeling very happy and confident we could, in fact, win the Cup.

It was, to say the least, a wonderful victory for us and proved to us that our victory at Wigan on August 28th was no 'flash in the pan'.

Our next hurdle, of course, is the semi-final. This will be played at Warrington on Wednesday, October 6th, 1965, with a 7.30 p.m. kick-off. It would have been a nice honour for us and also an appropriate occasion if we could have played this match the previous week when Warrington officially open their new floodlights. However, as it is, Wigan are the lucky Club and they will play a friendly match against the 'Wires' at the inauguration.

The semi-final will not be an all-ticket match but tickets for the seating accommodation will be on sale soon. Please watch the local Press for details.

Last Saturday we made the tedious journey to Cumberland, the second time this season. This time it was to take on Workington, who always prove a hard nut to crack on their own ground and in front of their own supporters. In this game we started well enough, with Warburton, McCormack and Fletcher all going dangerously close to the line. These attacks followed a John Winton penalty goal. As it was Workington got a couple of break-away tries, one of which was in the absence of Jim McCormack, who had limped off the field with an ankle injury.

OUR VISITORS

Salford Football Club was formed in 1879, but it was a continuation of the Cavendish Club which was formed six years earlier. The club changed its title because the name Cavendish did not help to get fixtures with the bigger clubs.

Oldham first played Salford in 1880-81 season, although Cavendish had been met in Oldham's first season, 1876-77. There was a gap in the meetings between Oldham and Salford around 1890, but soon both clubs were in the Lancashire Senior Competition and met regularly.

In the early days, Salford had some great players, including Johnny Rhapps, Jimmy Lomas, T. Williams, Mesley, May, E. J. Thomas and Goldsmith, among others.

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Champions of the Northern Rugby League in 1913-14, the club slumped and by the 1920's was around the foot of the table. However, a stroke of genius brought Lance Todd to the club as manager and for some twelve years the club was the premier one in the game.

Of late years the club has not met with the same measure of success but during the last couple of seasons the Salford Reds have made great strides towards recovering their former prestige. During their great days the club earned the title of "The Red Devils", bestowed upon them by the French during Salford's tour of their country in 1934.

Since 1882 the two clubs have met one hundred and fifty-six times, Oldham winning eighty-seven, Salford fifty-two and there have been seventeen drawn games. One match was abandoned.

At present they are under the guiding hand of former Oldham and Wigan coach, Griff Jenkins. Griff has done a very good job in his attempts to improve the Salford playing record. The team in general is a young one and promises success for the future. Last Saturday, they had the misfortune of, after leading by 15 points to nil, being beaten by the odd point, 16-15, at Dewsbury. We will be hoping for another two points this afternoon to keep us near the top in the League race, but I am sure we will have our work cut out in our attempt.

THE NEW ZEALAND TOUR

Today the Kiwis play their First Test against Great Britain at Swinton. They are, of course, hopeful of a victory . . . we shall have to see.

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particular evening Castleford introduced their new floodlighting system. Next week the Zew Zealand team commence a hectic period when they play 5 matches in 11 days. At Leigh on Wednesday, the New Zealand team will again have the honour of officially opening new floodlights. Leigh, as we all know have been equipped with floodlights for a good number of years, but to compete with the new, up to date lights at other clubs the Leigh Board have taken the initiative to instal two new pylons on each side of the ground, and this has created a vast improvement. The kick-off for this match is 7.30 p.m. The day after the Tourists play at Barrow and two days after that, on the Saturday, they play at Whitehaven.

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
12—Warrington v Widnes
19—Swinton v Oldham
26—Castleford v Leeds

Nov. 2—Leigh v Warrington
9—Widnes v Swinton
16—St. Helens 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.

It is expected that B.B.C.2 will open in the North in time to cover the Swinton v Oldham game on 19th October and all the remaining games.

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- 10—HALSALL, A.
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- 12—WILSON, T.
- 13—HUGHES

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- 14—CRANK, P.
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TODAY'S FIXTURES

First Test Match

GREAT BRITAIN ⁷ v NEW ZEALAND ²

League Games

Barrow ⁶ v Swinton ²⁰	Halifax ²⁵ v Hull ⁶
Batley v Keighley	Hunslet ²¹ v Leigh ¹²
Blackpool B. ⁹ v Workington ¹⁶	Huddersfield ¹⁶ v Warrington ⁷
Bradford N. ¹³ v F'therstone ³	Hull K.R. v Dewsbury
Bramley ²⁰ v Whitehaven ⁹	Liverpool C. ¹⁴ v Rochdale ⁷
Castleford v Wigan	OLDHAM ¹² v SALFORD ⁸
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SATURDAY, 2nd OCTOBER

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LANCS. COUNTY COMBINATION LEAGUE

OLDHAM

v.

ST. HELENS

Kick-off 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, 9th OCTOBER

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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	" 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	L 7-28	Mar. 5	(S)			
" 25	(S)	Salford	Home		" 12	(S)	Liverpool City	Away	
Oct. 1	(F)	St. Helens	Away		" 19	(S)	2nd Round R.L. Cup		
Oct. 6	(W)	Warrington (L.C. Semi-final)	Away		" 26	(S)	Whitehaven	Home	
" 9	(S)	Huddersfield	Home		Apl. 8	(F)	Swinton	Away	
" 16	(S)				" 9	(S)	Barrow	Home	
" 19	(Tu)	Swinton (Floodlit C.)	Away		" 11	(M)	Rochdale Hornets	Away	
" 23	(S)	Hunslet	Home						
" 30	(S)	Warrington	Away						
Nov. 6	(S)	Liverpool City	Home						
" 13	(S)	Salford	Away						
" 20	(S)	Leeds	Home						
" 23	(Tu)	Castleford (Floodlit C.)	Home						
" 27	(S)	Huddersfield	Away						
Dec. 4	(S)	Wigan	Home						
" 11	(S)	Leeds	Away						
" 18	(S)	Widnes	Home						
" 27	(M)	Swinton	Home						
" 28	(Tu)	Leigh	Away						

Second Team

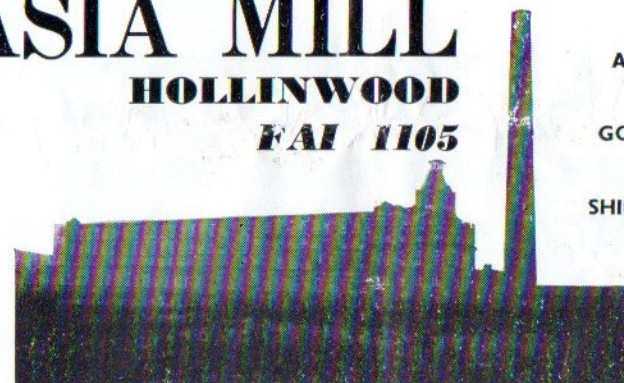
LANCS. COUNTY COMBINATION LEAGUE

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 (1st Round L.C.C.S.)	Away	L 8-24	" 22	(S)	Leigh	Away	
" 18	(S)	Workington Town	Home	L 5-14	" 29	(S)	Widnes	Home	
" 25	(S)	Salford	Away		" 5	(S)	Workington Town	Away	
Oct. 2	(S)	St. Helens	Home		" 12	(S)	Barrow	Home	
" 9	(S)	Warrington	Away		" 19	(S)	Liverpool City	Home	
" 16	(S)	Swinton	Away		" 26	(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	
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