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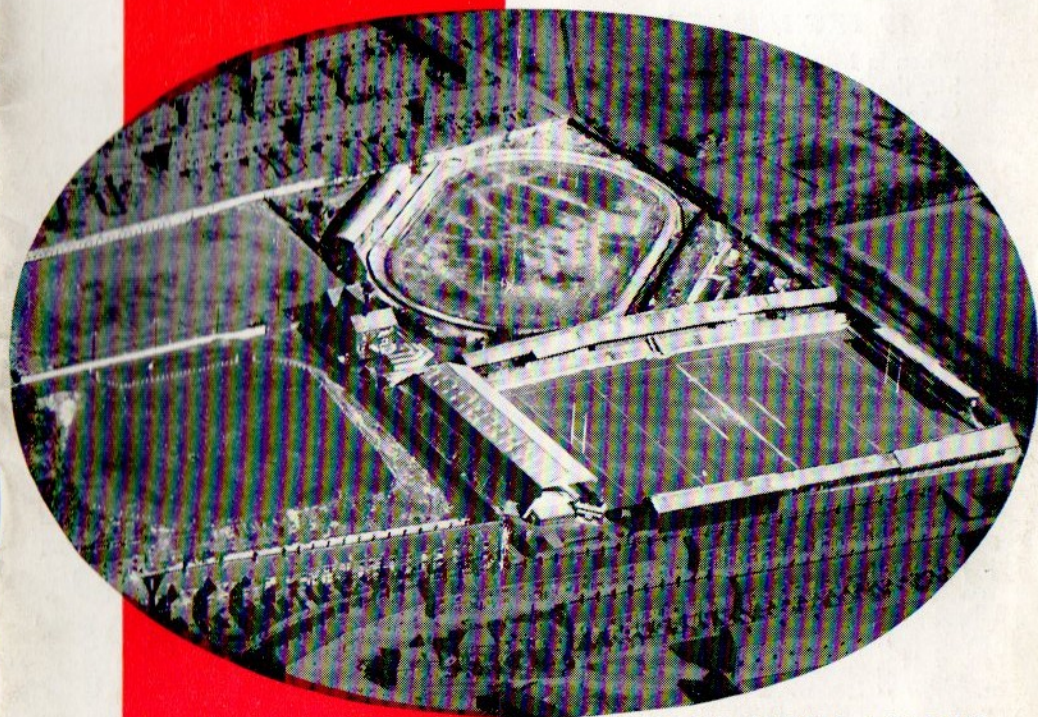
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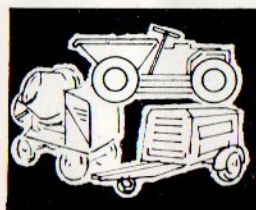
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

We still don't seem able to crack our bad spell no matter how we try.

A fortnight ago against a much-improved Liverpool City side, we were sitting pretty with a lead of seven points which we secured early in the game, but we allowed Liverpool to come back and in the end we were very lucky to get away with a point.

Last Saturday we had the misfortune to lose to a Salford side which on the day just about deserved their one-point win, although if we had not been so unfortunate to have four players injured in the second half, we could quite easily have held on to our first half lead.

Burns, who was playing his second game for the Club, led the forwards exceptionally well and in the first half he was the outstanding forward. However, Alan was injured early in the second half and as a consequence the Salford pack led by ex-Widnes loose forward Arthur Hughes and second row forward Wilson, got on top and the try which came to wingman Paul Murphy near the end was almost inevitable.

We can only hope we can return to our early season form this afternoon. We have got a stiff programme in front of us and we must secure as many points as possible before the very hard matches around Christmas.

OUR OPPONENTS

Today we welcome to Watersheddings attractive visitors from Leeds.

On view today in the Leeds team will be Australian full-back Ken Thornett, who is over in this country for a few months. His arrival in this country and in the Leeds team has been a blessing in itself for the Leeds Directors, because their regular full-back, Robin Dewhurst, is out of action with an injury. Ironically enough, Robin is expected to be fit in time to resume when Ken returns 'down under'.

The Leeds pack is one of the best in the game, with Clark (ex Salford and Huddersfield), hooker Lockwood (ex Hull K.R. player) and Firth (ex Wakefield) making up the front row. At loose forward is Harry Poole, who was recently signed by the Headingley Club from Hull Kingston Rovers.

Leeds have also got stars in their backs. These include Scottish International Cowan, ex-Hawick R.U. star Broatch and ex-Wakefield scrum half Ken Rollin.

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All in all the Leeds team has a strong look about it and we will have to produce some of our early season form if we are to register a win today.

The Leeds club was officially formed in 1889 when several Leeds gentlemen conceived the idea of securing a first-class city ground for football, cricket and other pastimes. They invited the Leeds St. Johns club, which had been formed in 1869, to become the football section.

Oldham first met St. John's on New Year's Day, 1886, when Oldham won at Leeds, but a couple of weeks later the Leeds side came to Oldham and reversed the verdict.

Leeds have won the Yorkshire League and Yorkshire Cup on many occasions but it was not until 1960-61 that the club won the championship of the Northern Rugby Football League for the first time.

Many famous players have worn the Leeds jersey: Walter Lumley, Jim Moffatt (also associated with Oldham), Phil Thomas (another player who was on the staff at Watersheddings), Joe Thompson, Bacon, Rosser, Stanley Smith, Stan Brogden, Jim Brough and Eric Harris, who was known as the 'Toowoomba Ghost' in his native Australia.

The last time the two clubs met was in 1962-63 when Leeds accomplished the double, but in the previous season Oldham won both games.

MACKESON CONTEST AS GUIDE TO CURRENT FORM

With Wigan still heading the Mackeson Main and Period Contests, a glance at the current tables shows that some clubs have undergone dramatic inconsistencies of form in recent weeks. Admittedly the Mackeson tables are solely concerned

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with points scored, but matches are hardly won with consistency if the ability to score is missing.

Biggest slump in form is that suffered by first period winners, Hull K.R., who have slipped 20 places in the period tables with a slide from an average of 20.50 to 2nd October to only 9.20 since. Huddersfield (down 19 places) and Oldham (down 16) have also run into trouble in recent weeks.

Other downward movements: Rochdale, down 9 places; Hunslet, down 6 places; Workington, down 5 places; Dewsbury, down 4 places.

The most improved performances since early October have come from Widnes (up 21), Wakefield (up 17) and Liverpool (up 14).

Other clubs running into scoring form: Leigh (up 12), Warrington (up 10), Whitehaven (up 6), Doncaster (up 6), Wigan (up 5).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Batley	v Hull	Leigh	v Swinton (3-0)
Blackpool	v Keighley	OLDHAM	v LEEDS (3-0)
Bradford N.	v Doncaster	St. Helens	v Rochdale H.
Bramley	v Dewsbury	Salford	v Liverpool C
Featherstone R.	v Barrow	Whitehaven	v Huddersfield
Halifax	v Warrington	Widnes	v York (3-0)
Hull K.R.	v Wakefield T.	Wigan	v Workington
Hunslet	v Castleford		

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POSITION AFTER MATCHES PLAYED ON NOVEMBER 13

	Club	Matches Played	Points Scored	Average	Points Against
1.	Wigan	5	122	24.40	54
2.	Castleford	6	129	21.50	27
3.	Wakefield	5	105	21.00	26
4.	Widnes	5	94	18.80	53
5.	Leeds	4	74	18.50	15
6.	St. Helens	6	109	18.17	46
7.	Halifax	5	76	15.20	60
8.	Workington Town	6	88	14.67	75
24.	Oldham	6	50	8.33	109

MAIN CONTEST

POSITION AFTER MATCHES PLAYED ON NOVEMBER 13

	Club	Matches Played	Points Scored	Average	Points Against
1.	Wigan	16	303	18.94	210
2.	Castleford	16	301	18.81	137
3.	Leeds	13	240	18.46	116
4.	St. Helens	15	261	17.40	116
5.	Workington Town	14	240	17.14	156
6.	Halifax	14	221	15.79	162
7.	Hull K.R.	14	220	15.71	195
8.	Wakefield T.	14	203	14.50	114
12.	Oldham	17	225	13.24	228

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FIXTURES FOR 1965-66

First Team

Date		Opponents	Venue	Result	Date		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	D 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	L 7-28	Mar. 5	(S)	Liverpool City	Away	
" 25	(S)	Salford	Home	W 12-8	" 12	(S)	2nd Round R.L. Cup		
Oct. 1	(F)	St. Helens	Away	L 17-23	" 19	(S)	Whitehaven	Home	
" 6	(W)	Warrington (L.C. Semi-final)	Away	L 10-21	" 26	(S)	Swinton	Away	
" 9	(S)	Huddersfield	Home	W 11-4	" 9	(S)	Barrow	Home	
" 16	(S)				" 11	(M)	Rochdale Hornets	Away	
" 19	(Tu)	Swinton (Floodlit C.)	Away	L 5-21					
" 22	(F)	Wigan	Home	L 6-16					
" 28	(Th)	Widnes	Away	L 5-49					
" 30	(S)								
Nov. 6	(S)	Liverpool City	Home	D 7-7					
" 13	(S)	Salford	Away	L 11-12					
" 20	(S)	Leeds	Home						
" 23	(Tu)	Castleford (Fl'dlit C.)	Home						
" 27	(S)	Huddersfield	Away						
Dec. 4	(S)								
" 11	(S)	Leeds	Away						
" 18	(S)	Widnes	Home						
" 27	(M)	Swinton	Home						
" 28	(Tu)	Leigh	Away						

Second Team

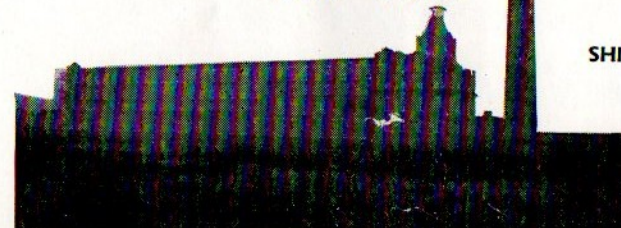
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Date		Opponents	Venue	Result	Date		Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 21	(S)	Rochdale Hornets	Away	W 26-7	Jan. 1	(S)	Rochdale Hornets	Home	
" 28	(S)	Blackpool Borough	Home	W 38-11	" 8	(S)	St. Helens	Away	
Sept. 4	(S)	Blackpool Borough	Away	W 51-13	" 15	(S)	Whitehaven	Home	
" 11	(S)	Barrow	Away	L 8-24	" 22	(S)	Leigh	Away	
" 18	(S)	(1st Round L.C.C.S.)			" 29	(S)	Widnes	Home	
" 25	(S)	Workington Town	Home	L 5-14	Feb. 12	(S)	Workington Town	Away	
" 28	(S)	Salford	Away	W 12-6	" 19	(S)	Barrow	Home	
Oct. 2	(S)	St. Helens	Home	L 10-13	Mar. 12	(S)	Liverpool City	Home	
" 9	(S)	Warrington	Away	L 2-35	" 19	(S)	Wigan	Home	
" 16	(S)	Swinton	Away		" 26	(S)	Whitehaven	Away	
" 28	(Th)	Warrington	Home	L 9-10	Apl. 2	(S)	Leigh	Home	
Nov. 6	(S)				" 9	(S)	Barrow	Away	
" 13	(S)	Salford	Home	W 17-7					
Dec. 4	(S)	Wigan	Away						
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