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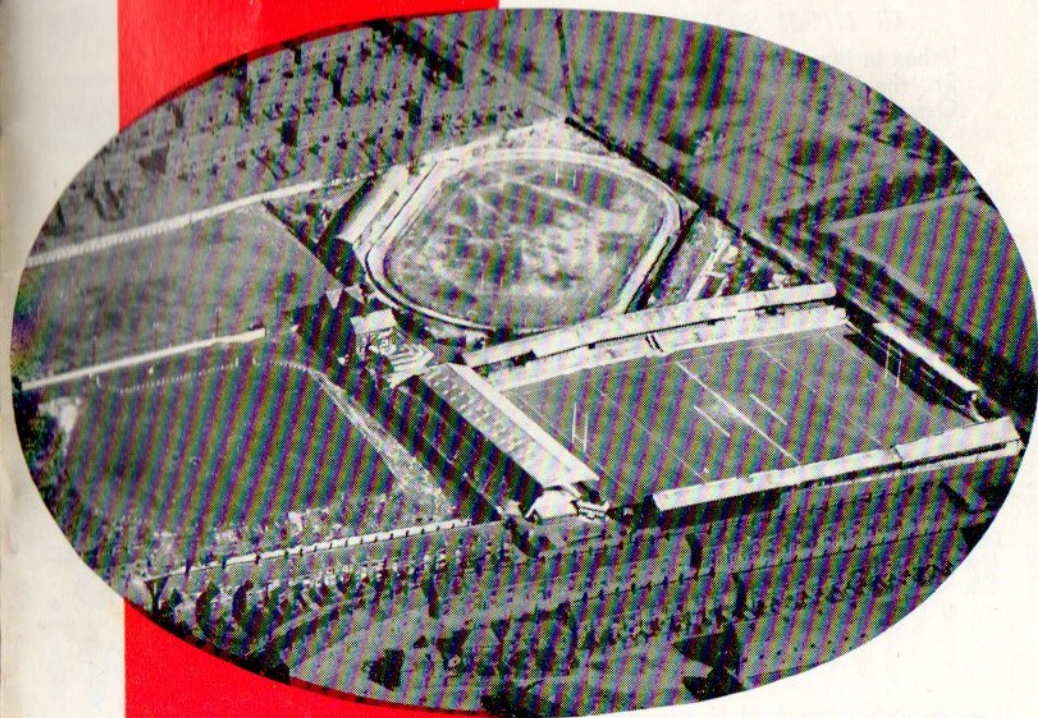
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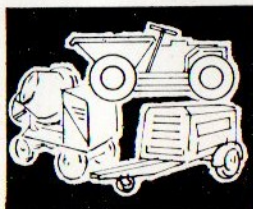
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS & VIEWS

The sound from the whistle of referee D. T. H. Davies at approximately 3.55 p.m. last Saturday at Headingley was perhaps the most welcome noise of the afternoon, as far as Oldham fans and players were concerned. It meant we had at last broken our losing sequence and beaten a Leeds team who had not lost at home this season in the League programme. In fact the only team to beat them this season at Headingley, apart from Oldham, was the New Zealand Touring side.

I am sure every one of the 3,700 spectators present at Leeds would agree that, on the day, Oldham were the better side and fully deserved to pick up their first winning pay packet since October 9th when Huddersfield were beaten 11-4 at Watersheddings.

Today is a particular match when everyone in the Oldham camp will be hoping for our improvement to continue, and to avenge the very heavy defeat we suffered at the home of today's opponents on October 28th, when the 'Chemicals' well and truly 'slaughtered' us by 49 points to 5.

WELCOME TO THE 'CHEMICALS'

Today we welcome to Watersheddings our friends from Naughton Park, Widnes, who come with a reputation of always attempting to keep the game at the top by producing, at times, a great brand of football.

Of course, a lot of the credit must go to coach Joe Egan, who has been responsible for getting the Widnes boys in trim and keeping them that way.

The Widnes committee, to say the least, are a very enterprising set of gentlemen. They have recently installed floodlights, which brought them an 18,000 opening gate when they entertained League toppers St. Helens. They have also just completed a decorating scheme which has made their Committee room and refreshment rooms perhaps equal to the best in the Rugby League. They have a cosy ground, which always looks clean and in a good order when opposing teams visit Naughton Park.

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The enterprise of the Widnes Committee in signing certain players was certainly rewarded when their team reached the final of the Rugby League Cup (and won it) two years ago at Wembley. The best man on the field in this match was Frank Collier, who was signed from the Wigan Club.

At present in the Widnes team is Robin Whitfield, who has proved a sound replacement for Bob Randell. On the wings they have former Dorset R.U. player Hare, who has scored some fine tries for the 'Chemics' and appears to have a good future in front of him. Johnny Gaydon has the No. 5 spot, outside former St. Helens player Alan Briers, while Aspey plays centre partner to Hare.

The half-backs, Lowe and Ward, are a sound pairing, Ward recently coming over from Australia to join the Widnes playing staff.

In the pack, Wally Hurstfield, Tony Karalius and Alan Walsh form the front row, and Frank Collier, Larkin (another ex-Wigan player) and, of course, 'Vinty' Karalius at loose-forward, make up the back three.

It would appear we are in for a fine game. Let us hope the weather is kind and that we see some entertaining football.

PAST PLAYERS ASSOCIATIONS

Quite a few Clubs have formed associations of this kind over the years and we have decided to form a 'Past Players' association of our own.

It is intended to hold a social evening early in the New Year at the Pavilion to which all past players of Oldham Club will be welcome.

Anyone who is interested in joining this association are asked to get in touch with me, Mr. Stringer c/o The Pavilion and I will be pleased to furnish you with the necessary details.

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With the Period 2 flag now flying at Central Park, Wigan, there are some early pace-makers in the table for the third period due to run until January 22.

Wakefield Trinity, early leaders in the last period, are just clear with 26.50 of Huddersfield (26.00) with Hull third at 25.00.

In the Main Contest consistent high scoring by Wakefield has lifted them to fifth place, but top three positions are still in the hands of Wigan (18.58), Castleford (17.35) and St. Helens (17.00).

THE MACKESON RUGBY LEAGUE CONTEST 1965/66

PERIOD 3 — NOVEMBER 29 - JANUARY 22

POSITION AFTER MATCHES PLAYED ON DECEMBER 11

	Matches Played	Points Scored	Average	Points Against
1. Wakefield T.	2	53	26.50	7
2. Huddersfield	1	26	26.00	5
3. Hull	1	25	25.00	5
4. Swinton	2	36	18.00	16
5. Leigh	1	17	17.00	7
6. Bradford N.	1	16	16.00	0
7. Rochdale H.	2	29	14.50	19
8. Batley	1	14	14.00	3
9. Oldham	1	13	13.00	10
10. Wigan	1	12	12.00	7

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- 8—HURSTFIELD, W.
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MAIN CONTEST

POSITION AFTER MATCHES PLAYED ON DECEMBER 11

	Matches Played	Points Scored	Average	Points Against
1. Wigan	19	353	18.58	233
2. Castleford	20	347	17.35	165
3. St. Helens	17	289	17.00	132
4. Leeds	17	286	16.82	155
5. Wakefield T.	18	273	15.17	136
6. Workington T. ...	17	256	15.06	202
7. Huddersfield	22	330	15.00	179
8. Swinton	18	269	14.94	157
9. Hull K.R.	17	248	14.59	224
10. Halifax	16	231	14.44	173

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Next Matches at Watersheddings

The "A" Team match v. Swinton 'A' scheduled for Christmas Day,
December 25th has been postponed until later in the season.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27th, 1965

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FIXTURES FOR 1965-66

First Team

Date		Opponents	Venue	Result	Date		Opponents	Venue	Result
1965					1966				
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	L 7-28	Mar. 5	(S)			
" 25	(S)	Salford	Home	W 12-8	" 12	(S)	Liverpool City	Away	
Oct. 1	(F)	St. Helens	Away	L 17-23	" 19	(S)	2nd Round R.L. Cup		
" 6	(W)	Warrington (L.C. Semi-final)	Away	L 10-21	" 26	(S)	Whitehaven	Home	
" 9	(S)	Huddersfield	Home	W 11-4	Apl. 8	(F)	Swinton	Away	
" 16	(S)				" 9	(S)	Barrow	Home	
" 19	(Tu)	Swinton (Floodlit C.)	Away	L 5-21	" 11	(M)	Rochdale Hornets	Away	
" 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	L 2-10					
" 25	(Th)	Castleford	Home	L 4-6					
" 27	(S)	Huddersfield	Away	L 6-27					
Dec. 4	(S)								
" 11	(S)	Leeds	Away	W 13-10					
" 18	(S)	Widnes	Home						
" 27	(M)	Swinton	Home						
" 28	(Tu)	Leigh	Away						

Second Team

LANCS. COUNTY COMBINATION LEAGUE

Date		Opponents	Venue	Result	Date		Opponents	Venue	Result
1965					1966				
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.)	Home	L 5-14	" 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						
" 18	(S)	Widnes	Away						
" 25	(S)	Swinton	Home	P'oned					

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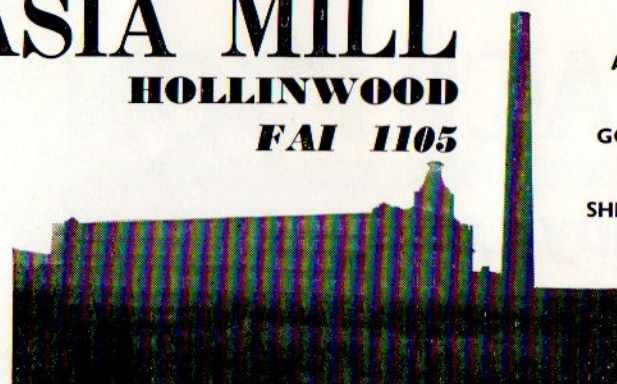
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