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WELCOME TO THE 'LIONS'

Whilst our memories are still smarting from the Cup defeat at Station Road, it is indeed a great pleasure to extend a hearty welcome to Officials, Players and Supporters of the Swinton Club.

Tonight's game is a rearranged fixture from Boxing Day and I feel sure that we will be entertained with some fast, open rugby as both teams have the reputation of playing.

On view tonight we have some of the candidates for the forthcoming Australian Tour. One who is deemed a cert is the popular Ken Gowers, following in the footsteps of his great father. Ken is noted for his fast opening of play and is always looking for a chance to link up with his threequarters.

Other players of the Swinton Club who look all set for the Tour are Alan Buckley, Johnny Stopford and their loose-forward, D. Robinson. Austin Rhodes, whilst not in line for a Tour spot, is playing as well as ever, being a shining light to the younger players in the Lions' Den. It is always very good to welcome an Oldhamer who is playing for the opposition and we say a special welcome to Colin Smith, who started his playing days at school and going through the Amateur League before signing for Blackpool Borough. Colin has been turning in some very good performances and is holding down the No. 9 spot.

Let us not forget a former Swinton player who is also in with a chance of a Tour spot and wish him well in his efforts to gain a place—our own PETER SMETHURST.

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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

During the week we received a transfer request from Geoff. Fletcher, but I am happy to report that Geoff. has now had second thoughts and will fight for a place in the first team.

On Saturday, whilst our team will be entertaining Whitehaven, Tommy Canning will be going to the altar and making the biggest break of his life, and on behalf of the President, Committee, Players and Supporters I extend our very best wishes for a happy married life.

I am pleased to report that our former Secretary, Mr. H. Summerscales, is now out of hospital but although he is still unable to visit Watersheddings, we hope that it won't be too long before we see that familiar face sitting in the stands once again.

At the time of going to press we are ninth in the League table with a very good chance of a home game in the top sixteen play-offs. After tonight we have home games against Whitehaven, Barrow and Workington, with away games at Leigh, Barrow, Swinton and Rochdale Hornets. Victories in all these games would put us well up the League and a very good chance of a good run in the Championship play-offs.

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CONTINUATION RUGBY LEAGUE

The Oldham Continuation Rugby League should have played their League Championship semi-finals at Watersheddings last night, but due to there being this very important game tonight, these have been put back a week. So these semi-finals will be played next Monday, March 28th, with the final being played on Monday, April 4th.

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St. Helens	28	25	1	2	51
Wigan	28	22	0	6	44
Wakefield Trinity	29	21	1	7	43
Swinton	28	21	1	6	43
Leeds	26	20	0	6	40
Castleford	25	17	2	6	36
Bradford Northern	26	17	1	8	35
Workington Town	27	17	1	9	35
Oldham	26	15	3	8	33
Huddersfield	27	15	0	12	30
Hull Kingston Rovers ..	28	15	0	13	30
Halifax	24	14	0	10	28
Warrington	27	13	1	13	27
Hull	25	13	0	12	26
Salford	25	13	0	12	26
Featherstone Rovers ..	26	12	0	14	24

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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	W 7-3
" 25	(W) Whitehaven	Away	W 12-0	" 8	(S) St. Helens	Home	W 13-9
" 28	(S) Wigan	Away	W 23-8	" 15	(S) Barrow	Away	P'oned
" 31	(Tu) New Zealand	Home	L 2-5	" 21	(F) Leigh	Home	P'oned
Sept. 4	(S) Blackpool Borough	Home	D 4-4	Feb. 1	(Tu) Hunslet	Home	D 10-10
" 6	(M) Rochdale Hornets	Home	W 12-5	" 5	(S) Halifax	Home	W 13-4
" 11	(S) Barrow (L.C. 1st Rd.)	Home	W 21-14	" 9	(W) Warrington	Away	W 8-4
" 13	(M) Blackpool Borough	Away	W 13-2	" 12	(S) Workington Town	Home	
" 16	(Th) Wigan (L.C. 2nd Rd.)	Home	W 28-13	" 19	(S) Halifax	Away	
" 18	(S) Workington Town	Away	L 7-28	" 26	(S) Swinton	Away	L 5-18
" 25	(S) Salford	Home	W 12-8		(1st Round R.L. Cup)		
Oct. 1	(F) St. Helens	Away	L 17-23	Mar. 4	(F) Leigh	Home	
" 6	(W) Warrington	Away	L 10-21	" 12	(S) Liverpool City	Away	
	(L.C. Semi-final)			" 16	(W) Leigh	Away	
" 9	(S) Huddersfield	Home	W 11-4	" 19	(S) 2nd Round R.L. Cup		
" 16	(S) Swinton (Floodlit C.)	Away	L 5-21	" 22	(Tu) Swinton	Home	
" 19	(F) Wigan	Home	L 6-16	" 26	(S) Whitehaven	Home	
" 22	(Th) Widnes	Away	L 5-49	Apr. 8	(F) Swinton	Away	
" 28	(S) Liverpool City	Home	D 7-7	" 9	(S) Barrow	Home	
" 13	(S) Salford	Away	L 11-12	" 11	(M) Rochdale Hornets	Away	
" 20	(S) Leeds	Home	L 2-10				
" 25	(Th) Castleford	Home	L 4-6				
" 27	(S) Huddersfield	Away	L 6-27				
Dec. 4	(S) Leeds	Away	W 13-10				
" 11	(S) Widnes	Home	W 15-3				
" 18	(S) Swinton	Home	P'oned				
" 27	(M) Leigh	Away	P'oned				
" 28	(Tu) Leigh	Away	P'oned				

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	W 18-2
" 28	(S) Blackpool Borough	Home	W 38-11	" 8	(S) St. Helens	Away	L 2-4
Sept. 4	(S) Blackpool Borough	Away	W 51-13	" 15	(S) Whitehaven	Home	P'oned
" 11	(S) Barrow	Away	L 8-24	" 22	(S) Leigh	Away	P'oned
	(1st Round L.C.C.S.)			" 29	(S) Widnes	Home	L 22-24
" 18	(S) Workington Town	Home	L 5-14	Feb. 12	(S) Workington Town	Away	
" 25	(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	Apr. 2	(S) Leigh	Home	
Nov. 6	(S) Salford	Home	W 17-7	" 9	(S) Barrow	Away	
Dec. 4	(S) Wigan	Away					
" 18	(S) Widnes	Home	P'oned				
" 25	(S) Swinton	Home	P'oned				

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