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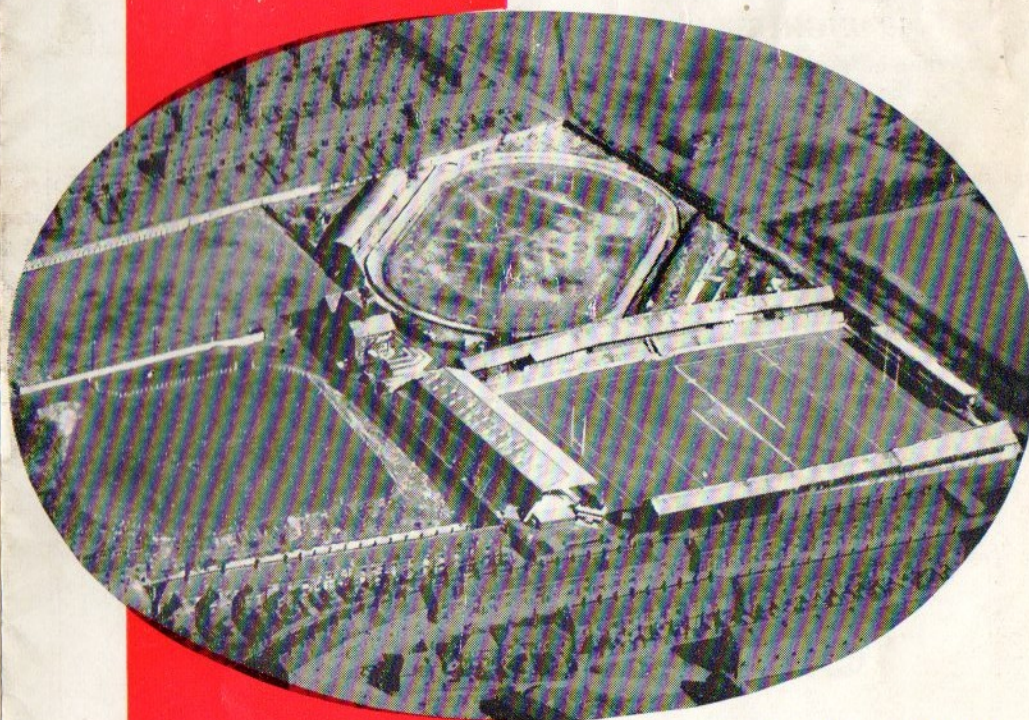
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CLUB VIEWS

Our defeat at Salford Friday evening last week was indeed a set-back. It not only gave us our first defeat of the season but also knocked back our hopes of recording a victory at the Weaste in the Lancashire Cup Second Round. However, after a very hard typical Cup-Tie we came out winners far more easily than the 7-2 score would suggest. Again a word of praise for coach Frank Dyson on the excellent fitness of the Team and at the same time a word of praise for Salford Coach Griff Jenkins and his team for the marvellous resistance shown in keeping our boys at bay for most of this tense Tie.

The next round of the Tournament sees us travel to Blackpool. The date for this has not been decided but it will have to be in mid-week. A provisional date of September 27th has been mentioned but this has not yet been confirmed.

When we do play this match we must enter it with confidence following our 22 points to 4 victory at Borough Park last Monday, but at the same time we must not under-estimate the opposition, because surprise results do crop up now and again.

On the injury front it is pleasing to report that both Dave Parker and Peter Bamford are making progress following their injuries although it is unlikely that either of these boys will play before Christmas. Ken Wilson has quickly recovered from a back injury and may be in the side this afternoon.

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OUR VISITORS

Today we welcome to Watersheddings the team from the Cumberland town of Whitehaven. The Cumbrians started off the season in great style winning handsomely against Wigan, Batley, Doncaster and Blackpool. However they were, rather surprisingly, beaten in the Lancashire Cup first round against Blackpool last Saturday week.

In their ranks Whitehaven have some very useful players including a man who has been on the wanted list of several Lancashire Clubs, prop forward Les Moore. Scot Alex Cassie is again amongst the goals and our boys must be careful not to give Alex any penalties this afternoon.

It is not very long ago that Whitehaven came to Watersheddings and handed out to Oldham one of their heaviest ever defeats by 20 points to four. If form is anything to go by this won't happen today but there has been a lot of shock results so far this season so form cannot always be taken into account.

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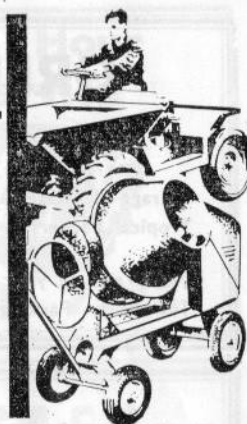
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Meet the Players — No. 4

T. WARBURTON

Tom Warburton signed for Oldham Football Club from the Tyldesley Rugby Union Club some two years ago despite some competition from Salford.

Tom has become one of the most exciting half-backs in the game and many people rate him unlucky not to be in the Lancashire line-up to meet Yorkshire at Headingley next Wednesday. He is Leigh-born, stands 5ft. 8in. high and weighs 12st. 4lb. He is interested in all sports, but mainly Rugby. He also has a love for . . . wait for it . . . bull-fighting, although he assures me that he is only a watcher.

Alan Hardisty is a player who Tom always looks up to. "The best in the game," says Tom.

Tom is employed by a Glazebury engineering firm.

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- 6—WARBURTON, T. ✓
- 7—CANNING, T. ✓
- 8—BOTT, C. ✓
- 9—TAYLOR, K. ✓
- 10—FLETCHER, G. ✓
- 11—SMETHURST, P. ✓
- 12—IRVING, R. A. ✓
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- 8—MOORE, T. L. ✓
- 9—McLEOD, M. ✓
- 10—BOWMAN, J. E. ✓
- 11—PRINGLE, J. ✓
- 12—McCOURT, C. ✓
- 13—McVAY, J. J. ✓

Substitutes:

- 14—CASSIE, A. B. ✓
- 15—WILLIAMSON, D. ✓

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- G. Battersby (Barrow)
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- J. Heap (Rochdale)
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These tickets will shortly be available for distribution. They will again be sent to members and we ask if they would be kind enough to sell these for us.

In order to make this draw a success, which is being run to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Savings Movement, a lot of sellers is essential. It is with this in mind that I ask for anybody interested in selling these tickets for us around the ground on match days, to apply to Mr. Stringer at the Pavilion any time during the day and on Thursday evenings.

A special welcome is extended to young ladies over 16 years of age.

THE MACKESON RUGBY LEAGUE CONTEST, 1966/67

Period 1 — August 6th to September 24th

Position after matches played on September 10th

	Matches played	Points scored	Average	Points against
1 Halifax	5	149	29.80	71
2 Leeds	5	116	23.20	50
3 Hull Kingston Rovers	7	162	23.14	85
4 Oldham	5	113	22.60	56
5 St. Helens	6	126	21.00	83
6 Featherstone Rovers	7	145	20.71	101
7 Barrow	6	108	18.00	86
8 Castleford	6	96	16.00	56
9 York	7	112	16.00	180
10 Wakefield Trinity	7	110	15.71	82

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A—Barrow 3.1. v Hunslet 1.2	G—Keighley ..2.3. v Halifax ..2.5.....
B—Dewsbury ..9..... v Hull K.R. ..2.0.	H—Leeds ..3.8..... v Wigan 2.5.....
C—Doncaster 1.0. v Bradford N. ...3.7	J—OLDHAM ..3.7. v W' TEHAV'N ...7.
D—Featherstone ..1.9. v York 3.....	K—Swinton 2.7. v Wakefield T. 1.3
E—Huddersfield 2. v Widnes 1.0.	L—Warrington ..2.8. v Liverpool ..1.6.....
F—Hull 3.9. v Batley 1.8.....	M—Blackpool ..1.4. v St. Helens ..2.3.

NEXT MATCH AT WATERSHEDDINGS

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FIXTURES FOR 1966 - 67

First Team

Date 1966		Opponents	Venue	Result	Date 1967		Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 20	(S)	Hull	Away	W 24-12	Jan. 7	(S)	Wigan	Away	
" 23	(Tu)	Blackpool Borough	Home	W 40-9	" 14	(S)	Barrow	Away	
" 27	(S)	Hull	Home	W 20-7	" 21	(S)	Salford	Home	
Sept. 2	(F)	Swinton	Home	W 16-13	" 27	(F)	St. Helens	Away	
" 10	(S)	(Lancs. Cup 1st Rd.)			Feb. 4	(S)	(1)		
" 12	(M)	Salford	Away	13-15	" 11	(S)	Workington T.	Home	
" 17	(S)	Blackpool B.	Away	22-9	" 18	(S)	St. Helens	Home	
" 24	(S)	Whitehaven	Home	32-17	" 25	(S)	(2)		
Oct. 1	(S)	Halifax	Away		Mar. 3	(F)	Widnes	Away	
" 8	(S)	Wigan	Home		" 11	(S)	Huddersfield	Home	
" 14	(F)	Liverpool C.	Away		" 24	(F)	Swinton	Away	
" 22	(S)	Rochdale H.	Home		" 25	(S)	Widnes	Home	
" 29	(S)	Whitehaven	Away		" 27	(M)	Halifax	Home	
Nov. 5	(S)	Leigh	Home						
" 11	(F)	Leeds	Away						
" 18	(F)	Liverpool C.	Home						
" 26	(S)	Warrington	Away						
Dec. 3	(S)	Leeds	Home						
" 10	(S)	Workington T.	Away						
" 14	(W)	Barrow	Home						
" 24	(S)	Leigh	Away						
" 26	(M)	Huddersfield	Away						
" 27	(Tu)	Swinton	Home						
" 31	(S)	Rochdale H.	Away						
		Warrington	Home						

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