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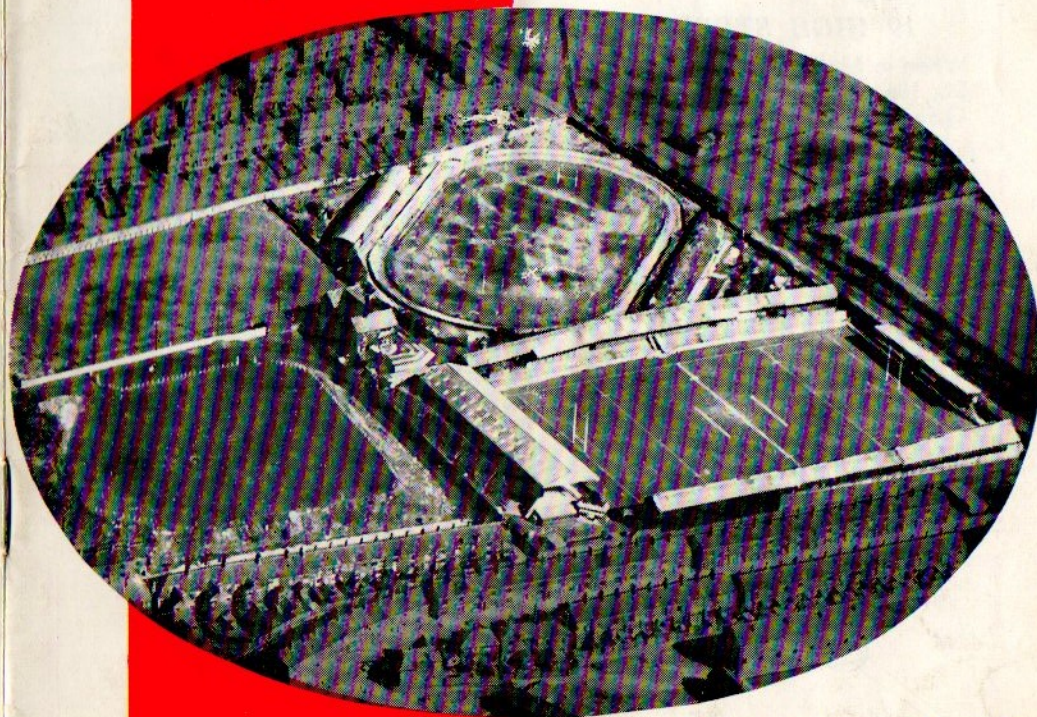
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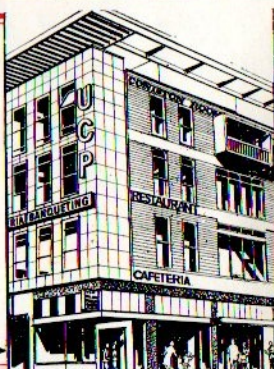
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SWEET TASTE OF SUCCESS

It is indeed a pleasure compiling notes for a programme when you are in a position to report on a couple of good victories. I am in that position.

The first victory I am referring to is the one against League leaders Leeds at Watersheddings. This was a fine performance by the Oldham boys, and Leeds had no answer to the home side's all-round superiority. Even without Warburton and Irving, who were on International duty in France, Oldham served up their best performance of the season and on the form shown that evening are certainly a side who are going to need some beating when the Cup-ties come around next February or March. Trevor Simm's wonder try will be remembered for a long time. Leeds supporters certainly will never forget it. Brian Curry also made his mark on this game by 'dropping' three delightful goals which gave us the points when we needed them most.

Our victory at Workington last Saturday was a remarkable achievement. Anyone who returns from Derwent Park with two points must be very pleased with themselves. On Saturday we set about our difficult task immediately, and were five points to the good inside ten minutes. However, we went in at half time just one point in front, at 5-4. The first half was one of frustration for our hooker, Kevin Taylor, who was penalised four times for scrummage offences. Kevin, however, did not lose heart and returned in the second half to give a first class performance. It is perhaps unfair to single out any particular player, because they all did their work magnificently.

The only upsetting part of the whole day was a little sickness which one or two players suffered en route. However, the players soon overcame this travel sickness and all played well in this really outstanding victory.

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Today we take on Barrow, a team which has already beaten us this season in the Floodlit Competition. This was perhaps the worst game which has been seen under the new play-the-ball rule. A game which seemed to take many of our spectators away from the game. One or two members indicated they were withdrawing their Club membership after this game, and as a matter of fact we received a couple of members' cards at the office from members who had withdrawn all interest in the game because of the introduction of this new rule. As it has turned out, it is quite obvious that the Oldham v Barrow game was an exception and that most matches played since have been well worth watching. I certainly have been converted to a new rule fan.

WELCOME TO BARROW

For the second time this season it is our pleasure to welcome to Watersheddings our friends from Barrow.

They come today, however, with one or two new faces in their team and everyone who reads this programme will know who I mean. I refer, of course, to Barrow's two Rugby Union captures from Liverpool. Stand-off half Tom Brophy and second row forward Terry Kirchin. Both these boys seem to have fitted in nicely in their new surroundings. I understand, however, that Barrow's search for talent is still not over and they are still on the look-out for another top-class forward.

Although on the losing side, Barrow contributed a great deal to a very good game in the semi-final of the Floodlit competition at Castleford on Tuesday. I understand Terry Kirchin was Barrow's star, closely followed by scrum-half Ged Smith who will, no doubt, be partner to Brophy this afternoon.

Jim Challinor is doing a fine job as coach at Craven Park and is playing extremely well, too. He has got the Furness men in fine shape and when the Cup-

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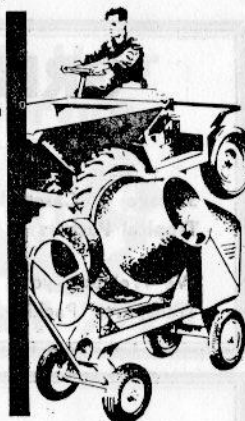
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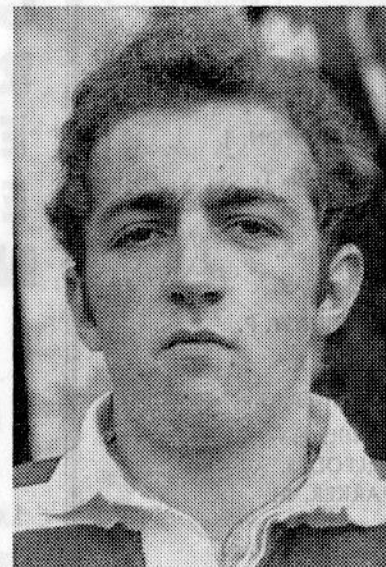
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ties come around you can rest assured Barrow will not be far away.

They have a good all-round team, right from Dawes at full-back to Delooze at loose forward, and once the new boys have really got the 'hang' of the new code Barrow will certainly be a side to be reckoned with.



Meet the Players—No. 10 JOE COLLINS

Joe has just returned to the first team following shoulder injuries. At Workington last Saturday he marked his return with a gloriously taken try at a vital stage in the game.

Joe signed professional forms for Oldham from the Ashton Rugby Union Club. As a schoolboy Joe represented Manchester Under-15's team in Rugby Union. In Rugby League he represented both Oldham and Lancashire in the Under-17's Continuation Teams.

Joe is 20 years old, 5ft. 9ins. tall and weighs 13 stone. He is single and lives in Woodend Street, Oldham.

His hobbies include all sports, and he is also a keen traveller. His occupation: a draughtsman.

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- 12—BACKHOUSE, B.
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The draw for the first round, which is to be played on or before February 4th, 1967, is as follows:—

Workington v. Leeds
Huddersfield v. Wakefield
Barrow v. Oldham
Widnes v. Doncaster
Leigh v. Wigan
Warrington v. St. Helens
Whitehaven v. Dewsbury
Hull v. Hunslet

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MAIN CONTEST — POSITION AFTER MATCHES PLAYED ON DECEMBER 3, 1966

CLUB	Matches Played	Points Scored	Average	Points Against
1. LEEDS	18	407	22.61	210
2. HULL K.R. ...	21	470	22.38	210
3. HALIFAX	19	386	20.32	285
4. ST. HELENS ...	20	370	18.50	250
5. OLDHAM	19	328	17.26	229
6. CASTLEFORD ..	19	325	17.11	233
7. WAKEFIELD T.	20	326	16.30	242
8. HULL	17	276	16.24	243
9. WORKINGTON ..	19	308	16.21	210
10. FEATHERSTONE	21	336	16.00	265

PERIOD 3—NOVEMBER 21st to JANUARY 14th
POSITION AFTER MATCHES PLAYED ON DECEMBER 3

CLUB	Matches Played	Points Scored	Average	Points Against
1. CASTLEFORD	2	59	29.50	16
2. LEEDS	2	47	23.50	24
3. WAKEFIELD T.	2	39	19.50	17
4. HUDDERSFIELD	2	35	17.50	22
5. HULL K.R.	2	33	16.50	29
6. KEIGHLEY	2	33	16.50	31
7. DEWSBURY ...	2	31	15.50	15
8. FEATHERSTONE	2	31	15.50	23
9. WIGAN	2	29	14.50	19
10. OLDHAM	2	29	14.50	22

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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	L 13-15	" 11	(S)	Workington T.	Home	
" 17	(S)	(Lancs. Cup 2nd Rd.)			" 18	(S)	St. Helens	Home	
" 24	(S)	Blackpool B.	Away	W 22-4	" 25	(S)	(2)		
" 30	(F)	Whitehaven	Home	W 37-9	Mar. 3	(F)	Widnes	Away	
Oct. 8	(S)	Halifax	Away	L 15-23	" 11	(S)	Huddersfield	Home	
" 14	(F)	Wigan	Home	L 15-16	" 24	(S)	Swinton	Away	
" 22	(S)	Liverpool C.	Away	W 19-15	" 25	(S)	Widnes	Home	
" 29	(S)	Rochdale H.	Home	W 12-7	" 27	(M)	Halifax	Home	
Nov. 5	(S)	Whitehaven	Away	L 0-12					
" 11	(F)	Wigan (L.C. Final)	Away	L 13-16					
" 18	(F)	Leeds	Away	L 14-21					
" 22	(Tu)	Liverpool C.	Home	W 11-2					
" 25	(F)	Warrington	Away	L 17-21					
Dec. 3	(S)	Widnes (Fl'it Comp.)	Away	W 14-11					
" 10	(S)	Leeds	Home	W 16-13					
" 14	(W)	Workington T.	Away	W 13-9					
" 17	(S)	Barrow	Home	W 10-4					
" 24	(S)	Leigh	Away	W 12-4					
" 26	(M)	Leigh	Home	W 14-5					
" 27	(Tu)	Huddersfield	Away						
" 31	(S)	Swinton	Home						
		Rochdale H.	Away						
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