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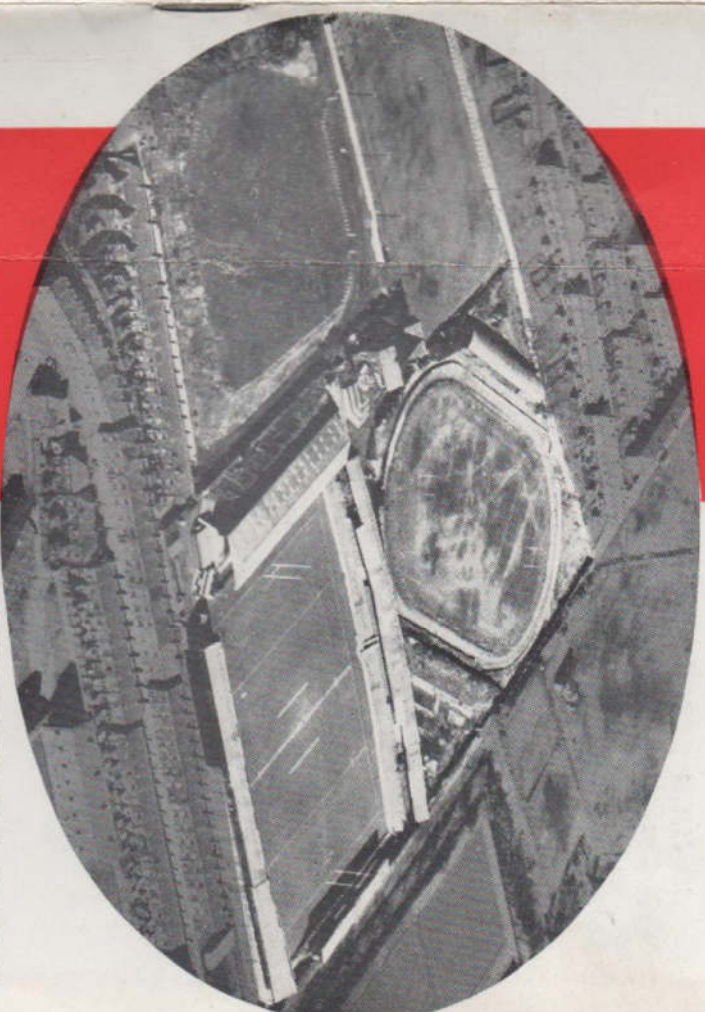
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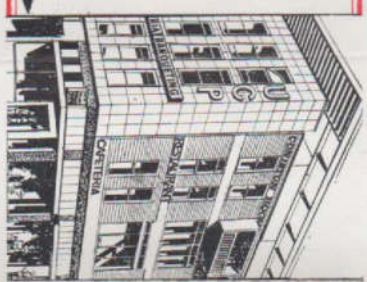
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CHRISTMAS DRAW

I am pleased to report that the Christmas Draw was a success, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who bought and sold tickets for us. I can assure you the committee are indeed grateful to all who helped in any way.

The draw was made last Monday evening by Counc. H. Chamberlain and resulted as follows:

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CLUB VIEWS

Another good victory for us, this time at the expense of Leigh but it was another very poor 'gate' only 2,866 people turned up to see us gain a good revenge win. The weather certainly did not help matters neither did the last minute rush to buy Christmas presents.

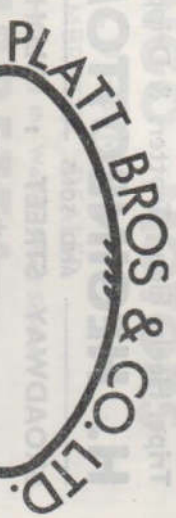
However the people who did turn up saw quite a good game considering the conditions and it is a pity that the tactics of a few Leigh players were not quite

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'playing the game.' The injury to our young full-back Martin Murphy must have taken a lot of confidence from him. The action of the Leigh full-back was, to say the least, a vicious one and it was an action which one doesn't normally associate with Colin Tyrer. However a lot is done in the heat of the moment and no doubt he is now sorry about the whole affair.

As I say the match, as a whole, was not bad. We saw a sensational 75 yard try by winger Terry Dolly, some fine kicking from Tom Warburton, and some form from the youngsters in the side which promises a great deal for the future.

The Leigh try was also well made. Credit here must go to Welsh centre Gordon Lewis who made the opening for Mick Martyn to stride between the posts.

Main 4865 must have been the busiest telephone in Oldham on the day of the Leigh match. Literally hundreds of calls were received enquiring if the game was on. This we do not mind. It shows that people are interested enough to ring in. What we do deplore and this has been witnessed on a couple of occasions this season, is the fact that some people ring us to confirm that the match is off.

We had at least a dozen calls on the Saturday in question from fans who had heard rumours that the match had been called off because of the waterlogged state of the pitch. What pleasure it gives to these people who start these rumours I just do not know but these tales soon get round and this too could have had a bearing on the very poor attendance.

WELCOME TO THE 'LIONS'

For the traditional Boxing Day fixture we welcome to Watersheddings our very good friends from Swinton.

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I write these notes with my tongue in my cheek and ask myself, "Will it all be a waste of time."

We usually find grounds very hard over Christmas and too hard to play on. However I hope my work has not been a waste of time and that we will see a game. If it is as good a game as when these two Clubs last met then there will be no grumbles at all. This of course, was in the Lancashire Cup 1st round when we ran out winners by the same score as we lost the final 16-13.

Swinton have had a season of ups and downs but their present form has been most encouraging. On Tuesday last they were engaged in the B.B.C. Floodlight Competition Final at Castleford, but after a keen, thrilling match they were beaten by the Wheldon Road men.

They come here this afternoon with Ken Gowers, a man who needs no introduction at all at full-back.

Their threequarter line includes Bobby Fleet, tourist Alan Buckley, John Gomersall and Derek Whitehead, a line with certainly a lot of class.

Leigh born Bill (Daz) Davies has been playing well at stand-off and will probably be wearing the No. 6 jersey this afternoon alongside Graham Williams.

Mick Scott, Derek Clarke and Ken Halliwell form a very formidable front row and their back three will probably pack down as follows: Graham Rees, Malcolm Simpson and Dave Robinson. Yes! All in all certainly a team that looks strong, we will look forward to this clash with eager interest.

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- 10—SCOTT
- 11—REES, G.
- 12—CUMMINGS, M.
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MEET THE PLAYERS

Due to Christmas postal difficulties it was not possible to send a block to the printers in time. One will appear in the next programme for the match versus Warrington.

NORTHERN RUGBY LEAGUE TABLE (Positions up to and including Saturday, 17th December, 1966)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds	19	17	0	2	419	200	35
Hull Kingston Rovers	19	16	0	3	409	190	32
St. Helens	20	14	2	4	363	190	30
Castleford	20	14	0	6	342	226	28
Bradford Northern	21	14	0	7	328	239	28
Wakefield Trinity	19	13	0	6	331	214	26
Oldham	19	12	0	7	320	216	24
Workington Town	20	12	0	8	326	222	24
Salford	21	12	0	9	248	267	24
Halifax	18	11	0	7	341	276	22
Hull	19	10	2	7	304	250	22
Whitehaven	19	11	0	9	316	293	22
Wigan	19	9	3	7	245	220	21
Warrington	19	10	1	8	257	278	21
Swinton	21	9	2	10	288	262	20
Leigh	20	10	0	10	230	260	20
Featherstone Rovers	18	9	1	8	242	226	19
Barrow	19	8	2	9	285	231	18
Huddersfield	20	8	2	10	262	219	18
Rockdale Hornets	20	8	0	12	230	281	16
Dewsbury	20	7	0	13	187	247	16
York	20	8	0	12	265	345	14
Whitehaven	18	7	0	11	195	316	14
Hunslet	19	6	1	11	207	314	13
Keighley	19	6	0	13	252	394	12
Blackpool Borough	20	5	1	14	220	340	12
Bramley	18	4	0	14	203	321	8
Liverpool City	19	4	0	15	198	364	8
Batley	19	4	0	15	190	359	8
Doncaster	18	2	1	15	187	388	5

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The Club deeply regret to hear of the fatal tragedy involving the greatly respected former junior footballer Mr. William (Billy) Webb. A player with Halifax as a senior, and local sides Higginsshaw and Royton as a junior, he recently left the town to live in Blackpool and his death is a sad loss to everyone connected with the game.

We offer our sincere condolences to his widow and children in their very sad bereavement.

GREAT BRITAIN v FRANCE at Carcassonne, 22nd January, 1967

The Rugby League Secretary has been approached several times by supporters who would like to see the Rugby League International matches played in France but who would like to be back in time for work on Monday morning. Providing a sufficient number of people are interested, it may be possible to arrange in respect of the game at Carcassonne on 22nd January, 1967 for supporters to travel out at the same time as the team on Saturday morning, January 21st, but to travel back to England on Sunday night after watching the match.

The famous walled city of Carcassonne is of great historical interest and would be an added attraction.

Any supporters interested in making the trip should write without delay to the Rugby League Secretary, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7.

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FIXTURES FOR 1966 - 67 First Team

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result	Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 30 (S)	Hull	Away	W 24-12	Jan. 7 (S)	Wigan	Away	W 22-9
" 23 (Tu)	Blackpool Borough	Home	W 40-9	" 14 (S)	Bury	Away	W 22-9
" 27 (F)	Hull	Home	W 20-7	" 21 (S)	Salford	Home	W 20-7
Sept. 2 (F)	Swinton	Home	W 16-13	Feb. 4 (S)	St. Helens	Away	W 16-13
" 10 (S)	Lancs. Cup 1st Rd.)	Away	L 13-15	" 18 (S)	Workington T.	Home	W 16-13
" 12 (M)	Salford	Away	W 7-2	" 25 (S)	St. Helens	Home	W 16-13
" 17 (S)	Lancs. Cup 2nd Rd.)	Away	W 22-4	Mar. 3 (S)	Widnes	Away	W 16-13
" 17 (S)	Whitehaven	Home	W 32-9	" 11 (S)	Huddersfield	Home	W 16-13
" 24 (F)	Hallifax	Home	L 15-23	" 18 (S)	Swinton	Home	W 16-13
" 30 (F)	Wigan	Home	L 15-16	" 25 (S)	Widnes	Home	W 16-13
Oct. 8 (F)	Liverpool C.	Home	W 12-7	" 27 (H)	Hallifax	Home	W 16-13
" 14 (F)	Rockdale H.	Away	L 0-12				
" 22 (S)	Whitehaven	Away	L 13-21				
" 29 (S)	Wigan (L.C. Final)	Away	L 14-21				
Nov. 5 (S)	Leeds	Home	W 11-2				
" 11 (F)	Liverpool C.	Home	W 17-21				
" 18 (F)	Warrington	Away	W 14-11				
" 22 (Tu)	Widnes (Fife Comp.)	Home	W 16-13				
" 25 (F)	Leeds	Away	W 13-9				
Dec. 3 (S)	Workington T.	Home	W 10-4				
" 10 (S)	Bury	Away	W 14-5				
" 14 (W)	Leigh	Home	W 8-12				
" 17 (S)	Huddersfield	Home	W 14-5				
" 24 (H)	Swinton	Home	W 14-5				
" 26 (H)	Rockdale H.	Home	W 14-5				
" 27 (Tu)	Warrington	Home	W 14-5				
" 31 (S)	Warrington	Home	W 14-5				

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