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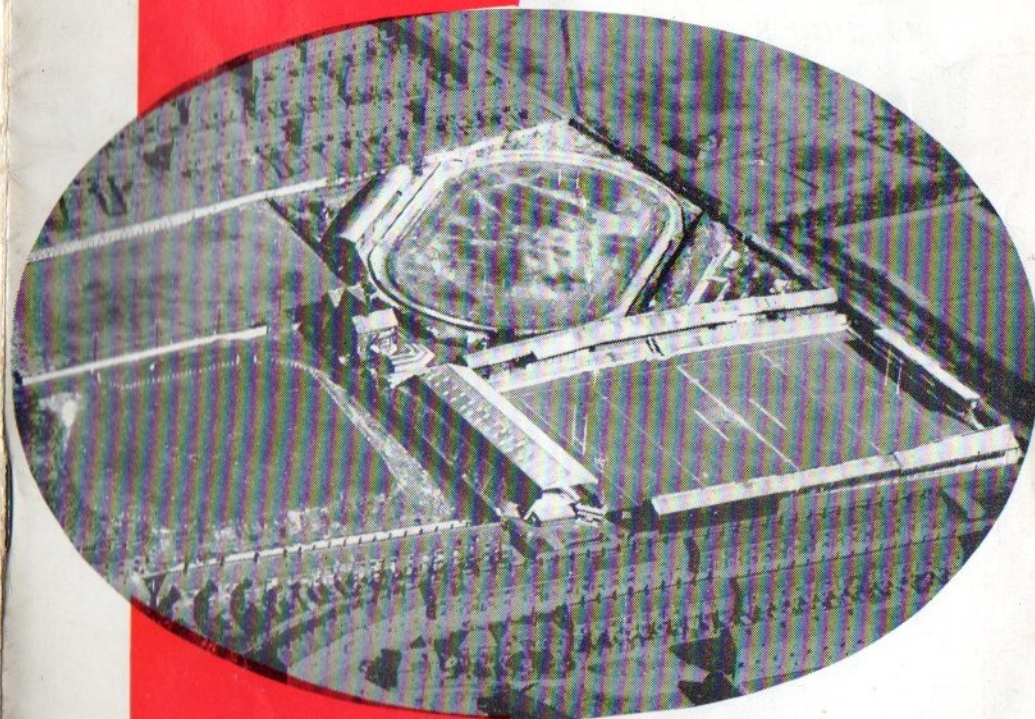
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CHRISTMAS DRAW

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

We had a good victory at the expense of Leigh a fortnight ago, but it was another very poor gate. Only 2,866 people turned out to see us gain a revenge win. The weather on this afternoon did certainly not help the attendance, 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 very 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.

Main 4865 must have been the busiest telephone in Oldham on the day of the Leigh match and also on Monday last, when our fixture against Swinton had to be postponed because of ice on the pitch.

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 of the Leigh game 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.

The Rochdale match was a fiasco in every respect (what we saw of it). The pitch was ankle-deep in mud, and fog which shrouded the Athletic Ground made conditions uncomfortable for everyone—players, referee and spectators. It was certainly a relief when Referee Derek Brown, of Preston, brought this match to a stop some 33 minutes or so early.

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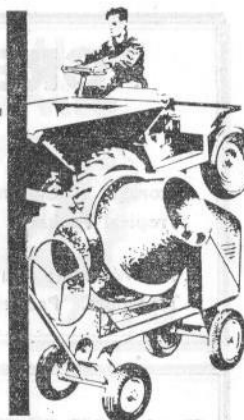
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WELCOME TO WARRINGTON

For this New Year's Eve game we are proud to have Warrington as our visitors. The "Wire" will be all out for a double, for they beat us 21-17 at Wilderspool in November.

Keith Affleck, at full-back, is a sound player and also a good goalkicker. On the flanks the "Wire" are very dangerous, with both Peter Cannon, recently promoted from the second team, and County player Brian Glover. The centres for this afternoon's match will be John Melling and Joe Pickavance. At half-back, Warrington are exceptionally well blessed with one of the finest pairs in the game Willie Aspinall is a Tourist and Perry Gordon was in the England team which played in Bayonne in the Under-24 international against France. Alistair Brindle, Dave Harrison and Bob Brady form a formidable front-row. Harrison is the former Halifax hooker and Brady is a star of the future. In the second-row, ex-Oldham favourite Charlie Winslade is distributing the ball as well as ever and his partner today, providing he passes a fitness test, will be the former Rochdale player Ken Parr. Last man down and completing a fine looking side is Ray Clarke.

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 - 5—GLOVER, B.
 - 6—ASPINALL, W.
 - 7—GORDON, P.
 - 8—BRINDLE, A.
 - 9—HARRISON, D.
 - 10—BRADY, B.
 - 11—ASHCROFT, K.
 - 12—BRIGGS, B.
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On August 25th, 1962, Michael David Elliott joined the Oldham playing staff. At present he is enjoying a successful run in the senior side. He was signed from Cwmcelyn Rugby Union team in South Wales.

He stands 5ft. 10in. and weighs 12st. 10lb. and is 21 years of age. In his Rugby Union days he played for the Welsh Youth team and also represented Monmouthshire County.

Mike, who is an electrician, lives at 37 Tudor Street, Oldham, and in his spare time he enjoys motoring and reading.



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MR. W. (BILLY) WEBB

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 Higginshaw 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 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) Salford	Away	L 13-15	Feb. 4	(S) (1)		
" 12	(M) Blackpool B.	Away	W 22-4	" 11	(S) Workington T.	Home	
" 17	(S) Whitehaven	Home	W 37-9	" 18	(S) St. Helens	Home	
" 24	(S) Halifax	Away	L 15-23	" 25	(S) (2)		
" 30	(F) Wigan	Home	L 15-16	Mar. 3	(F) Widnes	Away	
Oct. 8	(S) Liverpool C.	Away	W 19-15	" 11	(S) Huddersfield	Home	
" 14	(F) Rochdale H.	Home	W 12-7	" 24	(F) Swinton	Away	
" 22	(S) Whitehaven	Away	L 0-12	" 25	(S) Widnes	Home	
" 29	(S) Wigan (L.C. Final)	Away	L 13-16	" 27	(M) Halifax	Home	
Nov. 5	(S) Leeds	Away	L 14-21				
" 11	(F) Liverpool C.	Home	W 11-2				
" 18	(F) Warrington	Away	L 17-21				
" 22	(Tu) Widnes (Fl'it Comp.)	Away	W 14-11				
" 25	(F) Leeds	Home	W 16-13				
Dec. 3	(S) Workington T.	Away	W 13-9				
" 10	(S) Barrow	Home	W 10-4				
" 14	(W) Leigh	Away	L 8-12				
" 17	(S) Leigh	Home	W 14-5				
" 24	(S) Huddersfield	Away					
" 26	(M) Swinton	Home					
" 27	(Tu) Rochdale H.	Away					
" 31	(S) Warrington	Home					

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