



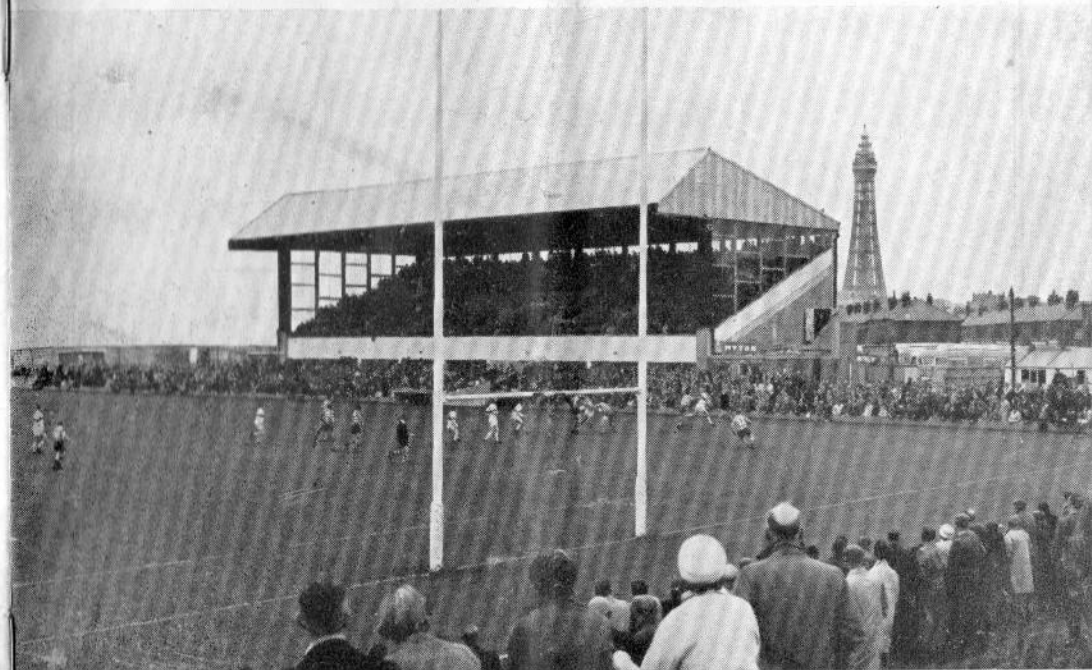
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PROGRAMME

SATURDAY, 12th AUGUST, 1967

K.O. 3 p.m.

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VIEWPOINT

Well, here we are again, at the start of yet another season, and what a vital one it can be for the 'Babes' of the Rugby League, the Borough. We have had some ups and downs in our short career, more of the latter unfortunately, and it has been a terrific struggle to keep the club going sometimes, and none more so than last season. The cost of Borough Park has been a continuing mill stone, but it is a cost that has to be met, and to help to achieve this end we have had to make drastic economies and for the first time in the history of our club the axe has fallen on the 'A' team. When the Directors made this decision, they knew it would be unpopular, with the players and with the regular supporters, and believe me, we found it a very hard decision to make, however, when you weigh up the cost of the 'A' team last season, almost £3000, against receipts from their matches of £34, obviously the saving we hope to achieve for just this season alone can go a long way to helping us balance the budget. We know it is going to present some difficulties this season, especially where the players are concerned, we have reduced our playing staff as much as possible, but even so some of the players will find themselves without a game in the early stages, but as the season gets under way and injuries take there inevitable toll, you can bet that before very long all the available players will have been called upon, and indeed, you may find that we shall be hard put to raise a team. If you cast your minds back to only last season you may recall that on August 27th we travelled to Whitehaven with a very scratch side, the team having to be made up by two amateur trialists. I would therefore like to appeal to all our players to show their loyalty to the club, especially those who may miss the first few games, keep fit, your turn will come. We do of course hope that the competition for places will make all the players keener than ever, and if this is so it should reflect in the results on the field, we have the potential for a fairly good side, even though we have not yet added to our playing strength, last season we were so near, and yet so far, in a number of games, a vital goal here and there made all the difference to winning or losing points, this season let us see to it that the tables are turned in our favour for a change, a winning team at Borough Park will bring those spectators back, so remember lads, a lot depends on you, more wins means more pay, and more smiles all around.

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7—SULLIVAN

Prop
8—BELSHAW

Hooker
9—DICKENS

Prop
10—WHITWORTH

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11—DUFFY

Second Row
12—SPEED

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13—FARRALL

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TODAY'S GAME

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WITH THE AMATEURS

1967-68 season—what does it hold for the Blackpool & Fylde Amateur Rugby League. At the time of going to press we are in need of more teams for our Sunday League. I would like to see teams formed in factories and different clubs in this area. Any person or persons interested would they please contact me at 3 Elston Avenue, Grange Park, Blackpool or at the Borough Park Social Club. I ask the youth of the district to come forward—ages from 16 years upwards—and show the town what we can do when called upon.

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12— Oldham (Charity Match)	H	9—Hunslet	A
19—Warrington		16—Whitehaven	A
(1st Lanes. Cup)	A	26—(T) Workington	A
22—(T) Workington (6-30)	H	30— Liverpool	H
26—Liverpool	A	January, 1968	
28—(M) Hunslet (3-00)	H	1—(M) Salford (6-00)	A
		6—Warrington	A
September		13— Whitehaven	H
2— Warrington	H	20—	
4—(M) Oldham (3-00)	H	27—Batley	A
9—Rochdale	A	February	
16— Wigan	H	3—1st Rd. R.L. Cup	
23—Huddersfield	A	10—Wigan	A
30— Rochdale	H	17— Huddersfield	H
October		24—2nd Rd. R. L. Cup	
7— Swinton	H	March	
13—Barrow (7-00)	A	4—Leigh (7-00)	A
21— Bramley	H	9— St. Helens	H
28—Oldham	A	16—	
November		20—Swinton (7-30)	A
4— Widnes	H	30—	
11—St. Helens	A	April	
18— Barrow	H	6—	
24—(F) Widnes (7-30)	A	12—(F) Salford	H
		13— Leigh	H
		15—(M) Bramley	A

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