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PLAYED ONE — LOST ONE

That is our present League record for this season and we have no chance of improving it today, for we are engaged in the tough and tumble of Cup football (rather earlier than usual) and the cup involved is the Lancashire Cup, which escaped a position on the Watersheddings sideboard by inches last season.

Today's first round game is against Leigh, who hit the headlines recently with the signing of former St. Helens star Alex Murphy, and the winners of today's game will have the task of taking on the winners of last night's Widnes v Swinton game away from home.

Turning to the Liverpool match, we literally threw the game away. Liverpool, however, must be congratulated on the way they kept the Oldham team out in the latter stages of the game. Joe Collins was just tackled over the corner flag and Terry Dolly also went close when he followed up a clever Curry kick through. Curry grazed the post with a penalty kick and that just about sums it up. . . . It was just not our day.

We also lost Dave Parker with a recurrence of last season's leg injury. At the time of these notes going to press the extent of Dave's injury is not known, but it is certain that he will not be fit enough to play today.

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WELCOME TO LEIGH

It is indeed a pleasure to have Leigh as our visitors for this important Lancashire Cup-tie, and a hearty welcome is extended to all their officials, players and supporters.

As I mentioned before, Leigh will be introducing their new signing, Alex Murphy, so the game should be one of excitement. It is not sure yet in which role Alex will play, but my guess is that he will begin at full-back in order to find his feet following such a long lay-off and then, perhaps, move to his more recognised scrum-half spot. If this is Alex's idea, then Grainey could be the man to begin at scrum-half, because Tom is equally at home either at full-back or scrum-half and could be switched at any time.

A lot will depend on their centres, Welshman Gordon Lewis and former Waterloo Rugby Union player Mike Collins. This is where Leigh are particularly strong and our boys will have to be on their toes to contain them. Their link with clever stand-off Wilf Briggs and Murphy could be dangerous.

The Leigh pack has had its ups and downs and they have made one or two signings to strengthen it. Kevin Ashcroft was bought from Rochdale, John McVay has been purchased from Whitehaven and they have also acquired the services of former Oldham favourite, Charlie Winslade. Ashcroft and McVay will, no doubt, be playing this afternoon although the prospects of Winslade playing are not good.

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Jim Fiddler, a long-striding second-rower recently signed from the Warrington area, may be included in the Leigh pack. As Jim is an accurate marksman, this may be, because regular goal-kicker Dennis Brown, I understand, is on the injured list.

The scene is set then for this first round match of the Lancashire Cup; let us hope it is a fine day and a lot of fans turn up to see it.

WEMBLEY TICKETS

The Rugby League announces that all seating tickets for the 1968 Cup Final, to be played at Wembley on Saturday, May 11th, 1968, have been sold.

Standing enclosure tickets at five shillings are still available. When tickets for any one final are distributed from Rugby League headquarters, a ticket application form for the subsequent Final is enclosed. In this way, regular supporters of the game are given the opportunity to place their orders at a very early date. However, year after year, regular supporters wait until the end of the summer before applying for tickets and then are disappointed because all the seating tickets have been sold.

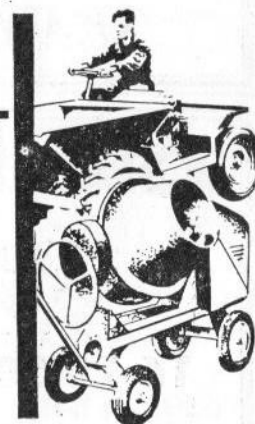
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TEST MATCH TICKETS

Seating tickets for the three Test matches against the Australians can be obtained from the Rugby League offices and the grounds where the matches are being staged.

First Test, 21st October, 1967, at Headingley, Leeds. Kick-off 3 p.m. Seating tickets are priced as follows: £1 North Stand; 15/- North Stand; 12/6 North Stand.

Second Test, 3rd November, 1967, at the White City Stadium, London, kick-off 7.45 p.m. Seating tickets at £1, 15/- and 10/-. A limited number of Restaurant tickets at £2 each are also available for this game.

Third Test, 9th December, 1967, at Swinton. Kick-off 3.0 p.m. Seating tickets are priced as follows: £1 Main Stand; 15/- Townsend Road Stand; 12/6 Main Stand and Townsend Road Stand.

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1967				1968			
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Aug. 15	(Tu) Liverpool C.	Home	12-13	Jan. 1	(M) Workington T.	Away	
" 19	(S) Leigh Lancs. Cup (1)	Home	17-11	" 6	(S) Batley	Away	
" 23	(W) Bradford N.	Away	10-28	" 13	(S) Wigan	Away	
" 26	(S) Hull	Away	20-27	" 20	(S) St. Helens	Home	
Sept. 2	(S) Whitehaven	Home	34-14	" 27	(S) Barrow	Away	
" 4	(M) Blackpool Boro'	Away	18-19	Feb. 3	(S) (1)		
" 9	(S) Warrington	Away	12-11	" 10	(S) Batley	Home	
" 16	(S) Rochdale H.	Home	12-25	" 17	(S) Widnes	Home	
" 23	(S) Whitehaven	Away	24-10	" 24	(S) (2)		
" 30	(S) Wigan	Home	13-14	Mar. 1	(F) Rochdale H.	Away	
Oct. 3	(Tu) Hull K.R.	Home	17-9	" 9	(S) Workington T.	Home	
" 14	(S) Bradford N.	Home	14-25	" 23	(S) Leigh	Home	
" 20	(F) Salford	Away	6-12	Apl. 12	(F) Swinton	Home	
" 28	(S) Blackpool Boro'	Home	13-4	" 15	(M) Hull K.R.	Away	
Nov. 4	(S) Leigh	Away	14-7				
" 7	(Tu) Salford	Home					
" 17	(F) Widnes	Away					
" 25	(S) Hull	Home					
Dec. 2	(S) Liverpool C.	Away					
" 8	(F) Warrington	Home					
" 16	(S) St. Helens	Away					
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" 30	(S) Barrow	Home					

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