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ANOTHER DISAPPOINTING RESULT

Saturday's game against Wigan was, to say the least a big disappointment. Following our good performance against Whitehaven the week previous a lot was expected from the team and although they promised a lot, they eventually achieved very little.

There approach work was good but their tackling was suspect and they gave Wigan far too much room in which to work.

Wigan's first try was a fortunate affair with Tyrer taking a forward pass from Fogerty to cross between the posts. With this five point lead after only ten minutes play against the wind the Wigan team had their tails up and hung on to their lead throughout. We did come within one point of Wigan's score but it would be unfair to deprive Wigan of a deserved win. Because it was a game in which we finished up, let's face it, second best.

We did have our moments:— Geoff Shelton's brilliant break got Elliott a superb try just on half time, Canning had his best game for weeks and made a few lightening breaks which with a little luck would have brought a try or two.

We now face two very difficult matches against Yorkshire opposition. This evening's game we entertain Yorkshire Cup finalists Hull K.R. and on Saturday week we have League leaders Bradford Northern. As visitors Northern have still

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to lose a league game this season and a win for us either this evening or against Bradford on October 14th will certainly give us a much needed boost before the heavy grounds come along in November and December.

The 'A' Team following a fine 35-10 win against Whitehaven 'A' a fortnight ago came unstuck on Saturday and were beaten 25-11 at Wigan.

In this game Bamford, Dolly and Tommy Davies got our tries and Flanagan got a goal. Holroyd, following his wedding last Saturday week, had a good game at stand-off and this has earned him a place in the senior side this evening following the withdrawal of Geoff Shelton with a hamstring strain.

Trevor Buckley playing in his first game since August 18th also came through without effect and it should not be long before Trevor is challenging for a first team place again.

On the suspension front Geoff Fletcher is clear after this evening's game having missed three games. Our new signing Charlie McCourt will still miss one more game after this evening's game. He was suspended for four games recently following a dismissal by referee Eric Lawrinson at Doncaster.

Charlie joined Oldham in a part player exchange deal involving Alf Mumberson who has returned to Whitehaven. Alf has joined the Cumberland Club.

Charlie with his wife Marie and two daughters will eventually come to live in the town. We wish him well with his new Club and it is hoped that he and his family will quickly settle down in the new surroundings.

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WELCOME TO HULL KINGSTON

We have as our visitors this evening perhaps the most attractive side in the White Rose County. I refer of course to Hull Kingston Rovers with plenty of power in the pack and pace and skill in their backs it is no surprise to see them with a place in the Yorkshire Cup Final against near neighbours Hull, on October 14th.

They will be without three of their stars for this evening's encounter because of a representative game at Wakefield tomorrow evening. Roger Millward, their star stand-off, loose forward Terry Major and wingman Chris Young will be representing Yorkshire against the Australians.

The Rovers' second row pair Bill Holliday and Frank Foster were recently the subjects of a combined bid of a reported £15,000 by Leeds and this can be taken as an indication of their capabilities.

Moving back to the Rovers' threequarters Chris Young recently notched five tries against us in a seven a side tournament at Headingley.

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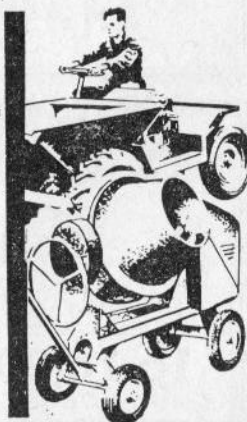
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Next Saturday the Rovers take on the Australian Touring Team at Craven Park and my guess is that the Tourists finish on the losing side. Yes! Hull K.R. are a great side and are almost certain to be amongst the Rugby League honours when the season's end draws to a close.

THE AUSTRALIANS

The Australian touring team arrived in this Country just over two weeks ago and played their first game of the tour against Warrington at Wilderspool last Saturday. Despite the strength of the 'Wires' the Aussies found their land legs and turned in a fine show with scrum half Smith, centres Langlands and Gasnier and loose forward Raper being particularly outstanding. Langlands apart from his fine centre show also kicked five goals, four of which were tremendous efforts from near touch.

The tourist second game is a representative fixture against Yorkshire at Belle Vue, Wakefield tomorrow evening (7.30 p.m.) and then on Saturday, as I have said they visit this evenings opponents Hull Kingston Rovers.

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Wednesday, 11th October, 1967 — Lancashire at Salford (F/L).

Friday, 13th October, 1967 — Wigan (F/L).

Monday, 16th October, 1967 — Rochdale Hornets (F/L).

Saturday, 21st October, 1967 — FIRST TEST at Headingley, Leeds.

Tuesday, 24th October, 1967 — St. Helen's (F/L).

Saturday, 28th October, 1967 — Wakefield Trinity.

Friday, 3rd November, 1967 — SECOND TEST at White City, London (F/L).

Wednesday, 8th November, 1967 — Castleford (F/L).

Saturday, 11th November, 1967 — Oldham.

Monday, 13th November, 1967 — Widnes (F/L).

Thursday, 16th November, 1967 — Barrow (F/L).

Saturday, 18th November, 1967 — Cumberland XIII.

Wednesday, 22nd November, 1967 — Swinton (F/L).

Friday, 24th November, 1967 — Leeds (F/L).

Wednesday, 29th November, 1967 — Halifax (F/L).

Saturday, 2nd December, 1967 — Bradford Northern.

Saturday, 9th December, 1967 — THIRD TEST at Swinton.

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Aug. 15	(Tu) Liverpool City	Home	L 12-13	Jan. 1	(M) Workington T.	Away	
" 19	(S) Leigh (Lancs Cup - 1)	Home	W 17-11	" 6	(S) Batley	Away	
" 23	(W) Bradford Northern	Away	L 10-28	" 13	(S) Wigan	Away	
" 26	(S) Hull	Away	L 20-29	" 20	(S) St. Helens	Home	
Sept. 2	(S) Whitehaven	Home	W 34-14	" 27	(S) Barrow	Away	
" 4	(M) Blackpool Borough	Away	L 19-15	Feb. 3	(S) (1)		
" 7	(Th) Swinton (Lancs C - 2)	Away	L 8-11	" 10	(S) Batley	Home	
" 9	(S) Warrington	Away	L 2-28	" 17	(S) Widnes	Home	
" 16	(S) Rochdale H.	Home	W 13-12	" 24	(S) (2)		
" 23	(S) Whitehaven	Away	W 24-12	Mar. 1	(F) Rochdale H.	Away	
" 30	(S) Wigan	Home	L 13-17	" 9	(S) Workington T.	Home	
Oct. 3	(Tu) Hull K.R.	Home		" 23	(S) Leigh	Home	
" 14	(S) Bradford N.	Home		Apl. 12	(F) Swinton	Home	
" 20	(F) Salford	Away		" 15	(M) Hull K.R.	Away	
" 28	(S) Blackpool Boro'	Home					
Nov. 4	(S) Leigh	Away					
" 7	(Tu) Salford	Home					
" 17	(F) Widnes	Away					
" 25	(S) Hull	Home					
Dec. 2	(S) Liverpool C.	Away					
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