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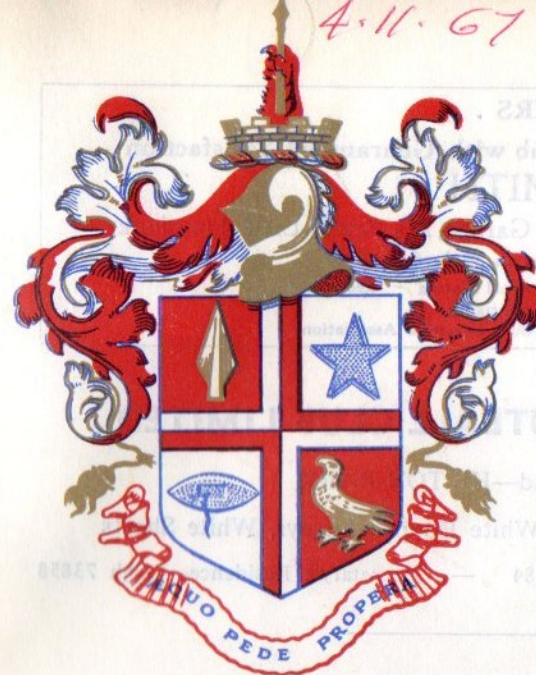
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THE MEN FROM WATERSHEDDINGS

This afternoon we are favoured by a visit from the Oldham club and it is safe to say that the officials from the Watersheddings organisation are most keen to strengthen their team and return to that wonderful era of a few years ago when they were seldom out of the Cup honours.

Over the years there has been more than a smattering of Leigh men in their ranks and we recall such fine players as Bernard Ganley, Daley and Stirrup.

It may be that they will be including our former forward Geoff Fletcher in their pack. We must not forget Mr. John Stringer, the secretary of the Oldham club, who at one time was the assistant secretary at Hilton Park.

One of the officials at Watersheddings—this is one of the few member clubs in the league—is Mr. J. ERROCK, who was a co-manager on the last Great Britain trip to Australia and New Zealand.

Oldham have not been doing quite so well in recent months, and at the moment they are sixth from the foot of the table, which is an unusual position for them.

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A LOCAL FAVOURITE

Local people in the crowd today will of course remember the exploits of Tom Warburton, who was well known in local Rugby Union circles before he signed professional forms for Oldham.

A win today would improve our chances of remaining in the top four and also give our players an added incentive for the floodlit battle which lies ahead.

Our victory over Swinton on Tuesday means that we are in the semi-final of this most interesting competition. We are hoping that we will get a good draw for this match because all our players are keen to capture the trophy for the first time.

Those who saw the match against Swinton were very pleased with the way we gained the 10 pts. to 2 victory. Alex Murphy is certainly bringing the best out of our players and can be relied upon at all times to supply the thrills.

There is no better half-back or tactician in the league and we are hoping that he will be recalled to the Great Britain side for the final Test which takes place at Swinton, on December 9th.

The kick-off time for that match is 3 p.m. and we are reminded that tickets for the stands can be obtained from Mr. Vic Jones, the secretary at Swinton, or from the Rugby League headquarters direct.

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AFTER BARROW - ST. HELENS

After today's match we face up to Barrow at Craven Park on Friday next. This is always a stiff match and we will have to be on top form to stop the Furness team. The following Saturday is the eagerly looked forward to return game with St. Helens, and no doubt this should prove to be the game of the day.

When we played at St. Helens on September 15th, there was a splendid crowd of 20,500 and on that occasion the Saints defeated us by 22 pts. to nil. We will be looking for revenge and it should be an exciting as well as an interesting match and we are hoping for a five figure crowd.

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" TALKING TO YOU "

by
FRANK GILL
Press Officer

You, the supporter reading this programme, are one of the greatest assets any club can have. Without you, we are nothing. A ship without a crew, a bank without money, are as good a description as any to show how much each is dependent on the other. Without a crew, why have a ship? Without money, why have a bank?

To us, you are not only the crew, but the money in the bank, our assets, our hopes, our progress for our future, but above all you represent our very existence, and that alone makes you as a fan and ardent supporter, a person with a responsibility.

It is not, repeat not, to you that recent press publicity has been directed—we know YOU are one hundred per cent behind us, otherwise you would not be supporting us as regularly as you do—therefore any allusion to “support” or “supporters” (or lack of them) has been directed at those who do NOT come to see the team play, but are more argumentative and more arbitrary about what should or should not be done, than those of you who, as supporters in the true sense of the word, have a far greater right to offer advice, help or criticism. You, we know we can already depend on, and we appreciate the continued support you give to us—but we do want to add to your numbers. Every game you attend is appreciated, every shilling you spend on the Weekly Pool and the purchase of this programme is greatly appreciated, and we in turn are showing our appreciation by trying hard to give you value for money, with a winning team, better ground amenities, free admission to all “A” team home matches, and approaches have already been made towards the possibility of a new covered stand at the Glebe Street end of the ground. You can help us to do all these things—help in so many ways—for instance, there is quite a lot of concern about the vandalism being caused on the ground—we could do with many more Pools Agents, a volunteer body of men and women ever ready to persuade one or two of the “Lost Legion” to come back and support the Club that represents their town. You are the salesmen of the sporting public of Leigh, and could do so much by propaganda. Discuss the team, talk about them to the “Doubting Thomas’s”, that here and now we have the makings of a really good team—give them credit when they play well—give them hell when they don’t, but still come and criticise constructively and praise them with purpose.

It is not necessary to preach to the converted—but you can help by preaching to the unconvinced unconverted, that their place is with you, supporting the Club and the team on every occasion, standing by your side ready to cheer, not jeer.

Many of you must have some organising and administrative ability—why not give us the benefit of your experience. Give us your ideas on the formation of an M.V.S. (Men’s Voluntary Service) and form a group to curb vandalism, improve the Club’s finances by becoming Pools Agents, in fact anything you can do if the Club’s affairs were YOUR responsibility and you had to make it successful.

Whatever ideas you may have—however you feel you can help, let us have your ideas, names and addresses, ideas you feel are practical and workable. Do that, then let us get together and see how many there are amongst the solid supporters who can help form this first Rugby M.V.S. and create a new movement and precedent in Leigh Football History.

Leave your names, and your ideas on how you can help, with the Secretary, or write when you have had the opportunity to sit and think about your own ability to help. All offers will be gratefully received, and who knows?—There may well be amongst you a hidden talent that could make Leigh a great club, rather than just a good club, and incidentally, make you the greatest ambassador for Leigh Football Club, ever to come to Hilton Park. We will endeavour to publish the brightest and most practical ideas in our future programmes.

FIRST TEAM SCORING CHART

	G.	T.	Pts.
LAURIE GILFEDDER (forward)	19	—	38
TOM GRAINEY (full-back)	15	2	36
ALEX MURPHY (half-back)	4	5	23
RODNEY TICKLE (Winger)	—	7	21
GORDON LEWIS (centre three-quarter) ...	—	4	16
TERRY ENTWISTLE (scrum-half)	—	4	16
JOE WALSH (wing three-quarter)	—	5	15
WILF BRIGGS (stand-off)	4	2	14
MIKE COLLINS (centre three-quarter) ...	—	4	12
PETER ASHCROFT (wing three-quarter) ..	—	3	9
JIM FIDDLER (forward)	3	—	9
DENIS BROWN (full-back)	2	—	4
JOHN LOWE (scrum-half)	—	1	3
BOB WELDING (forward)	—	1	3
JOHN McVAY (forward)	—	1	3
BILL HIGHCOCK (forward)	—	1	3
A. WHITWORTH (forward)	—	1	3

(This list includes cup ties, league games and friendlies)



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LEAGUE PLACINGS

Here is the up to date league chart—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Bradford N.	12	11	0	1	307	109	22
St. Helens	11	10	0	1	168	78	20
LEIGH	13	9	0	4	187	124	18
Halifax	12	8	1	3	215	162	17
Hull K. R.	11	8	1	2	242	113	17
Leeds	11	8	0	3	199	137	16
Hull	11	8	0	3	202	163	16
Wigan	12	8	0	4	239	143	16
Huddersfield	12	7	1	4	143	131	15
Swinton	12	7	1	4	178	140	15
Workington	12	7	0	5	236	154	14
Warrington	12	7	0	5	234	121	14
Castleford	12	7	0	5	179	168	14
Wakefield	11	6	1	4	328	137	13
Salford	13	6	0	7	196	163	12
Featherstone	12	6	0	6	183	163	12
Hunslet	12	6	0	6	185	184	12
Barrow	12	6	0	6	163	186	12
Rochdale	14	5	0	9	158	208	10
Dewsbury	10	5	0	5	106	151	10
Doncaster	12	4	1	7	182	260	9
Liverpool C.	12	4	1	7	124	219	9
Bramley	12	4	0	8	144	227	8
Whitehaven	13	4	0	9	130	274	8
OLDHAM	13	4	0	9	145	221	8
Widnes	12	3	1	8	186	190	7
Blackpool B.	13	3	0	10	156	230	6
York	11	2	0	9	149	266	4
Keighley	12	2	0	10	112	213	4
Batley	13	1	0	12	110	384	2

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If you should see a charming female figure in white at this afternoon's game it will be a member of Players Number Six Girls' Team, who are here for the “man of the match” competition.

A £6 prize will be awarded the player who gets the vote of an independent judge. At the same time ballot boxes will be placed at various points in the ground and you are asked to vote on the “PLAYER OF THE SEASON”.

These votes will be counted with those from other grounds. From time to time a chart will show the positions of the players who have been chosen. A voting paper will be included in this programme. So don't forget to vote! There will be large money prizes for the players who are chosen to occupy the leading places.

Today's winner will receive the award from Player's Personality girl.

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Leigh

- | | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. Grainey | Full-Back |
| 2. Tickle | Right Wing |
| 3. Lewis | Right Centre |
| 4. Collins | Left Centre |
| 5. Walsh | Left Wing |
| 6. Murphy, A. | Stand-off |
| 7. Entwistle | Scrum-Half |
| 8. Whitworth | Prop Forward |
| 9. Ashcroft | Hooker |
| 10. Major | Prop Forward |
| 11. Fiddler | 2nd Row Forward |
| 12. McVay | 2nd Row Forward |
| 13. Gilfedder | Loose Forward |
| Substitutes: | |
| 14. Baldwin | |
| 15. Higgs | |

Oldham

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 1. Murphy | |
| 2. Dolly | |
| 3. McCormack | |
| 4. Donovan | |
| 5. Buckley | |
| 6. Warburton | |
| 7. Broomhead | |
| 8. Smith | |
| 9. Wood | |
| 10. Fletcher | |
| 11. Mooney | |
| 12. McCourt | |
| 13. Hughes | |
| Substitutes: | |
| 14. Curry | |
| 15. Hill | |

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Now we come to a very serious matter, and it concerns ALL spectators. Should there be any outbreak of hooliganism, it will be treated in the most serious light. The Rugby League authorities have issued a general warning that bad conduct on the part of spectators will be stamped out immediately and the people who are found guilty will be dealt with most severely.

It is not that there has been a lot to complain about on many grounds, but in one or two spots there have been a few incidents which is not likened to our sport, but to other sporting demonstrations.

Quite recently some youths were fined at a Yorkshire town for their bad conduct. We don't want the game and its followers to fall into disrepute, so we ask all, even when the pitch of enthusiasm is running high, to exercise restraint.

All lovers of the game can help. If they see anything of an unsporty matter likely to occur they should report the matter to a police officer or one of the officials of the club. We want YOUR help in this matter.

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LEIGH RUGBY SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

Today I would like to welcome our friends from Oldham. The Boys of Watersheddings are no easy team to beat, as we have already found out in the Lancashire Cup. On the other hand, the Leigh team have only lost one game at home, that was against Widnes in the first game of the season in the Charity Cup.

Since then we have signed one or two players and we have got a good team together, so I hope all the spectators see a good open game of rugger. May the best team win.

I would like, on behalf of the Supporters' Committee to congratulate Mike Collins on winning the "Man of the Match" award against Barrow. Well done Mike.

Oldham match ticket Draw. Winning Tickets are as follows—

2 Stand Tickets—No. 252. R. Battersby, 56 Everest Street, Atherton.

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QUIZ TIME—Who was the only player to score over 500 points in one season?

Answer in my next programme - Leigh v. St. Helens.

'XMAS DRAW TICKETS are now on sale, 6d. each, 75 Prizes, from any member of the Supporters' Committee.

The Supporters' Club are holding their 2d. Match Draw, tickets 2d. each or 7 for 1/-. Usual prizes - Numbers at half-time.

The Canteens are open for the sale of pies, teas, cigarettes, chocolates, etc. Thank-you.

Mr. RUGBY LEAGUER

FIXTURES AND RESULTS 1967-68

1967	FIRST TEAM	F. A.	1967	'A' Team	F. A.
August—			August—		
12 Widnes (Charity)	H	7-17	11 Widnes (Charity) 7-30	A	19-13
19 Oldham (1st Rd. L.C.) ...	A	11-17	18 Oldham (L.S.) 7-30	H	8-2
22 Widnes (7-30)	H	19-12	26		
26 Bradford	A	12-23	September—		
28 Wigan	H	12-9	2 Widnes	H	36-6
September—			9		
2 Widnes	A	15-6	16 St. Helens	H	16-13
9 Batley	H	32-9	22 Salford	A	9-5
15 St. Helens (7-30)	A	0-22	30 Workington	H	17-26
20 Whitehaven (7-00)	H	33-5	October—		
25 Salford (7-30)	H	15-9	6 Rochdale (7-30)	H	12-21
30 Workington	A	9-6	14 Swinton	A	3-23
October—			21 Barrow	A	26-5
3 Salford (B.B.C. 2 Comp.)			28 Barrow	H	20-8
7-15 p.m.	A	5-3	November—		
6 Rochdale (7-30)	A	6-10	4 Oldham	A	
14 Swinton	H	10-2	11 Whitehaven	A	
21 Barrow	H	16-0	18 St. Helens	A	
28 Hull	A	8-11	25		
31 Swinton	H	10-2	December—		
(2nd Rnd. Floodlit Comp.)			2		
November—			16 Wigan	A	
4 Oldham	H		23		
10 Barrow (7-00)	A		26 Warrington	H	
18 St. Helens	H		30 Wigan	H	
25 Batley	A		1968		
December—			January—		
8 Hull (7-00)	H		5 Widnes (7-30)	A	
16 Dewsbury	H		13		
23			20 Liverpool	H	
26 Warrington	A		27 Rochdale	A	
30 Wigan	A		February—		
1968			3 1st Rd. Chall. Cup		
January—			10 Whitehaven	H	
6 Bradford	H		17 Salford	H	
13 Dewsbury	A		24		
20 Liverpool	A		March—		
27 Rochdale	H		2		
February—			9 Swinton	H	
3 1st Rd. R.L. Chall. Cup			16 Workington	A	
10 Whitehaven	A		23 Oldham	H	
16 Salford	A		30 R.L. Cup Semi-Final		
24 2nd Rd. R.L. Chall. Cup			April—		
March—			6 R.L. Cup Semi-Final		
4 Blackpool (7-00)	H		12 Liverpool	A	
9 Swinton	A		13		
16 Workington	H		15 Warrington	A	
23 Oldham	A				
April—					
12 Liverpool	H				
13 Blackpool	A				
15 Warrington	H				

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