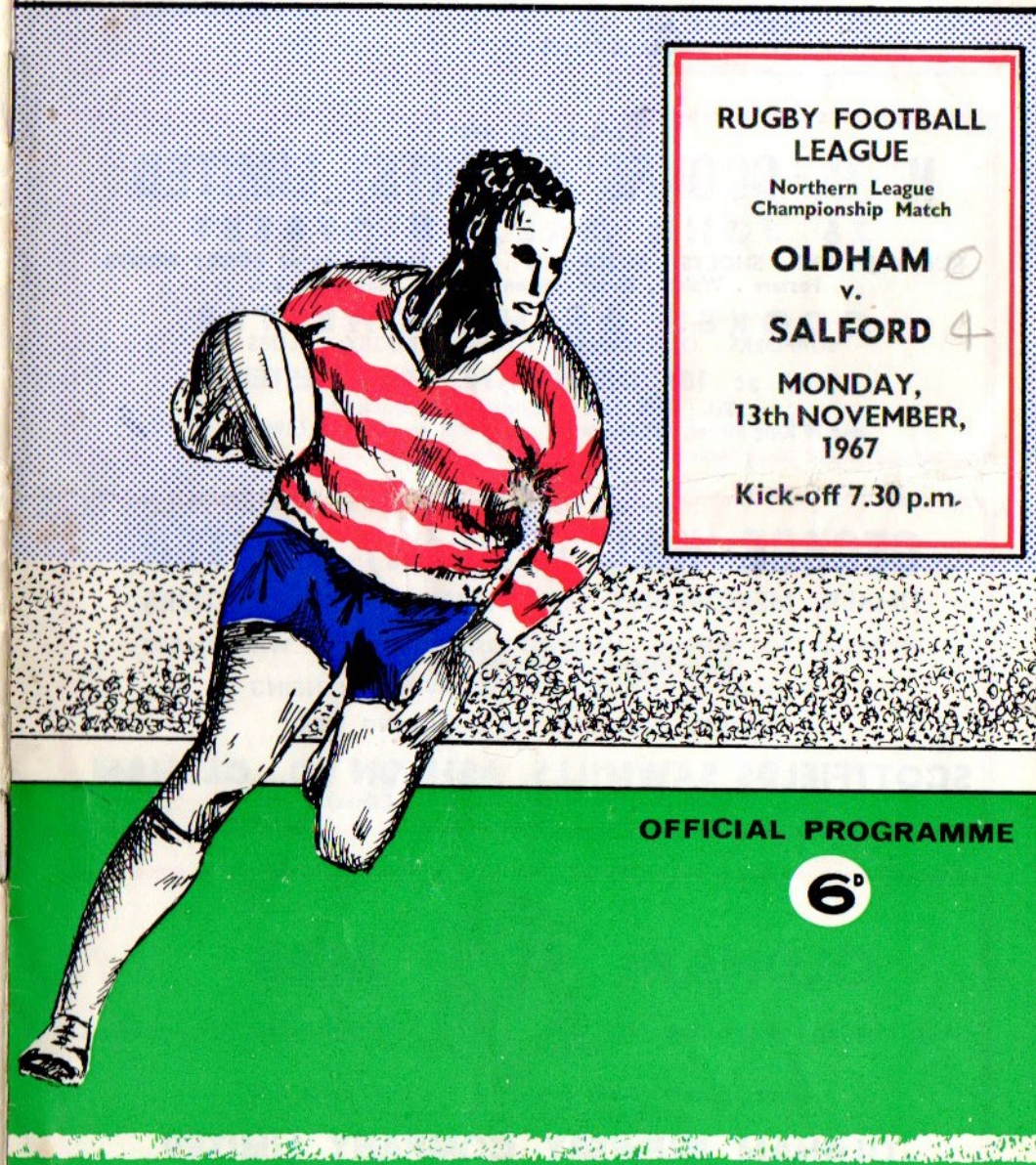


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ATTRACTIVE VISITORS

Our visitors for this evening's encounter are the very formidable Salford outfit, and a very warm welcome is extended to officials, players and supporters.

Their visit sees the return of several Oldham favourites who have joined the Salford ranks. Their Secretary/Manager is, of course, Griff Jenkins, who was in charge of coaching in the very successful 'mid-fifties' here at Oldham. Players Charlie Bott, Vin Nestor, Geoff Sims, Peter Smethurst, Stuart Whitehead and Charlie Winslade are all ex-Oldham, and other locals include their trainer, Jim Heywood, and former local junior Colin Bowden.

Over the past three years, Salford have spent large sums of money in the transfer market and are now regaining some of the prestige of the post-war 'Red Devils'.

From the team of three seasons ago, only one player, scrum-half Jackie Brennan, is still present.

Salford recently rocked the Rugby League and the Rugby Union world with the shock signing of Welsh Rugby Union out-half and captain, David Watkins, for a fee in the region of between £10,000 and £18,000, depending on which paper you read. Watkins has still to find his feet in the Rugby League game despite the fact that against Oldham recently, when he made his debut, he put up a very creditable performance with a wonder try and two great drop goals. I saw him last week against Featherstone and he was certainly out of his depth. It must be admitted, however, that the Salford pitch, following very heavy rain, was extremely heavy and also the fact that Featherstone are indeed quite a good side.

Another recent 'capture' who may play tonight is Bob Prosser, the former

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Ron Hill, ex-Warwickshire Rugby Union player, is proving a very valuable asset at the Willows. At one time it was thought Ron's career was coming to a close following a very serious injury but he is now making great strides with Salford.

Hill plays either at centre or wing and is a very accurate goal-kicker which, perhaps, is denying a first team place to Geoff Sims or former Preston Grasshopper Paul Murphy.

In the recent Test matches against Australia, Salford had two players in the 'shadow' side, hooker Bob Burdell and Charlie Bott. If their good club form is maintained it may be that they could be in the reckoning for the third and final Test, to be played at Swinton on December 9th.

Overall, the clash tonight should provide some interesting comparisons and it is hoped that a very good game will result.

CLUB TOPICS

We have no further interest directly in the B.B.C.2 Floodlit Competition following our defeat at St. Helens last Tuesday, but the last stages of the tournament should provide a lot of excitement to B.B.C.2 viewers.

Interested persons should make a note of the following dates:—

Nov. 14—Hull Kingston Rovers v Warrington.

Nov. 21—St. Helens v Wigan

Nov. 28—Castleford v Leeds

The above are the quarter-final matches. Leigh are already through to the semi-finals and the winners from the three matches mentioned above will join Leigh in the draw for the semi-finals.

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By the time you read these notes it is hoped that the licence snags which have arisen at the new Club will have been ironed out and the Club will be open as anticipated.

Early teething troubles are certain to crop up and a typical example was on Thursday evening when the concert room in the club was not adequately heated. We are assured that this was only a slight fault on the thermostat control and would not happen again.

Membership for the Club is still open and applications should be made to the Club Manager in the Social Club after the game this evening.

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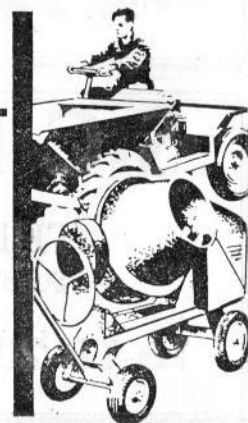
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PLAYERS' No. 6 COMPETITION

The judges' choices for the Player's No. 6 'Player of the Match' last week were:

- Oct. 27 Castleford/York: M. Reilly (Castleford), 7 pts. Judge: Clay.
 Nov. 3 Salford/Featherstone R.: G. Jordan (Featherstone).
 4 Wakefield T./Keighley: I. Brook (Wakefield), B. Hardcastle (Keighley), 8 pts. each
 Judge: Ridge.
 4 Dewsbury/Castleford: K. Hepworth (Castleford), 8 pts. Judge: Seeling.
 4 Whitehaven/Swinton: S. Rope (Whitehaven), 6 pts. Judge: Nicholson.
 4 Doncaster/Leeds: S. Hynes (Leeds), 8 pts. Judge: Myerscough.
 4 Huddersfield/Wigan: A. Redfearn (Huddersfield), 6 pts. Judge: Matthewman.
 4 Warrington/Batley: W. Allen (Warrington), 8 pts. Judge: Catterall.
 4 Rochdale H./Workington T.: K. Tighe (Rochdale), 6 pts. Judge: Stockley.
 4 Blackpool Bor./Widnes: F. Hill and J. Fairhurst (Blackpool). Judge: Lunn.
 4 Bradford N./Hull: T. Ramshaw and T. Fisher (Bradford). Judge: Womersley.
 4 Bramley/Hunslet: S. Lee (Hunslet). Judge: Philpott.
 4 Leigh/Oldham: M. Collins (Leigh).
 4 Liverpool City/Barrow: G. Heaton (Liverpool).
 4 York/Halifax: C. Renilson (Halifax).

Leading players in the Player's No. 6 'Player of the Year' awards, in which each supporter sends in one vote for one player at each of the Senior Rugby League games, are as follows:

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| 1. Keith Hepworth (Castleford) | 9 points |
| Charlie Renilson (Halifax) | 9 points |
| 3. Bobby Fleet (Swinton) | 8 points |
| Joe Bonner (Whitehaven) | 8 points |
| 5. David Horn (Bramley) | 7 points |
| Bev Risman (Leeds) | 7 points |

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PLAYER'S No. 6 COMPETITION

The judge for today's 'player of the match' is local referee Mr. Dickie Thomas. Mr. Thomas will select the player who, in his opinion, puts up the best all-round performance. As for the 'Player of the Season' award, it is up to you, the fans, to vote for your player of the match and to place the slips, which are enclosed in this evening's programme, in the boxes provided at all exits of the ground.

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All the Stand tickets for the Rugby League Cup Final at Wembley next May have been sold. Standing tickets at 5/- can still be obtained from the Rugby League, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7.

Supporters can also apply to the Rugby League or to the Swinton Club for tickets for the third and deciding Test match.

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Aug. 15	(Tu) Liverpool City	Home L	12-13	.. 30	(S) Barrow	Home	
.. 19	(S) Leigh (Lancs Cup - 1)	Home W	17-11	Jan. 1	(M) Workington T.	Away	
.. 23	(W) Bradford Northern	Away L	10-28	.. 6	(S) Batley	Away	
.. 26	(S) Hull	Away L	20-29	.. 13	(S) Wigan	Away	
Sept. 2	(S) Whitehaven	Home W	34-14	.. 20	(S) St. Helens	Home	
.. 4	(M) Blackpool Borough	Away L	19-15	.. 27	(S) Barrow	Away	
.. 7	(Th) Swinton (Lancs C - 2)	Away L	8-11	Feb. 3	(S) (1)		
.. 9	(S) Warrington	Away L	2-28	.. 10	(S) Batley	Home	
.. 16	(S) Rochdale H.	Home W	13-12	.. 17	(S) Widnes	Home	
.. 23	(S) Whitehaven	Away W	24-12	.. 24	(S) (2)		
.. 30	(S) Wigan	Home L	13-17	Mar. 1	(F) Rochdale H.	Away	
Oct. 3	(Tu) Hull K.R.	Home L	7-9	.. 9	(S) Workington T.	Home	
.. 14	(S) Bradford Northern	Home L	14-25	.. 23	(S) Leigh	Home	
.. 20	(F) Salford	Away L	6-12	Apr. 12	(F) Swinton	Home	
.. 28	(S) Blackpool Boro'	Home W	13-4	.. 15	(M) Hull K.R.	Away	
Nov. 4	(S) Leigh	Away L	2-29				
.. 11	(S) Australia	Home L	8-18				
.. 13	(M) Salford	Home					
.. 17	(F) Widnes	Away					
.. 25	(S) Hull	Home					
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