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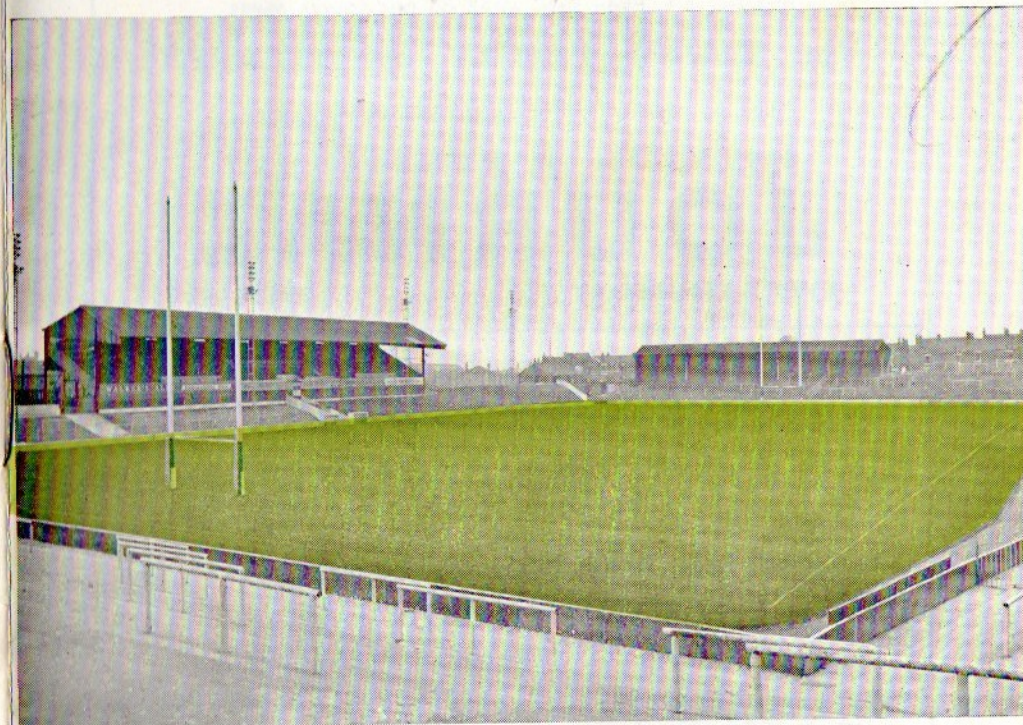
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BOXING DAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1967. Kick-off 3-00 p.m.

SWINTON *versus* OLDHAM

WELCOME TO OLDHAM

**We Wish all our Supporters and our Visitors from Oldham
The Compliments of the Season.**

We depart from old established custom this afternoon, when Oldham visit Swinton at Christmas instead of us making the journey to Watersheddings.

With only a few exceptions our fixture arrangements have been for the game at Oldham to be played at Christmas, and for the return match to be at Swinton on Good Friday. As most supporters know, we used to play on Christmas Day, but changing habits brought the change to Boxing Day for the annual fixture. However for several years the weather has been a major factor, and frost has prevented a game on Boxing Day. Consequently Oldham asked for the dates to be reversed this season, and so this year we are hoping for a mild spell to allow the Christmas fixture to take place.

After a poor start to the season, Oldham have shown an improvement in form in recent games, and as they always put up a hard fight for the points at Station Road, we can be certain of a good match today. We need to win to help us climb more securely into the top sixteen, and our visitors cannot afford to drop any more points if they are to figure in the Championship play-off in April.

Following this match, which is our first home game for a month, we are to play five matches away in succession. The rule under which postponed games must be played within 28 days means that the twice postponed Rochdale Hornets match has been again re-arranged for January 10th, and the Liverpool City match, which was to have been played on Sunday, December, 10th will now be played at Widnes on Wednesday, January 3rd.

COLLECTION

A collection will be taken today for the Jim Hope Testimonial Fund. Although Jim has not been a regular First Team player he has been a Station Road stalwart for eleven seasons, and has captained the "A" Team for several years. Jim has been a great help to young players in the team, and has held his side together when injury problems have weakened our playing staff.

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THE TEST MATCH

After the great amount of interest shown prior to the Test Match we had expected a big gate at Swinton on December 9th. A tremendous effort had been made to ensure that the match was certain to be played, and it was a poor reward for this work that only just over 13,000 spectators attended the match.

We have read one comment, and a statement was made the following week on the radio that the ground was like concrete. This is untrue, and the people responsible for these comments had no justification for making them. It is unfair to say the least, that remarks of this nature should be made. However, to refer back to the attendance, there can be little doubt that the snowfall in parts of the country on Friday and particularly in Lancashire and Yorkshire on the morning of the match, was a major factor in the low attendance.

Although very little snow fell in the immediate vicinity of the ground it was sufficient to make the roads hazardous, and conditions must have been similar in most other places. With the bitter cold weather undoubtedly many followers of the game must have decided to stay at home and watch the whole of the game on television.

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2. **WHITEHEAD**
3. **FLEET**
4. **BUCKLEY** T
5. **GOMERSALL** T

Half Backs:

6. **RHODES**
7. **KENNY** 4

Forwards:

8. **GODDARD** 4
9. **CUMMINGS**
10. **SIMPSON** T
11. **STEPHENS**
12. **HUTTON**
13. **ROBINSON**

Substitutes:

14. **WILLIAMST**
15. (pos. unknown)

H-T: 9-9

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Full Back:

1. **MURPHY**

Three Quarters:

2. **ELLIOTT** T
3. **SHELTON**
4. **WARBURTON** 4-6
5. **DOLLY**

Half Backs:

6. **DAVIES**
7. **CANNING**

Forwards:

8. **WILSON**
9. **TAYLOR** T
10. **FLETCHER**
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Up to and including 16th December, 1967

HOME		AWAY	
Barrow	7-15	5-11	Workington
Batley	13-21	2-12	Wigan
Blackpool	4-14	9-6	Widnes
Leigh	16-0	32-9	Whitehaven
Liverpool	14-9	20-0	Warrington
Oldham	7-6	27-5	Swinton
Rochdale	17-3	22-0	St. Helens
Salford	22-8	9-6	Salford
St. Helens	22-8	9-6	Rochdale
Swinton	22-8	9-6	Oldham
Warrington	22-8	9-6	Liverpool
Whitehaven	22-8	9-6	Leigh
Widnes	22-8	9-6	Blackpool
Wigan	22-8	9-6	Batley
Workington	22-8	9-6	Barrow

Home Team on left. Away Team on top. Home Team's score given first.

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

(Up to and including 16th December, 1967).

	Played	Goals	Tries	Points
BATE	14	—	—	—
BUCKLEY	23	—	4	12
CLARKE	12	—	1	3
CUMMINGS	14	—	1	3
DAVIES	3	—	—	—
FLEET	24	—	5	15
GODDARD	7	—	—	—
GOMERSALL	16	—	5	15
GOWERS	20	10	1	23
HALLIWELL	4	2	—	4
HOYLE	3	—	—	—
HUTTON	19	—	5	15
KENNY	4	—	3	9
MacKAY	1	—	—	—
PRICE	1	—	—	—
REES	19	—	2	6
RHODES	21	—	2	6
ROBINSON, B.	3	—	—	—
ROBINSON, D.	10	—	2	6
SCOTT	14	—	1	3
SIMPSON	18	—	1	3
STEPHENS	18	—	1	3
STEVENS	5	—	—	—
STOPFORD	10	—	2	6
SWANSTON G.	2	—	—	—
TIGHE	1	—	—	—
WHITEHEAD	22	52	7	125
WILLIAMS, G.	8	1	2	8
WILLIAMS, R.	14	—	5	15

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First Team

		F.	A.
1967			
Aug.	11—St. Helens ...H	7	9
	18—Widnes L.C. ...A	12	9
	23—Wakefield T. H	27	13
	26—Keighley ...H	11	13
	28—Salford 6.30 ...A	8	17
Sept.	2—Wigan ...A	15	12
	7—Oldham L.C. ...H	11	8
	9—Widnes ...H	16	10
	16—Keighley ...A	15	6
	19—St. Helens ...H	8	12
	(L.C.S.F.)		
	23—Workington H	24	18
	29—Widnes 7.30...A	2	2
Oct.	7—Blackpool B...A	25	18
	14—Leigh ...A	2	10
	18—Batley 7.30 ...H	22	8
	28—Wigan ...H	11	13
Nov.	4—Whitehaven ...A	5	15
	11—Castleford ...H	7	6
	22—Australians H	9	12
	25—Liverpool C. H	18	11
Dec.	2—Workington ...A	4	13
	2.30		
	9—Third Test		
	Gt. Britain v.		
	Australia		
	16—Warrington ...A	9	13
	26—Oldham ...H		
	30—Castleford ...A		
1968			
Jan.	1—St. Helens ...A		
	3—Liverpool C. ...A		
	at Widnes 7.30		
	6—Wakefield T. ...A		
	10—Rochdale H. ...A		
	7.30		
	13—Rochdale H. H		
	27—Whitehaven H		
Feb.	3—R.L. Cup (1)		
	10—Warrington H		
	17—Barrow ...A		
	24—R.L. Cup (2)		
Mar.	2—Batley ...A		
	9—Leigh ...H		
	16—R.L. Cup (3)		
	20—Blackpool B. H		
	7.30		
	23—Barrow ...H		
	30—R.L. Cup S.F. (1)		
April	6—R.L. Cup S.F. (2)		
	12—Oldham ...A		
	13—Salford ...H		
	15—St. Helens ...H		
	19—Top 16 (1st Rd.)		
	24—Top 16 (2nd Rd.)		
	27—Top 16 (S.F.)		
May	14—Champ. Final		
	11—Chall. Cup Final		

'A' Team

LANCASHIRE COMBINATION

		F.	A.
1967			
Aug.	19—Widnes ...H	42	11
	(L.C.C.S.)		
	22—Salford 7.0 ...A	25	14
	26—Oldham ...A	18	18
	29—Salford 7.30 H	19	11
	(L.C.C.S.)		
Sept.	1—Wigan 7.30...H	3	13
	8—Widnes 7.30...A	12	24
	16—		
	23—Workington ...A	27	17
	30—Widnes ...H	40	10
Oct.	7—St. Helens ...H	10	15
	14—Leigh ...H	23	3
	21—Workington ...A	8	25
	(L.C.C.S.)		
	28—Wigan ...A	15	14
Nov.	4—Whitehaven H	15	15
	11—		
	18—Rochdale H. H	22	14
	25—Liverpool C...A	10	13
	2.30		
Dec.	2—		
	16—Warrington H	13	7
	30—Liverpool C. H		
1968			
Jan.	6—Oldham ...H		
	13—Rochdale H. ...A		
	27—Whitehaven ...A		
Feb.	10—Warrington ...A		
	17—Barrow ...H		
	24—St. Helens ...A		
Mar.	9—Leigh ...A		
	16—		
	23—Barrow ...A		
	29—Salford 7.30 H		
	—Workington H		

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