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NOTES

We have been issuing in our programmes this season a voting slip in connection with the John Player and Sons "Player of the Season Award"—you will find one enclosed with this copy. You are invited to vote for the person whom you think is the best player in this game today. Your vote will count in the season's total, and the winning player will get a cheque for £250. There are several other prizes for the vote catchers who do not top the poll too. I have glanced at these slips, be that right or wrong, on a number of occasions, and invariably do I find that most of the people who use these slips are visitors. Particularly so was this the case when we had Leeds here, when over 90 per cent. of the voting papers had Leeds addresses on them. This tells us surely one of two things, either there is too much apathy here, or they are more interested away. With £250 at stake, one would think there would have been more than a little interest shown, but for any votes that our players have had, because be sure the visitors do not vote for us, they are a long way back in the betting, and that goes from the fullback to the loose forward. So I would make an appeal, and it is that you please use your voting slip thereby showing that we at Workington do appreciate the money that is being used by the promoters in sponsoring this competition, and with it fostering the code.

We have been rather unfortunate with our Personality Girls too. One had a car accident the other side of Kendal and could not complete the journey, and our Boxing Day lassie was down with an appendix operation, so we were deprived again. However the player of the day award was duly presented by a substitute Kitchen and Turnbull being the receivers on the last day. There was not a lot

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to enthuse about in our holiday games except that we got four points out of them, but certain it is that no one could complain about the decision to acknowledge the two half-backs. Mr. John Fenwick was the judge, and I have yet to hear anyone complain about his decision. That's new.

As these notes are being written the players are on their way to the coach for a visit to Salford. There is nothing down there that they need worry about (and I haven't forgotten Batley) if they get stuck into their work. It would be a great stepping stone to four holiday wins, always assuming of course that they win today. This is the time of the year to assess the good from the not so good, after the holiday games. Personally, I never bother about the league table until the New Year. It is nice to have the points in the bag as they say, but a good holiday spell can make a lot of difference to the look of a table. Furthermore, it is the right time to strike form. History is full of instances of clubs coming into their own over the holidays, and continuing to excel in both league and cup in the New Year.

Today we welcome Oldham, and an especial welcome back to Cumberland to McCourt, the brother of our player Harold, both boys being products of the Kells nursery. This one you will probably remember was transferred last season from Whitehaven when the Watersheddings Club had great need for a forward, and Whitehaven greater need for the money.

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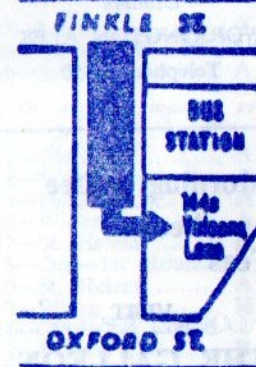
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22—Blackpool	A 28 24	26—Blackpool	H 28 6
26—Warrington	A 6 36	29—Salford	A
28—Whitehaven	H 42 6		
Sept. 2—Liverpool	H 27 2	1968.	
4—Salford (LC)	H 33 0	Jan. 1—Oldham	H
9—Leeds	A 10 12	6—Whitehaven	A
16—Warrington (LC)	H 13 23	13—Batley	H
19—Warrington	H 11 0	20—Widnes	A
23—Swinton	A 18 24	27—St. Helens	H
30—Leigh	H 6 9	Feb. 3—Cup—1st Round	
Oct. 7—Liverpool	A 22 10	10—St. Helens	A
14—Rochdale	H 40 5	17—Wigan	H
21—Wigan	A 13 18	24—Cup—2nd Round	
28—Salford	H 13 8	Mar. 2—Widnes	H
Nov. 4—Rochdale	A 11 15	9—Oldham	A
11—Hull K.R.	H 12 0	16—Leigh	A
18—Cumb. v. Aust.	17 15	23—Hunslet	H
25—Hunslet	A 28 18	Apr. 13—Barrow	H
Dec. 2—Swinton	H 13 4	15—Barrow	A
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