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## WIGAN v OLDHAM

### MONDAY, 22nd JANUARY, 1968

**KICK-OFF 7-30 p.m.**

### OUR VISITORS

This evening it is our pleasure to welcome our friends from Oldham. This match should have been played last Saturday week but was postponed because of our frostbound ground. On our visit to Oldham earlier in the season we were successful by 17—13. Since then Oldham have had rather a bad time with regard to league fixtures and up to the present have lost no fewer than 12 matches. This must surely be their worst league performance for many years. Like ourselves they have had injury worries notably Tom Warburton who suffered a shoulder injury which required an operation right at the start of the season. He, of course, is back in the team for today's game and on recent match reports has made a big difference to the Oldham side. Two of their signings of the past two years notably Brian Curry and Geoff Shelton are both at present on the transfer list and it does not look as though they will be playing in today's game. The team is captained by Geoff Fletcher who appears to be having one of his best seasons since joining the Club and other notable players are transfer listed Bob Irvine and ex-Widnes and Salford loose forward Arthur Hughes. As we have already said Oldham appear to be coming back to form so we look forward to a most entertaining game this evening.

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After our two disappointing performances against Rochdale—away and St. Helens—home, we came back to winning ways with our successes against Leigh and Warrington, in our last two home games. Everyone was looking forward to a fast and entertaining game against Leigh but after ten minutes play, there was a sudden downpour which cut attractive football to a minimum. We did, however, score the only two tries of the game and with conditions turning out really atrocious in the second half, the game came to a standstill and all the play was played on the Wigan '25' line, although Leigh were successful in the scrums in the second half our tackling did improve in this game and we managed to hold out and ran out winners by 8-4.

On New Year's Day against Warrington, and under similar conditions, to the Leigh match, we were worthy winners by 11-2. Only three tries were scored in this game—all by Wigan, and it must be said that this was quite an entertaining game considering the bad conditions. We were also very pleased with the tackling

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of our side and when one considers that we did not have our try line crossed in two hard games against such teams as Leigh and Warrington then it appears our defence has tightened up considerably.

**INJURIES:** Peter Rowe is now fit again after breaking his finger in the Batley match on the 13th December.

Also fit is Bill Francis who sustained a knee injury in the Boxing Day match with St. Helens.

Still out is Danny Gardiner who has not played since the Rochdale game on 22nd December. Danny seems to be having a somewhat unlucky season with regard to his shoulder injury and the latest report is that he must play no football for at least a month. This is as big a blow to us as it is to Danny.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Colin Tyrer, Terry Fogerty and Duggie Laughton on being selected to represent Lancashire in the County championship decider against Yorkshire at Widnes on 24th January. They replace three of the eight players who lose their places after Lancashire's humiliating defeat by the Australians in October.

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The first of what we hope will be several interesting events of 1968 will take place on Monday evening February 5th at 7-30 p.m. in the Social Club—a film show of all 1966 Tests between Australia and Great Britain. Association members will be admitted free on production of their membership card. The charge for non-members will be 2/6 (pay at the door), but to avoid overcrowding these will be limited to 200. Intending members will be able to join the Association before or after the show.

The Committee have one or two ideas for your future entertainment, but these may not meet entirely with your approval, or you may have much better ones to suggest. We would be only too pleased to receive any suggestions either in writing or in person at the Rugby evening on February 5th.

**Pens:** The supply of almost 300 Supporters' Association pens was completely sold out in an hour before the match on Boxing Day. This is hardly surprising when you consider the value for money. A further supply has been ordered, and if received in time, will be on sale before today's match in the Social Club entrance. If so, don't miss yours this time! At 6d. each, you can't go wrong.

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And what about this for a Wembley song, composed by 19 year old Kevin Taylor of Limefield, and sung to the tune of "Tipperary."

It's a long way to go to Wembley

It's a long way for some

But that's where Wigan's going

Wembley! here we come

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- 6 HILL, D.
- 7 PARR

#### FORWARDS

- 8 STEPHENS, J.
- 9 CLARKE
- 10 WEBB
- 11 FOGERTY
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#### THREE-QUARTERS

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- 3 McCORMACK
- 4 SHELTON
- 5 DONOVAN

#### HALF-BACKS

- 6 WARBURTON
- 7 CANNING

#### FORWARDS

- 8 WILSON
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- 10 FLETCHER
- 11 IRVING
- 12 McCOURT
- 13 MADERS

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- |              |       |
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### APPEARANCES AND TRIES SCORED

(up to and including Monday, 1st January, 1968)

| Appearances          | TRIES | Appearances                                                                                                                                                      | TRIES |
|----------------------|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Ashby, R. ....       | 6 —   | Stephens, D. ....                                                                                                                                                | 5 2   |
| Ashton, E. ....      | 18 3  | Stephens, J. ....                                                                                                                                                | 26 5  |
| Boston, W. J. ....   | 11 8  | Tyrer, C. ....                                                                                                                                                   | 25 13 |
| Boyd, D. ....        | 6 2   | Walker, D. ....                                                                                                                                                  | 1 —   |
| Clarke, C. ....      | 26 1  | Webb R. ....                                                                                                                                                     | 12 1  |
| Fletcher, D. ....    | 1 —   | Wilkinson, E. ....                                                                                                                                               | 2 —   |
| Fogerty, T. ....     | 26 3  | Woosey, T. ....                                                                                                                                                  | 5 —   |
| Francis, W. ....     | 25 18 |                                                                                                                                                                  |       |
| Gardiner, R. B. .... | 18 —  |                                                                                                                                                                  | Goals |
| Gilfedder, L. ....   | 5 —   | Ashton, E. ....                                                                                                                                                  | 9     |
| Hill, C. ....        | 19 3  | Gilfedder L. ....                                                                                                                                                | 3     |
| Hill, D. ....        | 13 2  | Tyrer, C. ....                                                                                                                                                   | 70    |
| Holden, K. ....      | 16 5  |                                                                                                                                                                  |       |
| Greenall L. ....     | 2 —   | NOTE: The part of the match played by substitutes is not recorded for appearances purposes and any tries or goals scored by substitutes are recorded separately. |       |
| Jackson, J. ....     | 11 4  |                                                                                                                                                                  | Tries |
| Laughton, D. ....    | 19 2  | Holden, K. ....                                                                                                                                                  | 1     |
| Lyon, G. ....        | 21 2  |                                                                                                                                                                  | Goals |
| McIntyre, L. ....    | 1 —   | Tyrer, C. ....                                                                                                                                                   | 1     |
| O'Loughlin, K. ....  | 5 4   |                                                                                                                                                                  |       |
| Parr, F. ....        | 20 5  | Total number of Tries scored:                                                                                                                                    | 102   |
| Price S. L. ....     | 2 1   | Total number of Goals scored:                                                                                                                                    | 83    |
| Rowe, P. ....        | 25 16 |                                                                                                                                                                  |       |
| Standing, C. ....    | 5 1   |                                                                                                                                                                  |       |

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|---------|-------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| Aug. 12 | WARRINGTON (W. Cup).....H           | 8 11  | Warrington.....A             | 26 7  |
| 19      | SALFORD (Lancs. Cup).....H          | 14 18 | Salford (L.C.C.S.).....A     | 5 6   |
| 23      | Liverpool (7 p.m.).....A            | 16 7  |                              |       |
| 26      | BRAMLEY.....H                       | 53 8  |                              |       |
| 28      | Leigh (7-30 p.m.).....A             | 9 12  |                              |       |
| Sept. 1 |                                     |       | Swinton (7-30 p.m.).....A    | 13 3  |
| 2       | SWINTON.....H                       | 12 15 | ST. HELENS.....H             | 26 11 |
| 9       | Dewsbury.....A                      | 10 11 | Salford (7-0 p.m.).....A     | 12 10 |
| 12      |                                     |       |                              |       |
| 16      | Blackpool.....A                     | 29 2  |                              |       |
| 19      | Widnes (7-30 p.m.).....A            | 5 24  |                              |       |
| 23      | BARROW.....H                        | 22 12 | Barrow.....A                 | 29 15 |
| 26      | BRADFORD (F/L).....H                | 7 7   |                              |       |
| 30      | Oldham.....A                        | 17 13 | OLDHAM.....H                 | 25 11 |
| Oct. 2  | WIDNES (F/L C.).....H               | 32 6  |                              |       |
| 7       | Lancs. Cup Final.....               | 2 2   |                              |       |
| 9       | BATLEY (7-30 p.m.).....H            | 35 6  | Oldham (7-0 p.m.).....A      | 6 19  |
| 13      | AUSTRALIA (7-30 p.m.).....H         | 12 6  |                              |       |
| 21      | WORKINGTON (5-30 p.m.).....H        | 18 13 |                              |       |
| 28      | Swinton.....A                       | 13 11 | SWINTON.....H                | 14 15 |
| Nov. 4  | Huddersfield.....A                  | 7 14  | St. Helens.....A             | 4 21  |
| 11      | ROCHDALE.....H                      | 30 0  | Rochdale.....A               | 14 7  |
| 18      | Bramley.....A                       | 10 5  |                              |       |
| 22      | St. Helens (F/L C. 7-20p.m.).....A  | 22 11 |                              |       |
| 24      | DEWSBURY.....H                      | 16 20 |                              |       |
| Dec. 1  | WHITEHAVEN (7 p.m.).....H           | 31 7  | Whitehaven (2-30 p.m.).....A | 8 8   |
| 5       | Leigh (F/L C. 7-15 St. Helens)..... | 2 10  |                              |       |
| 13      | BATLEY (Revised Fixture).....H      | 11 4  |                              |       |
| 16      |                                     |       | LEIGH.....H                  | 23 7  |
| 22      | Rochdale (7-30 p.m.).....A          | 2 9   | ROCHDALE (7-30 p.m.).....H   | 6 5   |
| 26      | ST. HELENS.....H                    | 10 16 |                              |       |
| 1968 30 | LEIGH.....H                         | 8 4   | Leigh.....A                  | 21 13 |
| Jan 1   | WARRINGTON.....H                    | 11 2  |                              |       |
| 6       |                                     |       | WHITEHAVEN.....H             |       |
| 20      | Whitehaven.....A                    |       | Widnes (7-30 p.m.).....A     |       |
| 22      | OLDHAM.....H                        |       |                              |       |
| 26      |                                     |       |                              |       |
| 27      | WIDNES.....H                        |       |                              |       |
| Feb. 3  | R.L.C.C. 1st Round.....             | 10-3  |                              |       |
| 10      | BLACKPOOL.....H                     |       |                              |       |
| 17      | Workington.....A                    | 2-1   | WORKINGTON.....H             |       |
| 24      | R.L.C.C. 2nd Round.....             |       | LIVERPOOL.....H              |       |
| Mar. 1  | Barrow (7 p.m.).....A               |       | BARROW (7-0 p.m.).....H      |       |
| 9       | HUDDERSFIELD.....H                  |       | SALFORD (7-30 p.m.).....H    |       |
| 15      | Salford (7-30 p.m.).....A           |       | Liverpool.....A              |       |
| 16      | R.L.C.C. 3rd Round.....             |       | Warrington.....A             |       |
| 23      | LIVERPOOL.....H                     |       |                              |       |
| 30      | R.L.C.C. Semi-final 1.....          |       |                              |       |
| Apr. 6  | R.L.C.C. Semi-Final 2.....          |       | WARRINGTON.....H             |       |
| 12      | St. Helens.....A                    |       |                              |       |
| 13      | Warrington.....A                    |       |                              |       |
| 15      | SALFORD.....H                       |       |                              |       |
| 19      | League Champ. 1st Round.....        |       |                              |       |
| 24      | League Champ. 2nd Round.....        |       |                              |       |
| 27      | League Champ. Semi-finals.....      |       |                              |       |
| May 4   | League Champ. Final.....            |       | To rearrange:—               |       |
| 11      | R.L. Challenge Cup Final.....       |       | WIDNES.....H                 |       |
|         |                                     |       | Workington.....A             |       |