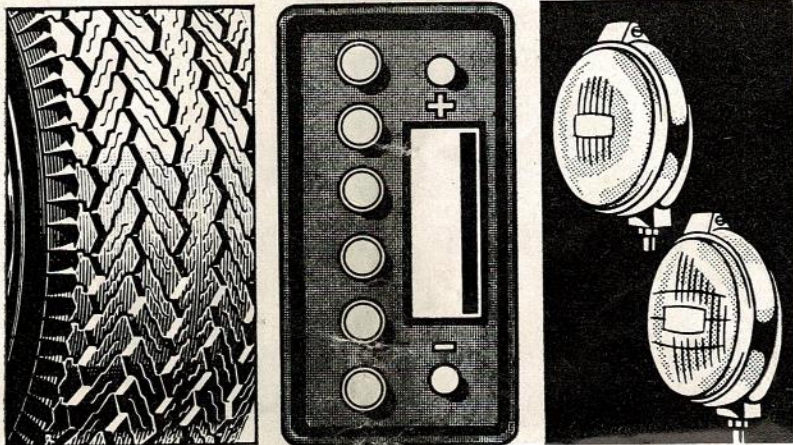


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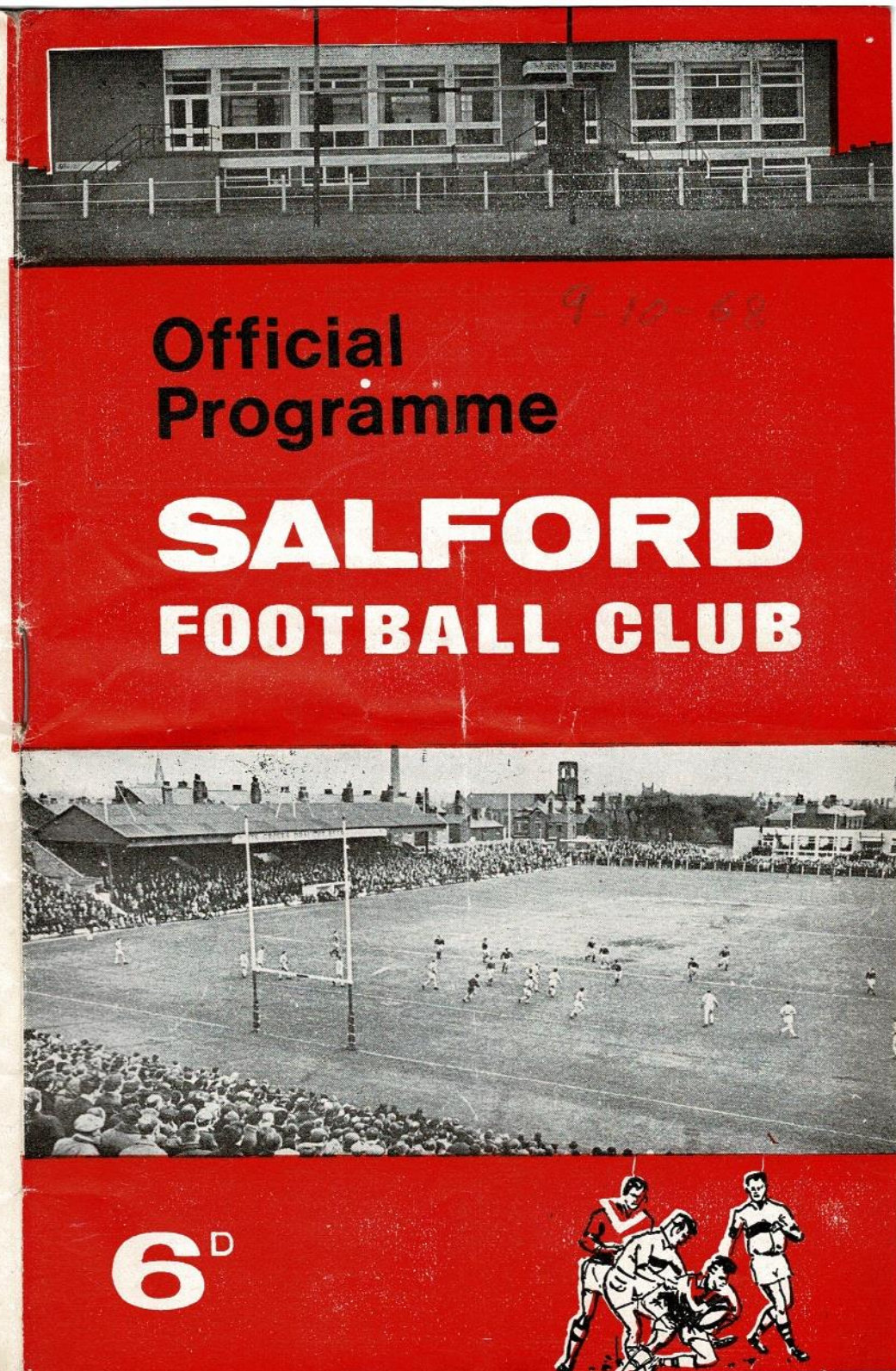
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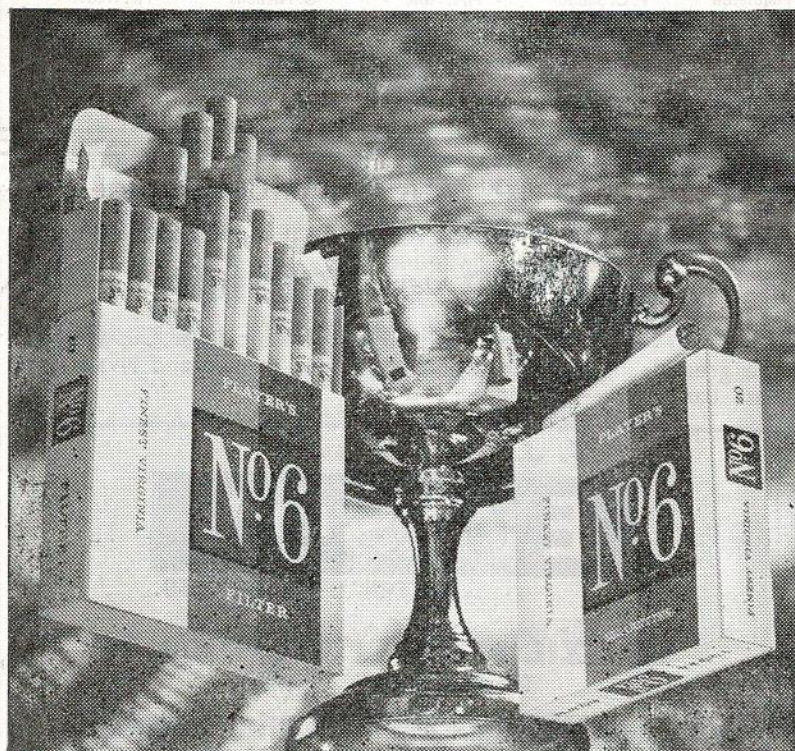
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In the Oldham line-up tonight at full back they have the former Leigh junior Martin Murphy. Martin is a grand little utility player and his copy book tackling and his intelligent running out of the ball are big features of his play. Certainly Oldham will be well served at full back in this cup tie.

Mike Elliot, the Oldham right winger, is a Welsh boy and played youth football in South Wales with our David Watkins. Early on in this season Mike was at loggerheads with his club and was transfer listed. However, they appear to have settled their differences and

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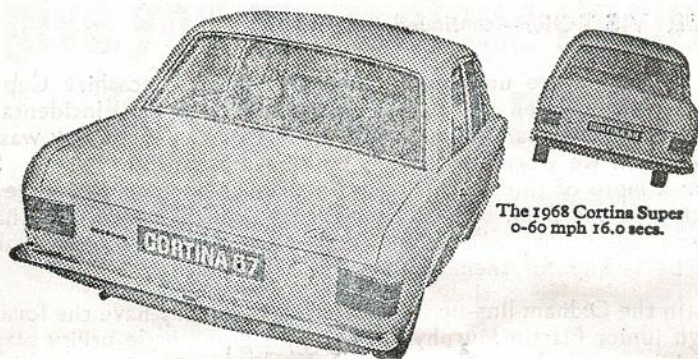
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Mike is in good form at the moment. Derek Whitehead on the other flank is well known here at The Willows from his Swinton days. Derek joined Oldham from Station Road only this season. At the moment he is Rugby League's leading goal kicker, having achieved his fiftieth goal only as recently as last Saturday. Derek possesses a devastating side step and apart from his goal kicking forte he will certainly need some marking tonight.

Derek's centre three-quarter partner is the former Wigan player Jim McCormick. Jimmy understudied quite a few famous centre stars in his Wigan days. He certainly never let the Central Park outfit down when he was drafted into the Wigan first team. Jim is a very solid defensive player and needs quite a bit of getting by.

Phil Larder is an Oldham boy well known in the Manchester Rugby Union circles, having played for all three premier teams: Sale, Manchester and Broughton Park; he also has made several appearances for Lancashire County. Phil turned pro this season with Oldham and this elusive runner is well thought of by the Watersheddings fans.

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The Oldham half back pairing of Wilf Briggs and Tommy Canning are a most workmanlike pair. Wilf is having a very good season having already scored a dozen or so tries for Oldham and dropped several goals also. Wilf reads a game accurately and backs up very well and has quite a baffling side step once he is in his running. Tommy Canning is a St. Helens lad. He also joined Oldham from the Rugby Union code. Tommy is a grafting type of scrum half with a very high work rate and is not easily overcome by any class of opposition.

The Oldham pack is a most formidable one. Claims are being made for them that they are the best set that they have had since Oldham's great days of the 50's. Tug Wilson is one of the very few English Rugby Union International forwards or players for that matter who are in our code. Tug has had a bit of an up and down career at Watersheddings, but since Charlie Bott joined us he seems to have made the Number 8 berth his own.

Kevin Taylor is the present Lancashire County hooker, having taken over from our Bob Burdell. No doubt there will be a right battle royal between these two hookers for possession at the set scrums. The Oldham skipper, Geoff Fletcher, completes the front row. Geoff is a great character and a terrific player with a colossa

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capacity for hard work and will be driving his boys all the way tonight and no doubt setting them a grand example with his verve and energy.

Second row forward Bob Irvine is a Great Britain Test player. His powerful running can spread havoc in most defences. Bob is well aided with his co-partner Charlie McCourt, the former Whitehaven and Cumberland County player.

Arthur Hughes, the Oldham loose forward, needs no introduction to us here at Salford. Arthur did good service for us when he captained our team. He will certainly be going all the match with his determined and long-range running in his endeavours to probe and break down our defence.

All in all both teams look well matched on paper and with the stakes so high for the winners with a coveted Final appearance the atmosphere could be electrified here at The Willows tonight. But naturally we are hoping from the Salford point of view that our boys are on their best form and such form will see us safely through to the final.



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Last Tuesday night we played our part in a really spectacular match with Leeds in the BBC2 Floodlit Competition. With our 24—19 defeat by Leeds we are now out of this particular competition but our performance must have delighted the thousands of people that must have watched this game on the television, and such displays can only do good for the image of Rugby League football. Even so a lot of people thought there were big doubts about several of the Leeds tries and our players lost very little prestige by this defeat.

In an effort to improve scrummaging the ball has to be put into the scrum with an upward movement in the BBC2 competition. The rule appeared to work well and it will be interesting to watch its operation in the remaining floodlit matches.

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'A' TEAM NOTES

Our "A" Team lost last Saturday at St. Helens to the Saints "A" in a very high scoring match, Saints winning 30—21. Our boys must be considered to be unfortunate to lose for they were over the St. Helens try line three times in the second half only to have all three claims for tries disallowed. Bill Churm played in half the game and he was well satisfied with the way his leg stood up to match play. Our points scorers were Murphy 3 goals, Henighan 2 tries, Ogden, Murphy and McInnes a try each. By the way Mick Henighan scored both his tries as a winger in the second half, one a tremendous run from his own 25.

Will our fans please note our "A" Team fixture with Whitehaven "A" has been switched from Saturday, October 12th, 1968, to Friday night, October, 11th kick-off 7-30 p.m. All being well Mike Coulman will make his Salford debut in this match.

The draw for the Semi-Final of the Lancashire Shield Competition in which our "A" Team is involved, has not been made as we go to press.

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Our photograph personality tonight is of our very popular player Chris Hesketh. Chris joined us last season from Wigan and he is a very popular figure with all our Salford fans. Chris is a Great Britain under 23 International and has played several times for Lancashire County since he came to The Willows. At the moment he is certainly showing top class form and it would be no injustice if he was selected for the England team to play Wales here in November next.

Chris is employed as a sales representative for a brush manufacturing firm. He is married with two little girls, and he lives with his wife and family in Wigan.



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FIRST TEAM

1968		F.	A.
Aug.	9—Final Trial (7-0) ...H		
	14—Bradford N. (7-0) ...A	11	5
	16—Hull (7-30) ...H	19	2
	21—Widnes (7-30) ...A	9	21
	24—Wakefield T. (3-0) A	12	31
	27—Bradford (7-30) H	18	12
Sept.	2—Swinton(6-0)H	3	11
	6—Warrington (7-30)H	14	3
	(Lancs. Cup)		
	15—Doncaster (3-0) ...A	18	12
	20—Whitehvn. (7-30) H	18	7
	28—Wigan (3-0) A	11	18
Oct.	4—St. Helens (7-30) H	10	10
	12—Whitehaven (3-0) A		
	18—Rochdale (7-30) ...H		
	25—Oldham (7-30) ...H		
Nov.	2—Warrington (3-0) ...A		
	8—Workington T. ...H		
	(7-30)		
	16—St. Helens (3-0) ...A		
	22—Barrow (7-30) ...H		
	30—Leigh (3-0) A		
Dec.	6—Doncaster (7-30) H		
	14—Workington (3-0) A		
	20—Wakefield T. H		
	(7-30)		
	26—Widnes ... (3-0) ...H		
	28—Hull (3-0) A		
1969			
Jan.	1—Blackpool B. (6-0) H		
	10—Leigh (7-30) ...H		
	18—Oldham (3-0) ...A		
	25—R.L. Cup—1st Rd.		
Feb.	1—Huyton (3-0) ...A		
	7—Barrow (7-0) ...A		
	15—R.L. Cup—2nd Rd.		
	21—Warrington H		
	(7-30)		
Mar.	15—Rochdale H. (3-0) A		
Apr.	4—Blackpool B. (3-0) ...A		
	5—Swinton (3-0) ...A		
	7—Wigan(3-0) ...H		
	11—Huyton (7-30) ...H		

'A' TEAM

1968		F.	A.
Aug.	24—Widnes A	14	12
Sept.	1—Swinton A	22	8
	7—Warrington A	24	23
	(Lancs. Shield)		
	13—Warrington H	24	17
	(Lancs. Shield)		
	21—Whitehaven A	3	5
	27—Widnes H	P	
Oct.	5—St. Helens A	21	20
	12—Whitehaven H		
	19—Rochdale H. A		
	26—Oldham A		
Nov.	1—Warrington H		
	9—Workington T. ...A		
	15—St. Helens H		
	23—Barrow A		
	29—Leigh H		
Dec.	14—Workington T. ...H		
	27—Wigan A		
	11—Leigh A		
	17—Oldham H		
	24—Wigan H		
1969			
Jan.	11—Leigh A		
	17—Oldham H		
	24—Wigan H		
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	28—Swinton H		
Mar.	14—Rochdale H. H		
Apr.	12—Huyton A		

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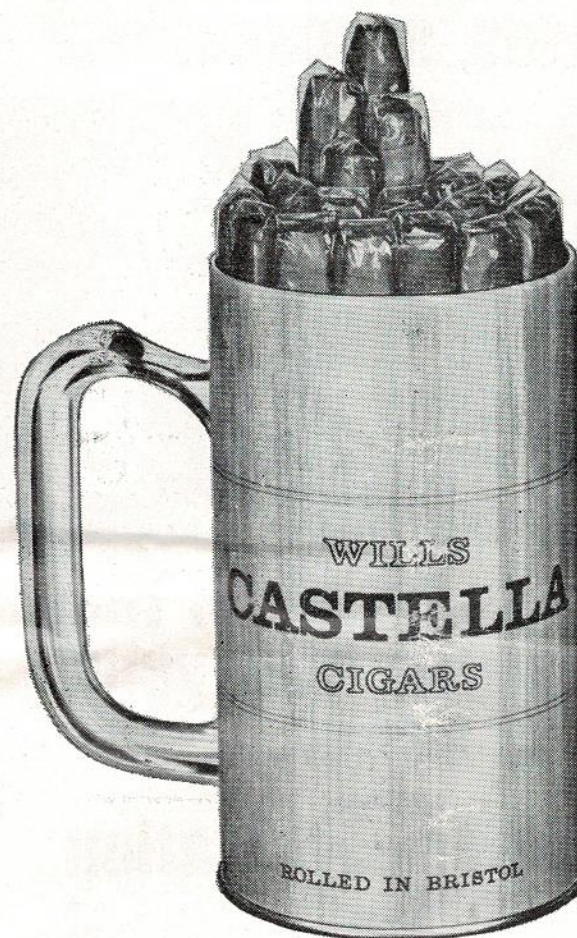
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