



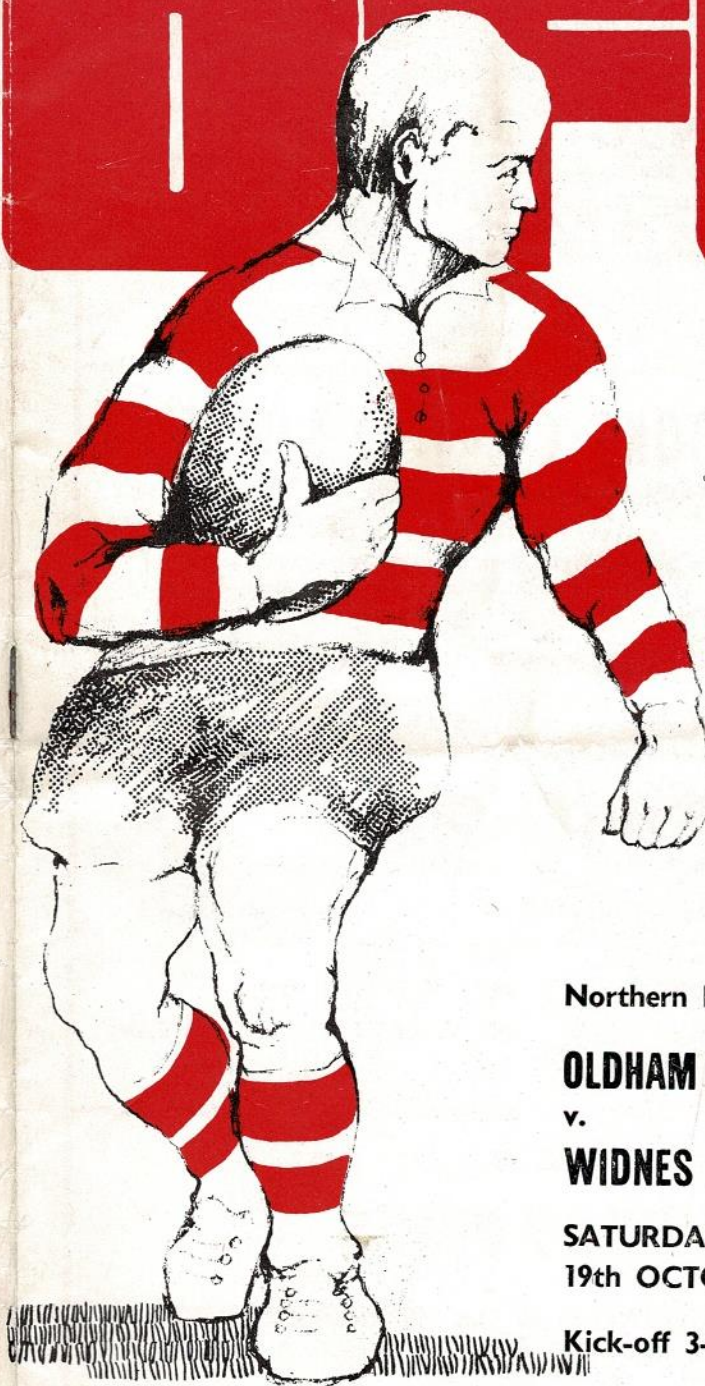
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WE RISE AND THEN FALL

Our brilliant win against the odds over Salford last Wednesday week was followed by a determined effort against Featherstone Rovers on Saturday last and a game we lost but should have won at Rochdale on Tuesday.

The Salford match was indeed a tonic, with our boys on top for most of the game and entering the Lancashire Cup Final for the second time in three years. We hope that our luck in this year's final will be better than we had when we played Wigan at Swinton and were defeated by 16 points to 13.

Every man played his part at Salford in making it a great night for all connected with the Oldham Clyb, players, officials and supporters alike. Our following was tremendous and the players certainly appreciated the shouts of encouragement from the packed terraces.

The final as you all know is against St. Helens, at Wigan on Friday October 25th at 7-30 p.m.

Stand tickets at 12/6 and 7/6 are on general sale this afternoon. Ringside are also available at 6/-. It is not an all ticket match.

We will be playing at Wigan in a brand new kit bought for us by the Social Club lounge patrons who have had a raffle each week, the proceeds of which have gone to our kit fund. Oldham will play in their own Cherry

& White Jerseys, blue shorts and red stockings, while St. Helens will turn out in the White Jerseys with Red a 'V', white shorts and white stockings.

If we win, the Cup will be on view on the Town Hall steps on the Monday after the game at 8-45 p.m. The Mayor, Alderman Robert Bailey, has kindly arranged a civic reception for the team and officials on this date.

Going back to the Featherstone match, our boys again covered themselves with glory and ran the Rovers very close with a team which included six reserves in the absence of Elliott, Donovan, Whitehead, Fletcher, McCourt and Hughes.

Early in the second half with the score at 12-9, the lads feel had they got in front then, the result could have been so different. We feel also that the result we have been different had Ken Wilson not been absent in the second half with severe concussion. As it was Featherstone got on top late in the game and ran out rather flattering winners by 23 points to 12.

At Rochdale there is no doubt that we should have won. After being ten points in front after twenty minutes play there should have been no doubt about the result. As it was Rochdale were allowed to get back in the game and snatched victory in the closing minutes with a hotly disputed try. Conse-

quently our run in the BBC 2 Competition has ended, again at the first hurdle. In previous years we have lost in the first round matches against Barrow at home and St. Helens away.

WELCOME TO WIDNES

It is indeed a great pleasure to welcome to Watersheddings, our friends from Naughton Park, Widnes. Widnes always come with the tradition of playing good hard football and we hope that this afternoon will be no exception.

Ray Dutton is playing good football for the 'Chemics' and is a present member of the Lancashire County side. He played at Hull recently when Lancashire were narrowly defeated by Yorkshire and is selected again for the clash with Cumberland at St. Helens next weekend.

Wingman Ian Hare was recently transfer listed by the Widnes Club and is, at present, playing in Junior football, surely someone will be able to persuade this clever fast wingman to return to the Naughton Park fold.

The departure of Frank Myler to St. Helens two years ago was a body blow at the time, but gradually the Club have managed to cope without him. Dennis O'Neill (another Lancashire player) has filled Myler's berth more than adequately and new signing from Huyton, John Smith, has also slotted in well at Widnes.

I rate the Widnes scrum half, Boylan, as one of the best in the league. He is nippy round the scrum and is also elusive in the loose.

Their pack, well led by yet another County player, Ray French, is a strong mobile unit, and with George Kemel having plenty of hooking experience, we should see an interesting battle for possession this afternoon.

Taking everything into consideration this could be a very good game. Let us hope the players play their part in keeping the game flowing all the time.

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Standing Enclosure tickets at 5/- are still available at R.L. Offices, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7 for the 1969 Cup Final. When the tickets for this match are distributed, an application for tickets for the following Final will be enclosed. This gives the attenders at one match an early chance of obtaining seating tickets for the next match. Apart from the finalists' allocations, the seating tickets for the 1969 Final were all sold by the end of May 1968. The same could happen next year. Apply NOW for your Standing Enclosure 1969 tickets.

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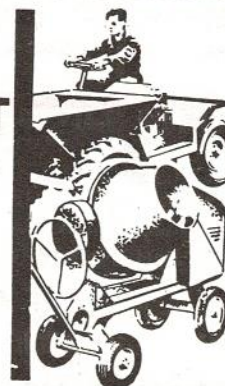
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The Draw of the First-Round of the 'Sevens' competition has resulted: St. Pat's 'B' v Hathershaw 'C'; Parish 'D' v Hathershaw 'B'; St. Mary's v Parish 'C';

Roundthorn v Hathershaw 'A'; Parish 'B' v St. Hilda's 'A'; Derker 'A' v St. Pat's 'A'; Parish 'A' v Derker 'B'; St. Hilda's 'B' v Watersheddings.

The Knock-Out competition first round draw is:- Preliminary Round, St. Mary's v St. Hilda's. First Round, Hathershaw v Watersheddings; Roundthorn v Derker; St. Mary's or St. Hilda's v Parish 'B'; St. Pat's v Parish 'A'

In the Inter-Town competition, Oldham have a bye into the semi-final and have drawn a home game with the winners of Leigh v Warrington. The Champion School competition draw will see the local champions visiting Leigh in the first round, with the winners to meet the Champion Wigan School away in the semi-final.

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Date	Club	Grd.	F	A
Aug. 10	Blackpool (friendly) ...	home	37...27	
17	Huddersfield	away	14...19	
19	Blackpool	home	29... 5	
24	Featherstone R.	home	22...24	
28	Rochdale H.	away	14...22	
31	Workington T.	away	10...29	
Sept. 6	Rochdale (Lancs. Cup) ..	away	17... 5	
9	Blackpool B.	away	44...10	
14	Hunslet	away	22...14	
21	Wigan	home	4... 9	
28	Doncaster	away	26...10	
Oct. 5	Huddersfield	home	15...13	
12	Featherstone R.	away	12...23	
19	Widnes	home		
25	Salford	away		
Nov. 2	Whitehaven	home		
9	Wigan	away		
16	Warrington	home		
23	Whitehaven	away		
30	St. Helens	away		
Dec. 7	Hunslet	home		
14	Leigh	home		
20	Widnes	away		
26	Swinton	home		
28	Warrington	away		
Jan. 4	Huyton	home		
11	Huyton	away		
18	Salford	home		
Feb. 1	Leigh	away		
8	St. Helens	home		
Mar. 1	Workington T.	home		
8	Barrow	home		
15	Doncaster	home		
Apr. 4	Swinton (G.F.)	away		
7	Rochdale H. (E.M.) ...	home		
11	Barrow	away		

'A' TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Club	Grd.	F	A
Aug. 31	Workington 'A'	home		
Sept. 7	Rochdale 'A' (Shield) ..	away		
14	Rochdale 'A' (Shield) ..	home		
21	Wigan 'A'	away		
Oct. 12	Rochdale 'A'	home		
19	Widnes 'A'	away		
26	Salford 'A'	home		
Nov. 2	Whitehaven 'A'	away		
9	Wigan 'A'	home		
16	Warrington 'A'	away		
23	Whitehaven 'A'	home		
30	St. Helens 'A'	home		
Dec. 14	Leigh 'A'	away		
21	Widnes 'A'	home		
28	Warrington 'A'	home		
Jan. 4	Huyton 'A'	away		
11	Huyton 'A'	home		
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Feb. 1	Leigh 'A'	home		
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8	Barrow 'A'	away		
21	Swinton 'A'	away		
Apr. 7	Rochdale 'A'	away		
12	Barrow 'A'	home		
19	Swinton 'A'	home		

Times of Kick-off

All Saturday games at home k.o. 3 p.m. Evening k.o.'s as advertised. All 1st & 'A' team matches.

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