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OLDHAM



Friday, 25th October, 1968

Kick-off 7-30 p.m.

Official Programme - 1/-



Back Row L. to R.: G. REES, B. SAYER, C. WATSON, K. COSLETT, E. CHISNALL, J. WARLOW, F. WILSON
Front Row: K. WILLIAMS, A. WHITTLE, T. BISHOP, B. BENYON, F. MYLER, E. PRESCOTT

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP FINAL

FRIDAY, 25th OCTOBER, KICK-OFF 7-30 p.m.

OFFICIAL NOTES

Once again we are privileged to stage the Final of the Lancashire County Rugby Football Challenge Cup, and we appreciate the confidence of the Lancashire County Committee in allocating Wigan this match. This is the *Seventh* Final to be held at Central Park in *Ten* years and the *Fourteenth* in all.

This will be St. Helens twelfth appearance in the Lancashire Cup Final since the war having won the trophy on seven occasions. It is Oldham's sixth appearance in this Final, having previously won three and lost two.

This evening is the third meeting between the two sides since the war. Oldham being successful in 1956 by 10-3, and in 1958 by 12-2. St. Helens have not beaten Oldham in a Lancashire Cup Final since the Competition commenced in 1905.

Both teams are playing good football this season and we look forward to an exciting match this evening.

THE PRESENTATION

Mrs. A. H. Catterall wife of the Lancashire County President will present the trophy at the end of the match to the captain of the winning team.

In the event of a draw this evening, the Final will be replayed at Swinton on Wednesday 30th October at 7-30 p.m.

ST. HELENS RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

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AUSTIN RHODES *Full back.*

Originally a Saints player — graduating at Knowsley Road — holds the Club goalkicking record — a player of great experience who moved to Leigh, then Swinton and is now back with his home town team.

Height 5ft. 9ins.; Weight 11st. 7lbs.

FRANK WILSON *Right Wing threequarter.*

Recent signing from Cardiff R.U. Club was in the trial for the British Lions Tour and is leading Club try scorer in his short association with the Club.

Height 6ft. 0ins.; Weight 13st. 2lbs.

WILLIAM BENYON *Right Centre threequarter.*

Local product through 'C' and 'B' teams. Strong attacker and defender — has played for Lancashire.

Height 5ft. 9ins.; Weight 13st. 5lbs.

FRANK MYLER *Left Centre threequarter.*

Secured from Widnes at a high fee. Lancashire and England player and British Tourist. Powerful and elusive. Could win a game off his own bat.

Height 5ft. 9½ins.; Weight 12st. 8lbs.

LES JONES *Left Wing threequarter.*

Another local from the Junior ranks. Great promise for the future — Lancashire County player — strong runner and very hard defender.

Height 5ft. 10ins.; Weight 13st. 0lb.

ALAN WHITTLE *Stand-off half back.*

From 'C' and 'B' team nursery. Very deceiving player when on the run and a bright prospect.

Height 5ft. 8ins.; Weight 11st. 8lbs.

THOMAS BISHOP *Scrummage half back.*

Hardly needs any introduction — one of the personalities of the game — played for Blackpool Borough and Barrow before being signed by St. Helens with whom he has won every honour and is now the Captain of the team.

Height 5ft. 7ins.; Weight 11st. 0lbs.

JOHN WARLOW *Front Row forward.*

Welsh R.U. International from Llanelly. A strong forward and World Cup selection.

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WILLIAM SAYER *Hooker.*

International and County — former Wigan player whom St. Helens secured at what has proved to be a bargain price — hence his recent recall to the Lancashire County team.

Height 5ft. 10ins.; Weight 13st. 11lbs.

CLIFF WATSON *Front Row forward.*

This great powerful forward who has graduated with St. Helens into an International has played against Australia, New Zealand and France. Signed through newspaper advert.

Height 6ft. 0in.; Weight 15st. 7lbs.

GRAHAM REES *Second Row forward.*

Joined St. Helens via Salford and Swinton. A product of Maesteg R.U. Club. Very powerful forward. Colliery fitter.

Height 5ft. 11ins.; Weight 15st. 2lbs.

ERIC CHISNALL *Second Row forward.*

Yet again a local but strangely enough the only one in this pack. Had trials at Wigan then joined St. Helens and is improving all the time. Rewarded by selection for Lanes.

Height 6ft.; Weight 15 st. 4lbs.

KEL COSLETT *Loose forward.*

Welsh International R.U. full back, moved to loose forward after injury. A move that has proved a great success. A reliable goalkicker.

Height 6ft. 0ins.; Weight 13st. 8lbs.

SUBSTITUTES AND RESERVES.

TONY BARROW *Utility back.*

Having played in all threequarter positions and a useful player to have around — local product.

Height 5ft. 10ins.; Weight 12st. 4lbs.

BRIAN HOGAN *Second Row forward.*

A player of the future, age definately on his side — at 20 yrs. Big, strong and fast. Another local who whould make good.

Height 6ft. 0ins.; Weight 15st. 7lbs.

PETER GARTLAND *Utility back.*

21 yrs. Again local product of the Juniors.

Height 5ft. 9ins.; Weight 12st. 6lbs.

TONY KARALIUS *Hooker or Second Row forward.*

Signed from Widnes and is a brother of Vince.

Height 5ft. 9ins.; Weight 13st. 7lbs.

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SEASON 1968-59

ST. HELENS

(White, Red V, White Shorts)

FULL-BACK

1 Austin RHODES

THREEQUARTERS

2 Frank WILSON

3 Bill BENYON

4 Frank MYLER

5 Ken WILLIAMS

HALF-BACKS

6 Alan WHITTLE

7 Tommy BISHOP (Capt.)

FORWARDS

8 John WARLOW

9 Bill SAYER

10 Cliff WATSON

11 Graham REES

12 Eric CHISNALL

13 Kel COSLETT

SUBSTITUTES

14 John HOUGHTON

15 Brian HOGAN

OLDHAM

(Red and White, Blue Shorts)

FULL-BACK

1 Martin MURPHY

THREEQUARTERS

2 Mike ELLIOTT

3 Phil LARDER

4 Jim McCORMACK

5 Derek WHITEHEAD

HALF-BACKS

6 Wilf BRIGGS

7 Tommy CANNING

FORWARDS

8 Ken WILSON

9 Kevin TAYLOR

10 Geoff FLETCHER (Capt.)

11 Bob IRVING

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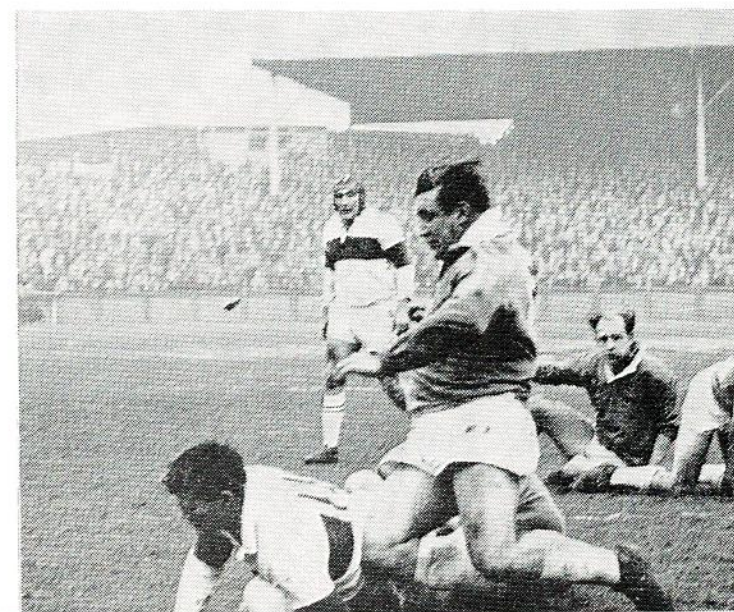
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KEVIN TAYLOR *Hooker.*

Kevin signed for the Oldham Club from a local junior side. Has come on in leaps and bounds. An ever present in the first team this season. Has also represented Lancashire County. Excellent hooker and has a tremendous ability to follow the man in possession. Resident in Oldham.

Age 22; Height 5ft. 9ins.; 13st. 0lb.

GEOFF FLETCHER *Front Row forward.*

A bargain buy from Leigh for just £1,500. Now worth ten times that amount, at least. Equally at home in the back three of the pack but has made the No. 10 position his own. Lancashire Cap, still only 24 years old. Geoff is a pig farmer. Captain. Resident in St. Helens.

Age 24; Height 6ft. 2ins.; Weight 15st. 7lbs.

BOB IRVING *Second Row forward.*

Signed from Huddersfield St. Joseph's Club, from under the nose of Fartown officials. Great Britain second rower last season and is now back to his best form. He must surely be knocking on the international door again. Has still not represented Yorkshire County. There must be something wrong somewhere. Resident in Huddersfield.

Age 20; Height 5ft. 10ins.; Weight 14st. 10lbs.

CHARLIE McCOURT *Second Row forward.*

Signed from Whitehaven for £1,350 plus Alf Mumberson who joined Whitehaven. Is at present in good form. Great cover tackler. Ever present this season with one exception when a family bereavement made him unavailable for the Featherstone (Away) game. Resident now in Oldham.

Age 23; 6ft. 3ins.; 14st. 10lbs.

ARTHUR HUGHES *Loose forward.*

A bargain buy from Salford for £2,000. Arthur has made a firm impression at Watersheddings and at present is Club Vice Captain. Injured in the semi-final at Salford but has made a fine recovery to be fit for tonight. Arthur is Resident in Warrington.

Age 26; Height 6ft. 0ins.; Weight 14st. 5lbs.

DENNIS MADERS *Loose forward.*

Has been deputising well in the absence of Hughes. Strong and hard forward. Fearless, but no doubt will be relegated to substitute tonight with the return of Hughes.

Age 21; Height 6ft. 0ins.; Weight 14st. 6lbs.

JOHN DONOVAN *Centre.*

John, signed from St. Helens some four years ago is at present injured. He sustained an ankle injury at Salford in the Semi-final. Clever footballer. John has recently moved homes from St. Helens to Brighouse in Yorkshire. Has had a luckless season with injuries of one kind or another.

Age 27; Height 5ft. 10ins; Weight 13st. 2lbs.

TREVOR BUCKLEY *Centre.*

Trevor signed for the Club after very little rugby experience. Was originally tipped for stardom with Manchester United but eventually decided Rugby was the game he enjoyed most. Another player who has been plagued by injuries. Resident in Oldham.

Age 24; Height 5ft. 10½ins.; Weight 12st. 9lbs.

MARTIN MURPHY *Full back.*

Resident in Leigh, signed just over 18 months ago from Leigh Junior side Astley and Tyldesley Colls. What he lacks in size he makes up for in Courage. Great defensive player with also a flair for attack.

Age 20; Weight 11st. 5lb. Height 5ft. 9ins.

MIKE ELLIOTT *Wing threequarter.*

Signed from Cardiff R.U. five years ago. In fine form at present. Was the Club's leading try scorer last season. Strongly tipped to make the Welsh Rugby League side. Resident in Oldham.

Age 23; Height 5ft. 10ins. Weight 13st. 7lbs.

PHILIP LARDER *Right Centre threequarter.*

Signed from Sale R.U. Club at the commencement of this season. Phil has also played for Broughton Park R.U. and Manchester R.U. Has settled down well at Watersheddings and has made the centre position his own. Excellent goal kicker. Resident in Delph, Oldham.

Age 23; Height 5ft. 11ins.; Weight 13½st.

JIM McCORMACK *Centre.*

Signed from Wigan over four years ago. Jim was left out of the semi-final team against Salford but is almost certain to be included this evening. Jim won't have far to travel today as he lives quite close to Central Park.

Age 27; Height 6ft. 0 ins; Weight 14 st. 7 lbs.

DEREK WHITEHEAD *Wing threequarter.*

Equally at home at full back, Derek was signed from Swinton earlier in the season for £4,000. Is at present amongst the leagues leading goal kickers with 51 to his credit already. Has played for Lancashire this season. Resident in Swinton.

Age 24; Height 5ft. 11ins. Weight 13st. 0lb.

WILF BRIGGS *Stand-off half back.*

Another player who is well up in the League scoring charts. Wilf has scored 13 tries so far this season. Signed from Leigh in February in part exchange when Tom Warburton joined Leigh. At present on the transfer list at £6,000. Resident in Warrington.

Age 23; Height 5ft. 8ins; Weight 12st. 6lbs.

TOMMY CANNING *Scrummage-half back.*

Former Vulcan R.U. player. Turned professional just over three years ago. Has been a regular member of the first team for some time. Canning will be all out to keep the scrum half position his own despite the Club's signing of 'Ged' Smith. Ged is not eligible for today. Canning is resident in St. Helens.

Age 23; Height 5ft. 7ins. Weight 11st. 7lbs.

KEN 'TUG' WILSON *Front Row forward.*

Signed from Gloucester R.U. Club four years ago. Very strong forward and good scrummager. Has missed only one game this season. Resident in Oldham.

Age 28; Height 6ft. 2ins.; Weight 15st. 7lbs.

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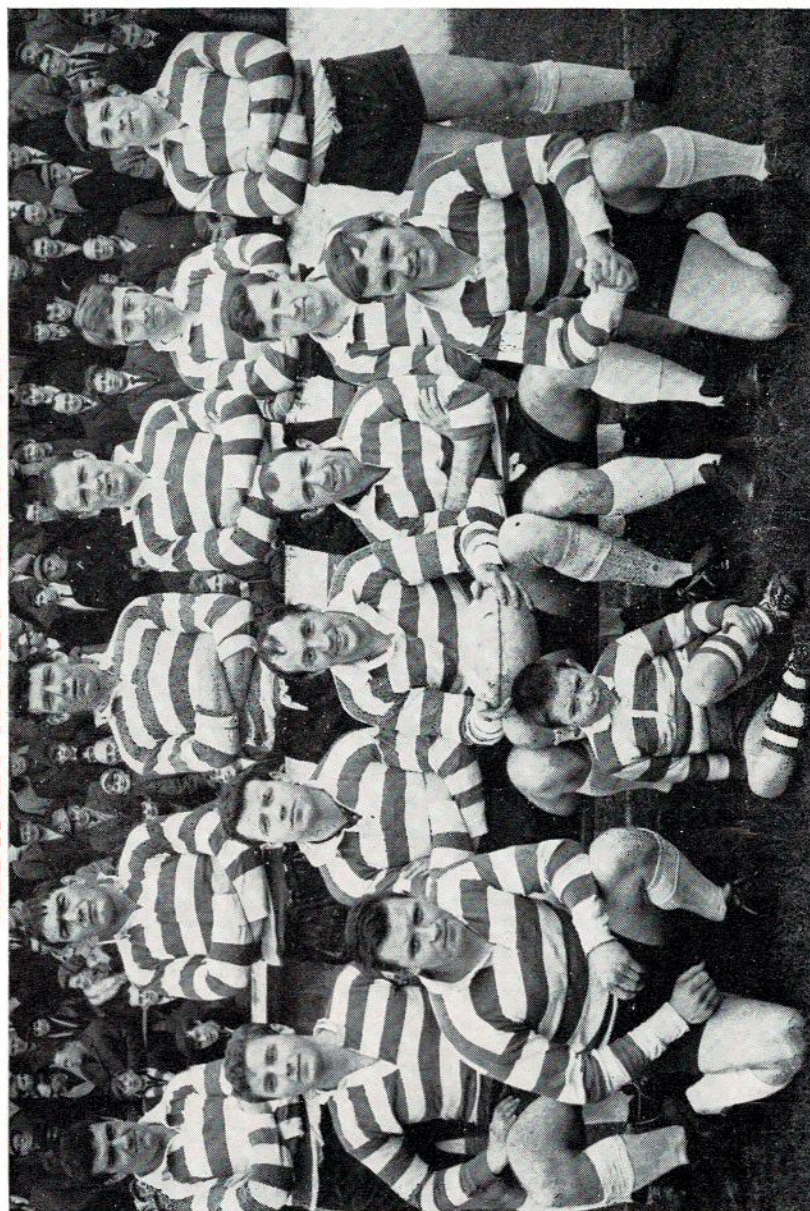
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Back Row L. to R.: B. CURRY, K. WILSON, C. MCCOURT, A. HUGHES, M. MURPHY, B. IRVING
Front Row: K. TAYLOR, J. MCCORMACK, G. FLETCHER (Capt.), T. DOLLY, J. DONOVAN Kneeling: W. BRIGGS, T. CANNING

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