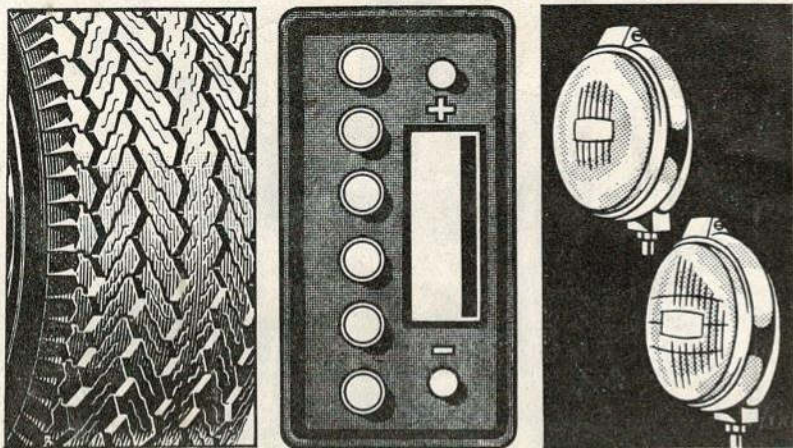


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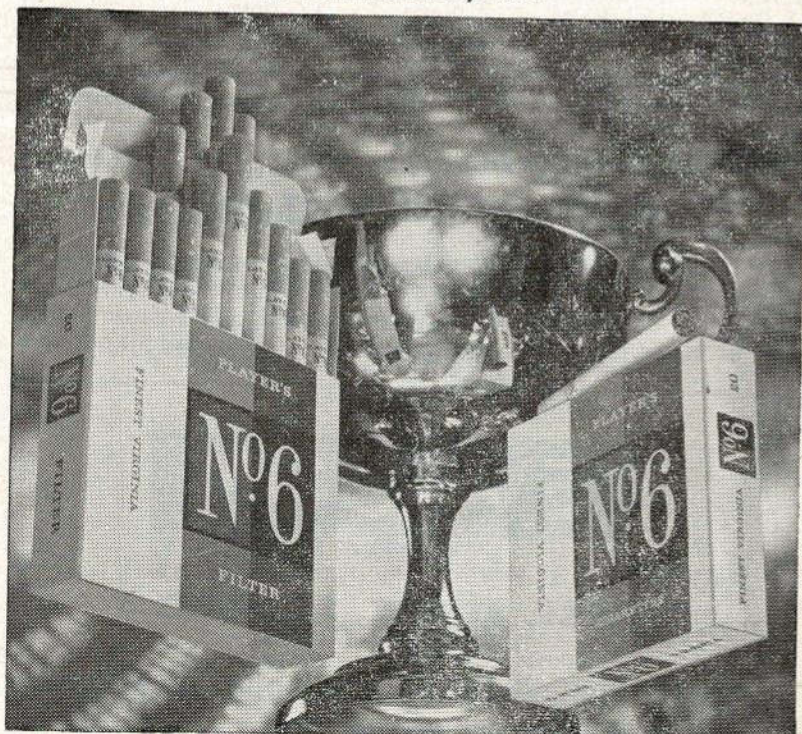
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wishes when they met St. Helens in the final last Friday night. However, success was not to be theirs. In the first half they looked to be the better team, pinning Saints down for long periods in their own half, but they missed two try scoring chances and no team can afford to do this in a cup tie against St. Helens.

During the interval the Oldham Club Doctor ruled out skipper Geoff Fletcher who had sustained a fractured hand. This injury meant a switch in the Oldham pack formation in the set scrums. In the first half Kevin Taylor had just out hooked the formidable "Sos Sayer, but with the re-arranged pack Kevin was overwhelmed for possession in the second half.

This was a great factor in turning the match St. Helens' way, after they had turned round at half time 2-0 down. To add to Oldham's problems their open side prop, former English Rugby Union forward Tug Wilson was also virtually a passenger, although he gallantly played on with a damaged shoulder.

Both Geoff and Tug will not be in tonight's Oldham line up, so as we go to press the Oldham front row is not settled other than hooker Kevin Taylor, who will play. May we take this opportunity to contragulate Kevin on his selection for England next week in the game versus Wales—congratulations also to Bobby Prosser and David Watkins in the Welsh XIII.

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Tonight's Oldham full back, former Leigh junior, Martin Murphy had a great game for his team in last Friday's final in spite of their crushing defeat. The Oldham flankers are Mike Elliot, a Welsh boy who played youth football down in Wales with our Captain, David Watkins. The other winger Derek Whitehead is well known here at The Willows, for he is the former Swinton utility back. Derek at the moment is one of the game's leading goal kickers and no doubt he will make us pay dearly if we are foolish enough to give him too many shots this evening. The centre pairing of experienced Jim McCormick and recent Rugby Union signing Old boy Phil Larder must be a sound combination. Jim under-studied quite a few centre stars in the many seasons that he was at Wigan and he always impressed when he was drafted into the first team with his solid defensive style of play. Phil is well known in the Manchester Rugby Union circles having played for Lancashire County and all three premier teams, Broughton Park, Sale and Manchester at some period or other. Phil with his elusive running and deputy goal kicker for Derek Whitehead is proving to be a big favourite with the Watersheddings fans.

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Alan Whittle when having a fair share of the ball. Wilf is enjoying a good season being one of Rugby League's leading try scorers, and he also has the flair to drop goals. Tommy hails from St. Helens, he is a grafting type of half back with a high work rate and he is not overawed by any class of opposition.

We have already written about Oldham's forward problems but no doubt the six who will be doing duty tonight will create plenty of headaches for our fellows. Second row forward Bobby Irvine is a Great Britain Test player. His powerful running can spread havoc into many defences and no doubt will ensure him of many more Test appearances in the future. Bob's second row partner is Charlie McCourt, the former Whitehaven and Cumberland County player.

Arthur Hughes, the Oldham loose forward these days, needs no introduction to us here at Salford, for Arthur gave us very good service during his career here at The Willows. One can rest assured that he will be going all the time in this game with his determined and long range running in his endeavours to probe and break down our defence.

This evening's game soon gives our players the opportunity to extract their revenge on the Oldham side for our Cup defeat, but nobody known better than them that there will have to be a vast improvement in their play if they are to achieve this objective.

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Apparently there is quite some confusion about our game with Warrington at Wilderspool this weekend. Some of the papers and Fixture Cards have it to be played on Saturday next, November 2nd. This is an error! The game is scheduled to be played on FRIDAY NIGHT NEXT, November 1st, kick off 7-30 p.m.

Writing about the England and Wales game, at the moment Bob Prosser is out of action nursing a fractured nose, but Bobby should be fit and well for the International match to renew his partnership with David Watkins. Peter Smethurst is also out at the moment with a niggling knee injury.

The club has obtained the playground area of Tootal Road School as a car park. Please note that on match nights the only entrance is from Kennedy Road. There is room for some 400 cars—so this should help our car parking problem considerably.

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"A" TEAM NOTES

Since our last issue our 'A' Team boys have pulled off two great wins away from home which have taken us to the top of the Lancashire Combination Table. This position is remarkable as only one of these fixtures has been played at home.

Rochdale 'A' were shocked when they last 11-6 to our 'A' Team on October 19th. Paul Murphy was the man of the match, scoring all our points with four goals and a try. This was the first time Rochdale 'A' have been beaten this season.

Last Saturday we won 11-5 against Oldham—Paul kicked four further goals out of five attempts and hit the upright with his unsuccessful shot. Mike Kelly ran in our try.

In the semi-final of the Lancashire Shield our opponents are now Leigh, who beat Whitehaven. The dates for the two legs of the Semi-Final have not yet been fixed.

Appended are the First Four positions in the Combination League Table up to and including 26th October, 1968:—

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HESKETH	16	4	—	12
BETTINSON	5	2	—	6
WATKINS	10	3	7	23
PROSSER	14	4	—	12
BOTT	16	3	—	9
BURDELL	8	1	—	3
DICKENS	8	—	—	—
HALLIWELL	16	2	3	12
WHITEHEAD	16	3	—	9
SMETHURST	14	1	1	5
BRENNAN	16	2	2	10
MURPHY	5	1	2	7
CHURM	2	—	—	—
CRANK	5	—	—	—
JACKSON	9	3	1	11
SOUTHWARD	7	4	—	12
HARDICRE	2	1	—	3
HENIGHAN	1	—	—	—
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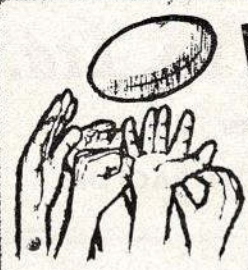
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FIRST TEAM

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	21	2
	18—Rochdale (7-30) ...H	7	10
	30—Oldham (7-30) ...H		
Nov.	1—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	30	7
	19—Rochdale H. ...A	11	6
	26—Oldham ...A	11	5
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		
	31—Huyton ...H		
Feb.	8—Barrow ...H		
	28—Swinton ...H		
Mar.	14—Rochdale H. ...H		
Apr.	12—Huyton ...A		

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