

FIXTURES—SEASON 1968-69

Day	Date	FIRST TEAM Opponents	Time	Venue	Result F. A.	Day	Date	'A' TEAM Opponents	Time	Venue	Result F. A.
1968						1968					
F.	Aug. 9	Leigh (A & B Cup)	7.30	H	24 21	S.	Aug. 10	Leigh			
F.	16	Swinton	7.30	H	17 11	S.		(Farrell Cup)	3.00	A	12 22
W.	21	Salford	7.30	H	21 9	S.	17	Swinton	3.00	A	11 20
S.	24	Hull	3.00	A	11 25	S.	24	Salford	3.00	H	12 14
S.	31	St. Helens	3.00	A	9 24	S.	31	St. Helens	3.00	H	11 8
M.	Sept. 2	Warrington	3.30	A	18 16	S.	7	Huyton (L.C.C.S.)	3.00	H	22 9
F.	6	Huyton (L.C.)	7.30	H	16 15	M.	16	Huyton (L.C.C.S.)	6.45	A	15 10
S.	14	Huddersfield	3.00	H	16 13	S.	21	Barrow	3.00	A	11 7
W.	18	St. Helens (L.C.)	7.30	H	17 20	F.	27	Salford	7.30	A	P 2
F.	20	Barrow	7.00	A	12 13	S.	Oct. 5	Leigh	3.00	A	20 8
S.	28	Hull	3.00	H	6 25	S.	12	Warrington	3.00	A	11 26
F.	Oct. 4	Leigh	7.30	A	8 18	S.	19	Oldham	3.00	H	25 2
F.	11	Warrington	7.30	H	7 21	S.	Nov. 2	Workington T.	3.00	H	P 9
S.	19	Oldham	3.00	A	9 17	S.	13	Huyton	7.30	H	18 9
S.	26	Featherstone R.	3.00	H	12 12	S.	23	Workington			
S.	Nov. 2	Workington T.	3.00	A	0 10	S.		L.C.C.S.	3.00	H	12 19
F.	8	Blackpool B.	7.30	H	8 11	S.	30	Warrington	3.00	A	7 9
S.	16	Doncaster	3.00	H	31 3	S.	Dec. 7	Workington T.	3.00	A	
S.	23	Huddersfield	3.00	A	16 2	S.	14	Swinton	3.00	H	
S.	30	Featherstone R.	3.00	A	10 5	S.	21	Oldham	3.00	A	
F.	Dec. 6	Workington T.	7.30	H	20 8	1969	28	Rochdale H.	3.00	A	
S.	14	Swinton	3.00	A	P	S.	Jan. 4	Whitehaven	3.00	H	
F.	20	Oldham	7.30	H		S.	11	Barrow	3.00	A	
Th.	26	Salford	3.00	A		S.	18	Wigan	3.00	A	
F.	27	Rochdale	7.30	H		S.	Feb. 8	Whitehaven	3.00	A	
1969						S.	22	St. Helens	3.00	A	
S.	Jan. 4	Whitehaven	3.00	A		S.	Mar. 1	Huyton	3.00	A	
F.	10	Barrow	7.30	H		S.	15	Wigan	3.00	A	
S.	18	Wigan	3.00	A		S.	Apr. 5	Huyton	3.00	A	
S.	25	1st Rd. R.L.C.C.				S.	12	Leigh	3.00	A	
S.	Feb. 1	Doncaster	3.00	A		S.	19	Rochdale H.	3.00	A	
F.	7	Whitehaven	7.30	H							
S.	15	2nd Rd. R.L.C.C.									
F.	21	St. Helens	7.30	H							
S.	Mar. 1	Huyton	3.00	A							
S.	8										
F.	14	Wigan	7.30	H							
S.	22	S.F. R.L.C.C.									
S.	29	S.F. R.L.C.C.									
S.	Apr. 5	Blackpool	3.00	A							
E.M.	7	Huyton	3.00	H							
F.	11	Leigh	7.30	H							
F.	18	Rochdale H.	7.30	A							

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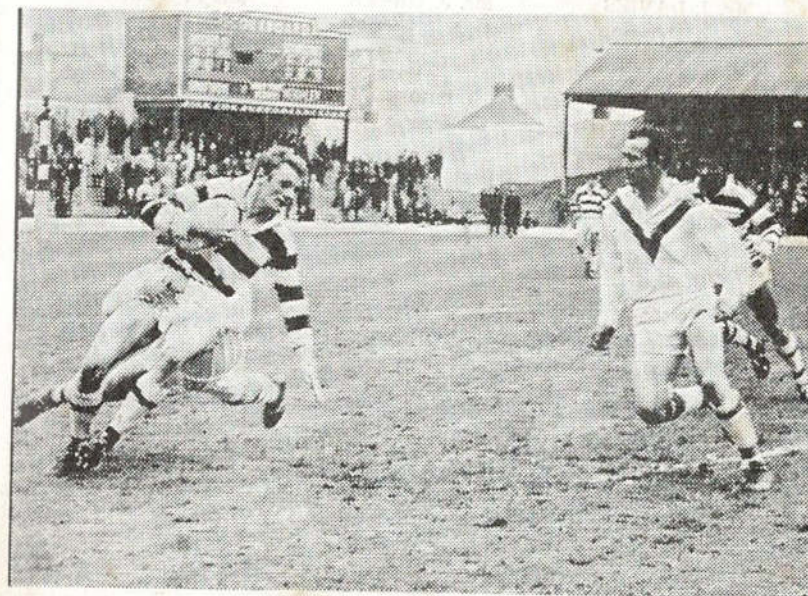
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Oldham, tonight's visitors, have not reached that fine standard of certain pre-war as well as post-war seasons when their name appeared regularly in the record books. In between the wars there are some of us who remember such great names as Ernie Knapman, a great full-back, as was ex-Guardsman Tommy Rees. The veteran Naughton Park supporters will, of course, go further back than that to recall the exploits of Ferguson, Rix, Sloman, etc., but most of us remember that fine outfit to which Ganley, Little, Winslade, Keith, Davies and Goldswain contributed.

The present side is not as successful as those famous Watersheddings teams in past years, but it can produce some good rugby. We may not see their pack leader Geoff Fletcher, formerly of Leigh, in action. It will be remembered that he smashed his hand when playing against St. Helens in the Lancashire R.L. Challenge Cup final at Central Park, Wigan.

Mal Aspey finds the going tough in our cover picture as former Widnes skipper Frank Myler (St. Helens) and Chemics winger Dennis Brown wait to see what happens.

They have some very good players, and we are familiar with the talents of Derek Whitehead, a fine goal-kicking threequarter, Wilf Briggs, brother of the Warrington forward, who is also a former Leigh stand-off-half, Mick Murphy who seems as if he can figure in any of the positions in the back division.

In the pack are such useful forwards as Stuart Whitehead, Charlie Bott, 'Hooker' Taylor and of course Arthur Hughes, who was a member of our cup-winning Wembley team. Arthur, who is resident at Penketh, finds it difficult to travel to Watersheddings for training and he has been seeking a transfer. His name has been linked with Warrington, and the Wires directors would like to do a deal with Ray Clark, their young loose-forward. At the time of writing the deal has not gone through.

We learn with regret that John Stringer, the Oldham secretary, who was formerly the assistant secretary at Leigh, has been hurt in a motor car accident. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

It will have been noted that we have been trying to rearrange our postponed league game with Swinton. This match will now go on at Station Road, Swinton, on Tuesday, January 7th. The kick-off is at 7-30 p.m. As we have won our last four games, two more points tonight would be something in the form of a Christmas present for our loyal supporters. Our team will be doing its best to oblige.

Denis O'Neill, our Lancashire stand-off half-back, is still suffering from pulled thigh muscles and may not be ready just yet. In the meantime Ken Rowse has shown himself to be a capable deputy.

Though George Kemel, our international hooker, and Robin Whitfield, our full-back, are on the transfer list they are still assisting the club, which is a very good sign of the spirit among the players.

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Here is the present league table:—

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	19	16	2	1	429	173	34
Castleford	19	16	1	2	273	134	33
Leeds	18	15	1	2	396	187	31
St. Helens	18	14	2	2	311	136	30
Halifax	19	13	1	5	329	213	27
Wakefield Trinity	20	12	1	7	312	214	25
Hull	19	12	1	6	297	218	25
Keighley	19	12	1	6	245	234	25
Swinton	18	12	0	6	267	231	24
Featherstone Rovers	18	10	1	7	274	179	21
Salford	19	9	3	7	266	203	21
Leigh	18	9	2	7	238	230	20
Barrow	19	9	1	9	279	303	19
Warrington	16	9	0	7	300	229	18
Workington Town	16	9	0	7	233	181	18
OLDHAM	17	9	0	8	293	270	18
Hull K.R.	17	9	0	8	296	274	18
York	19	9	0	10	284	304	18
Rochdale Hornets	19	9	0	10	224	283	18
WIDNES	18	8	1	9	231	243	17
Blackpool Borough	20	7	0	13	271	365	14
Hunslet	19	6	0	13	240	285	12
Bramley	19	6	0	13	198	309	12
Dewsbury	19	5	1	13	189	252	11
Bradford Northern	19	5	0	14	226	336	10
Huddersfield	18	4	0	14	167	296	8
Batley	19	4	0	15	157	312	8
Doncaster	19	4	0	15	157	396	8
Huyton	18	3	0	15	140	395	6
Whitehaven	19	2	1	16	193	330	5

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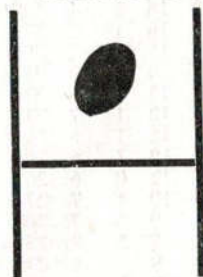
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Denis O'Neill (stand-off half)	—	8	24
Jim Boylan (scrum-half)	1	6	20
Denis Brown (wing-threequarter)	—	5	15
Ged Lowe (centre or loose-forward)	1	4	14
John Gaydon (wing-threequarter)	—	4	12
Paul McDonnell (centre or winger)	—	3	9
Robin Whitfield (full-back)	4	—	8
Ray French (forward)	—	2	6
Ian Hare (wing-threequarter)	—	2	6
Ken Rowse (stand-off)	—	2	6
Dave Markey (forward)	—	1	3
Alan Walsh (forward)	—	1	3
Fred Newton (forward)	—	1	3
George Nicholls (forward)	—	1	3
Ian Thompson (centre-threequarter)	—	1	3
John Kirwan (forward)	—	1	3
John Smith (centre-threequarter)	—	1	3
John Keouski (winger)	—	1	3
Denis Carden (forward)	—	1	3

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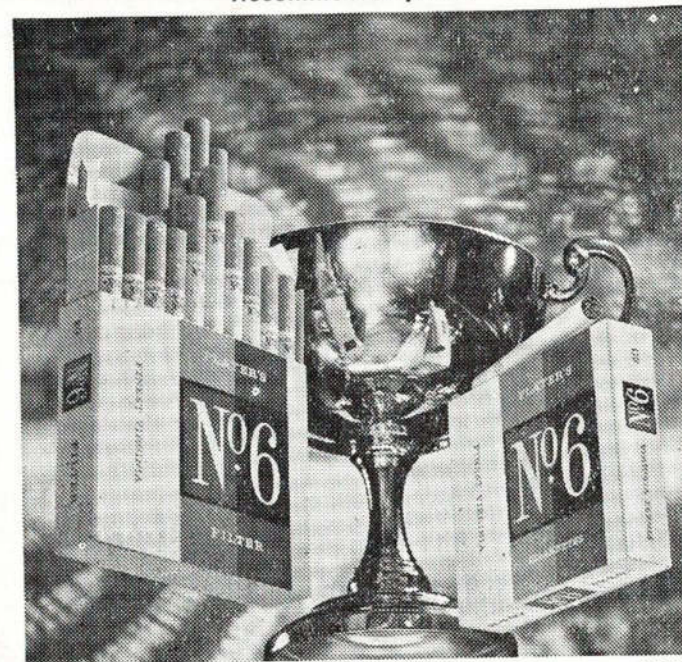
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