



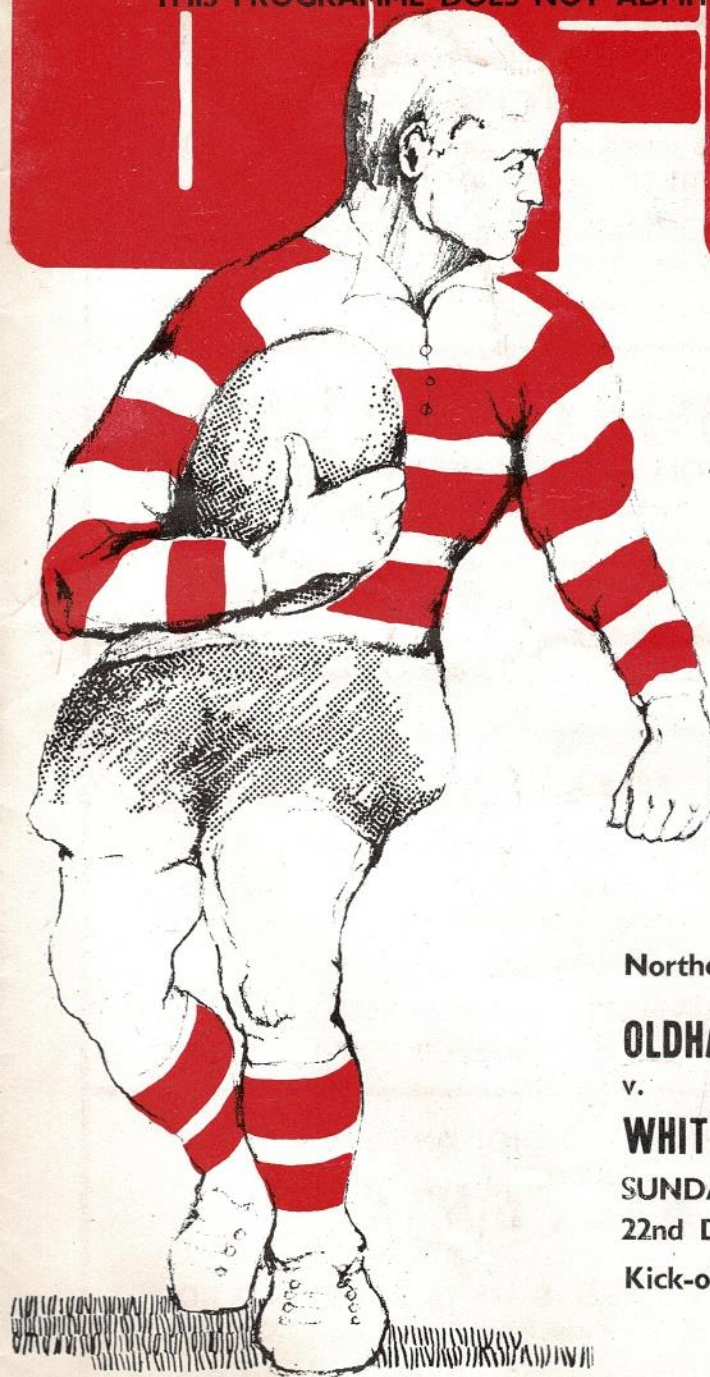
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The following Clubs competed for the Player's No. 6 West Lancashire Trophy at Leigh on December 19th:

Barrow, Blackpool, Leigh, Warrington, Whitehaven, Widnes, and Workington Town.

Hull, Hull Kingston Rovers, Doncaster and York Clubs will be taking part in the Player's No. 6 East Yorkshire Trophy on January 2nd at Hull.

The Player's No. 6 East Lancashire Trophy will be at Salford on January 9th. Rochdale Hornets, Salford, Swinton and our own team will be competing for the Trophy.

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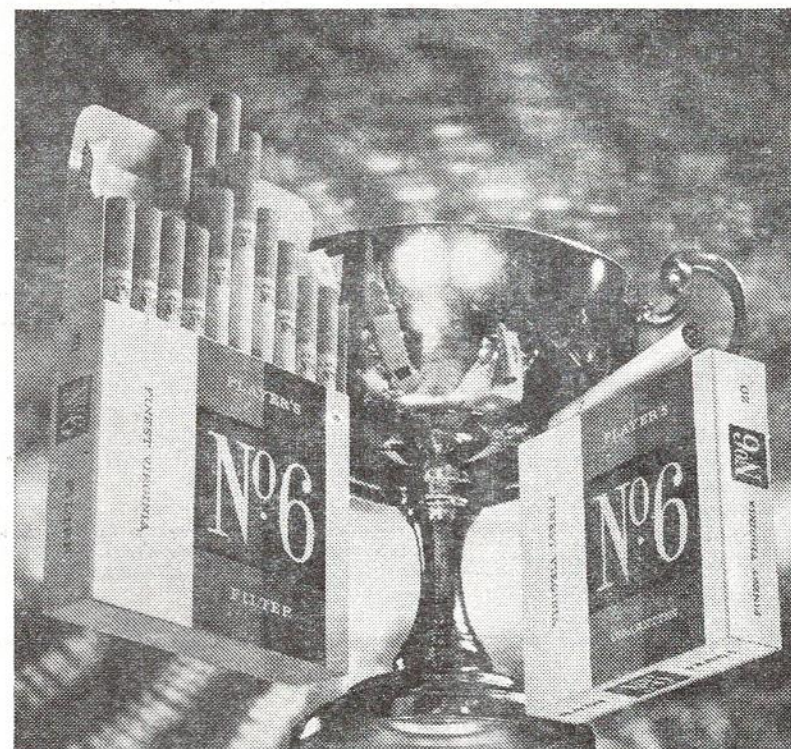
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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

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	17... 9	
25	Salford	away	2... 4	
Nov. 11	Wigan	away	3...50	
15	Warrington	home	14...10	
30	St. Helens	away		
Dec. 1	Whitehaven	away	15... 6	
7	Hunslet	home	30...13	
14	Leigh	home		
20	Widnes	away		
22	Whitehaven	home		
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		
18	Salford 'A'	away		
Feb. 1	Leigh 'A'	home		
8	St. Helens 'A'	away		
Mar. 1	Workington T. 'A' ...	away		
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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WELCOME TO WHITEHAVEN

Today we extend a very warm welcome to our friends from Cumberland—Whitehaven. This game having been postponed from Nov. 2nd, because of a heavy downfall of rain on the ground the night previous.

The match at Whitehaven three weeks ago was one of the hardest matches our lads have had this season, but we eventually came out on top of the Cumbrians, the score being 15-6 in our favour.

Today I'm sure the Whitehaven lads will be trying hard to avenge that defeat.

Whitehaven have quite a few new faces in their team which visits Water-sheddings today. An old favourite for many years at the 'Sheddings' is Ike Southward, who was transferred from Workington in late October. Bill Martin also made the move from Workington to Whitehaven at the same time and at least one of these two very experienced players will be stepping out for Whitehaven today.

The Whitehaven half backs Hazel-don and Roper, are certainly a formidable pair. Cassie must not get too many chances at goal today for, on form, he can 'bang' them over from anywhere. Originally a stand-off, Cassie has now taken over the full back berth and has settled in quite well.

LAST SATURDAY

The affair last Saturday when we should have entertained Leigh is best forgotten for us and Leigh alike. An inspection of the ground at 9-30 a.m. found the ground to be extremely hard in the middle, but quite soft on the wings, and with the sun shining hopes for a match were high.

At 12-30 p.m. the ground was inspected again by three Oldham officials and the match was declared definitely on. From then on the weather worsened the sun went in and again it began to freeze. But with the BBC breathing down our necks the match was still declared playable.

At 2 p.m. the referee, Mr. I. A. Meskimon arrived and he stated that in his opinion the game was on. Just after the referee came Leigh and 'King' Alex who then said, after an inspection of the ground, that he was not risking his boys on the frozen turf. After a vote by the players of both teams the referee had no alternative but to postpone the match.

THE HUNSLET MATCH

The game against Hunslet a week last Saturday was quite a good one. It is a pity only 2141 fans turned up to see it.

Elliot's try was, of course the highlight of the game and had the crowd

roaring from the time he collected the ball, till he touched down under the posts at the other end.

Both sides endeavoured to play entertaining football and it was nice to see the wingers running with the ball on numerous occasions.



"Wilf could improve his tally of 18 tries today"

Briggs notched two fine tries, both following good approach work and his two drop goals brought is total to 10pts.

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13th—9412; 14th—14143

MATCHES OVER CHRISTMAS

Boxing Day, December 26th—Oldham
v. Swinton, kick-off 3 p.m.

Saturday, December 28th—Oldham 'A'
v. Warrington 'A', kick-off 3 p.m.

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The first of the four regional knock-out rounds in the biggest Rugby League 'Sevens' competition was held at Castleford on December 12th when ten clubs competed for a place in the Grand Final at Headingley on January 16th.

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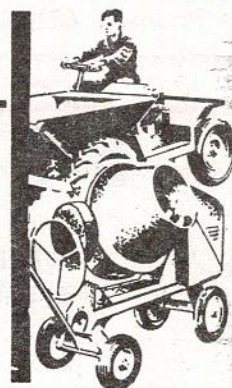
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kick-off 1-30 p.m.

OFFICIAL TEAMS

OLDHAM

1—MURPHY
2—ELLIOTT
3—WHITEHEAD
4—LARDER
5—DAVIES
6—BRIGGS
7—CANNING
8—WILSON
9—TAYLOR
10—FLETCHER
11—IRVING
12—McCOURT
13—HUGHES
Substitutes :
14—McCORMACK
15—OGDEN

WHITEHAVEN

1—CASSIE
2—BUCHANAN
3—RYAN
4—SHIMMINGS
5—BARNES
6—HAZELDON
7—ROPER
8—MUMBERSON
9—McFARLANE
10—MARTIN, W.
11—BOWMAN
12—GAINFORD
13—MARTIN, R.
Substitutes :
14—PRINGLE

Referee : Mr. R. JACKSON, Halifax

Touch Judges :

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