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6th February 1969



Malcolm Moss, Captain of Workington Town, holding the Player's No. 6 Trophy, is pictured with team mate Bill Pattinson after winning the Player's No. 6 Rugby League Sevens Championship at Swinton. Mr. R. A. Garrett, Chairman and Managing Director of John Player & Sons, presented the Trophy to Malcolm Moss following his team's five-point victory over Salford.

12th May 1969



Player's No. 6 Players of the Year 1969—Paul Charlton of Workington Town (left) and Tommy Bishop of St. Helens. Paul Charlton won the Player's No. 6 Trophy for points won in the Player of the Match competition. Spectators voted Tommy Bishop as their Player of the Year. Presentations were made at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, by Mr. Andrew Reid, Production Director, John Player & Sons.

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Saturday, 19th July, 1969

OFFICIAL NOTES

For the first time since our Sevens Competition began, today's event will be sponsored by John Player and Sons who have spared no expense to see that this afternoon's Competition is a great success. We would like to take this opportunity to say how much Rugby League clubs appreciate the hard work which this Company put into our game, and the interest they have created over the past two years with their 'Player of the Match' and 'Player of the Year' Awards.

Since the start of the Wigan Sevens Competition it has been won by our team on seven consecutive occasions, and the first team to take this record from us was Warrington in 1965. Since then it has changed hands on a further three occasions. Oldham won in 1966, Halifax in 1967 and Salford carried off the trophy last year.

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Undoubtedly the reputed champions of Seven-a-Side football at the present time is Salford who have in the last two seasons won all but one of the Sevens Competitions for which they have entered. Their only defeat was at Swinton on the 6th February of this year when they lost to Workington in the Players No. 6. Rugby League Winter Sevens. They are without doubt favourites to win this afternoon and carry off the trophy which will be presented by Miss World, but as Leeds, Halifax and Bradford (who are our Yorkshire entrants) are expected to field very strong sides they will find the opposition much stronger than they have encountered in the past.

One of the main features of our Sevens will be the speed from the wing positions of at least three of the participating clubs. These are:— Bill Burgess of Salford, John Atkinson of Leeds and our own Keri Jones whom we welcome back after injury sustained last season. Some spectacular tries are likely to be scored by some, if not all, of these players.

Our notes would not be complete without a word of thanks to all clubs for so readily agreeing to participate today and also to the Referees and Touch Judges for agreeing to come along and officiate this afternoon.

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Games will be played under the laws of the Rugby Football League except—

- (1) At a kick off, following a score — the ball shall **NOT** be required to travel 10 yards forward.
- (2) Each side will consist of seven players selected from a team of eight players and any of the selected seven players may be substituted by the eighth player **at any time** during the match — providing the substitution is signalled by the referee.
- (3) The duration of each game shall be seven minutes (NOT counting conversion attempts) each way with one minute interval at half time. If at the end of the game the scores are equal the teams shall change over and continue to play until one side scores, such side being the winner, ends being changed every seven minutes if necessary. In extra time there will be no interval.
- (4) The final tie will be played for ten minutes each way with an interval of one minute at half time.
- (5) An independant time keeper will check all times and allow for injury or any other stoppage when so signalled by the Referee.

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THE TEAMS IN ORDER OF PLAY

HALIFAX

1 Goodchild	2 Kelly	3 Rayner	4 Burks
8 Michael	9 Reeves	10 Halmshaw	5 Baker

WIGAN

1 Tyrer	2 Jones	3 Rowe	4 O'Loughlin
8 Ashcroft	9 Clarke	10 Laughton	5 A.N. Other

WIDNES

1 Whitfield	2 Keouski	3 Brown	4 Ashton
8 Boylan	9 Smith	10 Foran	5 Kirwan

WARRINGTON

1 Aspinall	2 Hutchinson	3 Melling	4 Gordon
8 Briggs	9 Hulme	10 Gregory	5 Ayres

LEEDS

1 Atkinson	2 Hynes	3 Watson	4 Cowan
8 Eyre A.	9 Batten	10 Langley	5 Smith

OLDHAM

1 Whitehead	2 Elliott	3 Larder	4 Briggs
8 Clarke	9 Taylor	10 Fletcher	5 Buckley

SALFORD

1 Burgess	2 Hesketh	3 Watkins	4 Prosser
8 Dixon	9 Brennan	10 Whitehead	5 Coulman

BRADFORD NORTHERN

1 Thomas	2 Broatch	3 Stockwell	4 Diabira
8 Foster	9 Fearnley	10 Clarkson	5 Fisher

Referees: D. T. H. DAVIES (Manchester)
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MATCH PROGRAMME

FIRST ROUND		SEMI-FINALS		FINAL
k.o. 2.00	HALIFAX	}	HALIFAX or WIGAN	}
	WIGAN			
k.o. 2.17	WIDNES	}	k.o. 3.20	
	WARRINGTON		WIDNES or WARRINGTON	
k.o. 2.34	LEEDS	}	LEEDS or OLDHAM	
	OLDHAM			
k.o. 2.52	SALFORD	}	k.o. 3.40	
	BRADFORD		SALFORD or BRADFORD	
	NORTHERN		NORTHERN	

ACKERS TROPHY

After the second semi-final, a schoolboys seven-a-Side match will take place. The schoolboys will play the final for the Ackers Trophy; which this year is between St. Thomas More and Lower Ince. The presentation will be made by Mr. N. BIBBY, Chairman of the Wigan Club.

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AUG. 1969	Fri.	8	WARRINGTON (7-30)	H
	Tues.	12	Blackpool Borough (7-15)	A
	Sat.	16	SALFORD (Lancashire Cup)	H
	Wed.	20	LEIGH (7-30)	H
	Sat.	23	Batley	A
SEPT.	Fri.	29	BARROW (7-30)	H
	Mon.	1	Leigh (7-30)	A
	Sat.	6	Whitehaven	A
	Wed.	10	Salford (7-30)	A
	Sat.	13	OLDHAM	H
OCT.	Wed.	17	Widnes (7-30)	A
	Sat.	27	BATLEY	H
	Fri.	3	Barrow	A
	Sat.	11	WHITEHAVEN	H
	Fri.	17	ROCHDALE HORNETS	H
NOV.	Sat.	25	Leeds	A
	Sat.	1	WARRINGTON	H
	Sat.	8	Huyton	A
	Sat.	15	Workington Town	A
	Sat.	22	BLACKPOOL BOROUGH	H
DEC.	Sat.	29	Castleford	A
	Sat.	6	HULL KINGSTON ROVERS	H
	Sat.	13	Oldham	A
	Sat.	20	WIDNES	H
	Fri.	26	ST. HELENS	H
JAN. 1970	Thur.	1	Warrington	A
	Sat.	10	CASTLEFORD	H
	Sat.	17	Hull Kingston Rovers	A
	Sat.	24	LEEDS	H
FEB.	Sat.	7	R.L.C.C. 1st Round	
	Sat.	14	HUYTON	H
	Sat.	21	R.L.C.C. 2nd Round	
	Sat.	28	Rochdale Hornets	A
MAR.	Sat.	7	Swinton	A
	Sat.	14	WORKINGTON TOWN	H
	Fri.	27	St. Helens	A
	Mon.	30	SALFORD	H
APR.	Sat.	11	SWINTON	H

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CUP FINAL TICKETS

The demand for Cup Final seating tickets inevitably exceeds the supply. To assist regular attenders the League when distributing the tickets for any one Final includes an application form for the subsequent Final.

These forms are usually sent out early in the New Year — as soon as the tickets are received by the League from Wembley.

If you want one of these forms to be sent to you then get your Cup Final tickets direct from the League.

Standing Enclosure tickets at 10s. (under cover) are still available for the 1970 Final (May 9th). Apply now to the Rugby League Offices 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7, and make sure of getting your application form for the 1971 Final.

But don't forget. No one can anticipate the rate of sale of tickets. It gets faster and faster each year. Once you get your form don't sit on it — apply immediately otherwise you have only yourself to blame if you don't get the tickets you desire.



COACHING COURSES

The Rugby League Summer Coaching Courses are maintaining their popularity and all places were filled again this year.

The course for teenage players at Bisham Abbey, on the Thames, next summer, will be in June. Young players wanting to improve their personal proficiency should apply for further particulars to the R. L. Secretary, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7.

Those wishing to improve their coaching technique should attend the weeks summer course at the C.C.P.R. Centre, Lilleshall, Shropshire. Other courses are run concurrently with this one and there is plenty of social activity to provide a pleasant weeks entertainment as well as instruction. Write to the Rugby League for further details.

RUGBY LEAGUE TOPICS

Up in the North-West, they are all asking why is it that Paul Charlton cannot get back into International Representative games. There is no doubt that he showed tremendous form throughout the whole of last season and the experts appointed by Player's No. 6, who choose the recipients of the "Player of the match" awards regularly picked him out as the outstanding performer. It was no surprise that Paul led the field at the end of the season and received the main judges' award of £250 at the presentation dinner held in Manchester in May last. Other prize-winners in the judges' award scheme were:

B. Jefferson	Keighley	(£150)
J. Boylan	Widnes	(£100)
S. Gittins	Batley	(£50)
J. Wolford	Bramley	(£30)
T. Bishop	St. Helens	(£20)

As was to be expected in the Player's No. 6 scheme, spectators were also allowed to have their say and their choice was popular Tommy Bishop, whose eighty-minute displays at the base of the St. Helen's pack put him into first place in the eyes of spectators. Tommy has had a wonderful rugby career, culminating in his captaincy of the Great Britain team. It was no surprise to learn that he wanted to continue his playing career in Australia because he was a very, very popular figure over there and made a tremendous impact on the 1966 tour and again in the 1968 World Championships. Other prize-winners chosen by spectators in the Player's No. 6 scheme were:

P. Seabourne	Leeds	(£150)
P. Charlton	Workington	(£100)
T. Price	Bradford N.	(£50)
A. Hardisty	Castleford	(£30)
C. Watson	St. Helens	(£20)

Owing to failure to agree on a match programme, the World Championships originally scheduled for October this year have been put back twelve months but a miniature "World Cup" will be staged towards the end of October as plans are in hand to stage a Competition in this country between England, Wales and France. Saturday October 18th, Thursday October 23rd and Saturday October 25th are the proposed dates. Each team will play each other once in this Championship series.

There is plenty of activity envisaged at International level in the near future as the English League has been invited to send a team to Australia next May. It is quite possible that this Tour will be shorter than those which have been undertaken in the past. The Australians themselves have reduced their own Tours in the past when visiting Europe and there is a strong feeling that it would be more beneficial for all parties if the English League were to do the same.

When the British team visited Australia and New Zealand for the 1968 World Championships they were accompanied by an enthusiastic band of supporters. Any supporter contemplating a visit to Australia and New Zealand during the 1970 tour should contact the Rugby League Secretary, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7.

On the market shortly will be the Official Rugby League Guide for season 1969/70. This publication contains a mine of interesting information—fixtures, Bye-laws, match records and so on. It can be obtained from some book stores and also from the Rugby League Offices, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7, price 4s. 0d., plus postage 6d.