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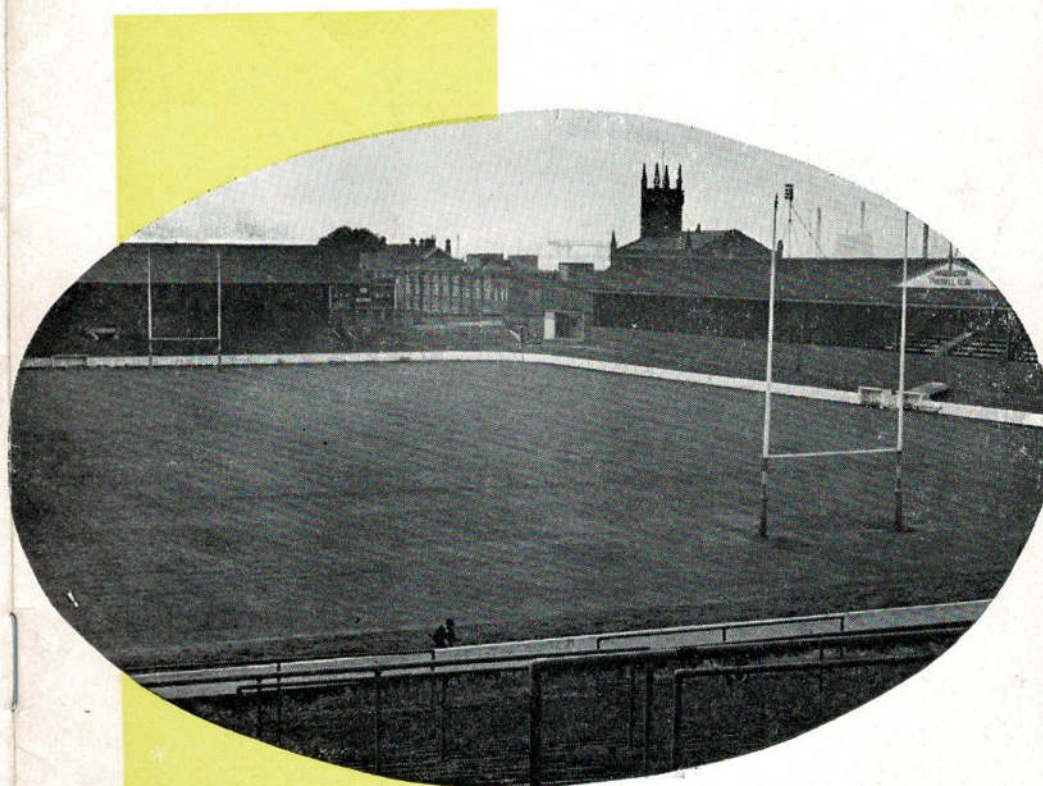


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RETURN MATCH WITH OLDHAM

When we met Oldham at Watersheddings on Saturday August 23rd we gained our opening win of the season, and nobody would begrudge that success of 15 points to eight. Since then however, Oldham have been strengthening their team and one of their latest recruits has been Dan Gardner, who played some great games against us when he was a member of the Wigan pack of forwards.

Dan joins another ex-Cumbrian in centre threequarter Jim Crellin. Of course, we are all well acquainted with Ray Clark. Our former loose forward did not play against us on the last occasion owing to injury, but it looks as if he will be wearing the Oldham colours tonight.

Apparently Ray is playing quite well. At stand off half back is Wilf Briggs, the elder brother of our forward Barry, who incidentally is on the way to recovery after an appendix operation. We hope Barry will have a speedy and complete recovery. Wilf who formerly played for Leigh, is one of the league's chief try scorers, so it looks as if there will be a keen tussle with Billy Aspinall, if Billy is chosen for the number six spot. Of course Billy has been doing well in the scoring list.

Against Batley (the Mount Pleasant team was one of the strongest they have put in the field for some time) Billy scored 17 points—four goals and three tries—which is good going, while on Saturday at Whitehaven he was our only scorer with nine points—three goals and a try.

Back to the Oldham line up . . . Briggs beat this total last week when he got a further hat trick of tries and two goals (13 points). He is a drop goal expert so we will have to watch out. Playing against us on the last occasion was Derek Whitehead, ex-Swinton, in whom we showed interest at one time. Against Huyton last week hit six goals.

Jim McCormack, another centre threequarter was once at Wigan. Hooker Kevin Taylor is an under 24's international, who recently played for Lancashire.

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Ken Wilson is a former R.U. international, while Bob Irving (ex-Huddersfield) and Charlie McCourt, another Cumbrian, are also familiar figures.

Oldham beat Rochdale Hornets on Monday night by 12 points against two, and Whitehead was again on the target with three goals. This win means that Oldham have now won four of their nine fixtures and with eight points are now in the 14th position, while we are in 24th spot.

They are coached by our former international scrum half Gerry Helme.

Judged on present form our performance at Whitehaven last week was not unimpressive. Whitehaven have been doing well this season, and though Wigan knocked them out of the Lancashire Challenge Cup on Monday, the Cumbrians beat Wigan in the league match.

At one period we were seven points up and then came the crunch when the home side showed something of the form which had taken them to the top of the league. Not many teams will come from the Recreation ground with even a point this season.

FIRST TEAM SCORERS

Keith Affleck (full back)	16	1	35
Billy Aspinall (stand off half) ...	7	5	29
Warren Ayres (utility back)	—	5	15
Brian Brady (forward)	—	3	9
Parry Gordon (scrum half)	—	2	6
Ken Halliwell (forward)	1	1	5
Barry Briggs (forward)	—	1	3
Len McIntyre (hooker)	—	1	3
Bob Wear (wing threequarter) ...	—	1	3
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We are also hoping to see Bobbie Fulton, the Australian international, here in a very short time. Things should improve from now on seeing that Ken Parr, should be fit soon, and Barry Briggs could also be seen in action in the next month or so.

You will recall that Harry Bath, our former international forward, underwent an appendix operation, but was back in the team after only six weeks.

Arthur Hughes, who may be playing against his old comrades tonight seems to have got over his bout of concussion. We hope so because there's a lot of football ahead of this ex-Widnes, Salford and Oldham player.

As you will have read in the Press we are sending representatives to run the rule over South Wales R.U. stars, and have quite a lot under review. Directors have also seen English and Scottish R.U. men in action. Every effort is being made to strengthen the team.

But gates of below £500 are not helpful when players are on offer. We are sure that the present league position is a false one and then given good fortune we will soon be on the half way mark and making a determined effort to remain in the top 16.

On Monday we have another stiff engagement with our old friends from Wigan, who have beaten us twice this season—once in the Wardonia Cup and

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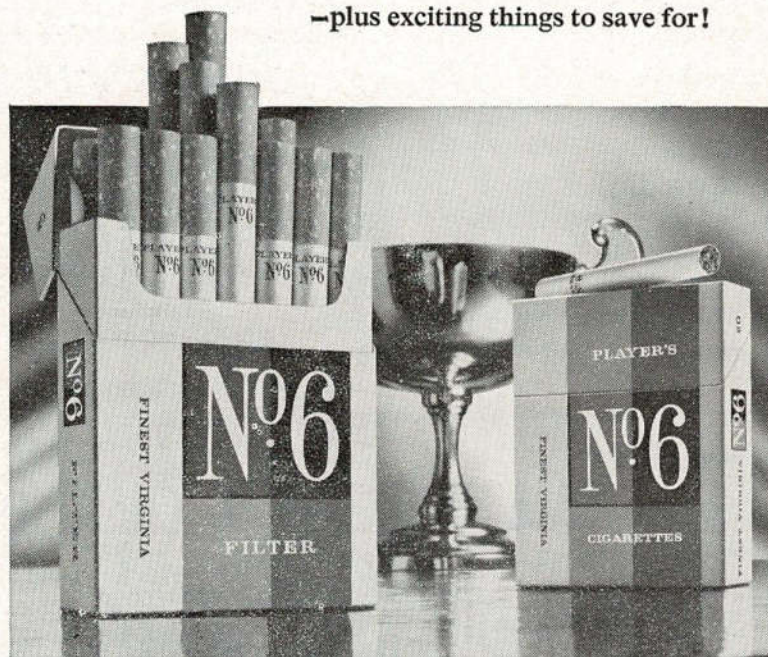
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also in the first leg of the floodlit competition (preliminary round). Though we are 16 points down every endeavour will be made to cut the margin.

The winners of the match will have home advantage in the first round against Hull. We would dearly like to meet Hull again, seeing that we were robbed of victory late in the match.

Incidentally, Wigan are in the semi-final of the Lancashire Cup. They are away to Swinton. The other semi-final is between Rochdale Hornets or Leigh versus Widnes or St. Helens.

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, 18th October: ENGLAND v. WALES at Headingley, Leeds, kick-off 3 p.m. Seating tickets at 10/- each obtainable in advance from The Secretary, Leeds R.L.F.C., The Pavilion, Headingley, Leeds 6.

Thursday, 23rd October: ENGLAND or WALES v. FRANCE at Salford, kick-off 7.30 p.m. Seating tickets at 10/- each obtainable in advance from The Secretary, Salford R.L.F.C., The Pavilion, Willows Road, Weaste, Salford 5.

Saturday, 25th October: WALES or ENGLAND v. FRANCE at Central Park, Wigan, kick-off 3 p.m. Stand seating tickets at 10/- and 8/- and tickets for the ring-side at 7/- obtainable in advance from The Secretary, Wigan R.L.F.C., Central Park, Wigan.

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Monday, September 29th First Team Match

WARRINGTON v WIGAN

Second leg of the preliminary round of the Floodlit Competition

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Saturday, October 4th Lancashire Combination

WARRINGTON 'A' v ST. HELENS 'A'

Kick-off 3 p.m.

Friday, October 10th First Team Match

WARRINGTON v SALFORD

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

FIXTURES 1969-70

FIRST TEAM

Date 1969	Opponents	Venue	Result	Date 1970	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 8 (F)	Wigan (Wardonia C.)	Away	L 12-23	Jan. 1 (Th)	Wigan	Home	
15 (F)	Leigh (Lancs. Cup 1)	Away	L 12-15	3 (S)	Halifax	Home	
20 (W)	Hull	Home	L 8-12	10 (S)	Dewsbury	Away	
23 (S)	Oldham	Away	W 15-8	17 (S)	Barrow	Home	
26 (Tu)	Wigan	Away	L 6-22	24 (S)	Swinton	Away	
	(F'd cup prelim. round.)			31 (S)			
29 (F)	St. Helens	Home	L 7-14	Feb. 7 (S)	R.L. Cup 1st		
Sept. 1 (M)	Widnes	Away	L 9-12	15 (Sn)	Blackpool B.	Away	
5 (F)	Salford	Away	L 13-20	21 (S)	R.L. Cup 2nd		
13 (S)	Batley	Home	W 23-7	28 (S)	Workington Town	Home	
20 (S)	Whitehaven	Away	L 9-13	Mar. 7 (S)	Whitehaven R.L.C. 3rd	Home	
26 (F)	Oldham	Home		15 (Sn)	Rochdale	Away	
29 (M)	Wigan	Home		21 (S)	R.L. Cup Semi-final (1)		
	(F'd cup second leg)			22 (Sn)	Hull	Away	
Oct. 4 (S)	St. Helens	Away		27 (F)	Widnes	Home	
10 (F)	Salford	Home		28 (S)			
18 (S)	Workington	Away		30 (M)	Leigh	Away	
24 (F)	Swinton	Home		Apr. 4 (S)	R.L. Cup Semi-final (2)		
Nov. 1 (S)	Wigan	Away		12 (Sn)	Huyton	Home	
9 (S)	Blackpool Borough	Home		May 9 (S)	R.L. Cup Final		
16 (S)	Rochdale Hornets	Home					
21 (F)	Halifax	Away					
29 (S)	Dewsbury	Home					
Dec. 5 (F)	Barrow	Away					
13 (S)	Batley	Away					
20 (S)							
26 (F)	Leigh	Home					
28 (S)	Huyton	Away					

"A" TEAM

Date 1969	Opponents	Venue	Result	Date 1970	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 9 (S)	Wigan (Friendly)	Home	L 17-28	Jan. 3 (S)	Widnes	Away	
16 (S)				10 (S)	Latchford (Friendly)	Home	
23 (S)	Oldham (LCCS 1st Leg)	Home	W 13-6	17 (S)	Barrow	Home	
Sept. 30 (S)	St. Helens	Away	L 8-41	24 (S)	Swinton	Home	
6 (S)	Salford	Home	W 19-12	31 (S)	Wigan	Away	
13 (S)				Feb. 7 (S)			
20 (S)	Langworthy (Friendly)	Away		14 (S)	Langworthy (Friendly)	Home	
27 (S)	Oldham (2nd Leg)	Away		21 (S)			
Oct. 4 (S)	St. Helens	Home		28 (S)	Workington	Away	
7 (Tu)	Salford	Away		Mar. 7 (S)			
11 (S)	Oldham	Away		14 (S)	Rochdale	Home	
18 (S)	Workington	Home		20 (F)	Oldham	Home	
25 (S)	Swinton	Away		28 (S)	Thames B. (Friendly)	Home	
Nov. 1 (S)	Wigan	Home		30 (S)	Leigh	Home	
8 (S)				Apr. 4 (S)			
15 (S)	Rochdale	Away		11 (S)	Huyton	Away	
22 (S)	Widnes	Home					
29 (S)							
Dec. 6 (S)	Barrow	Home					
13 (S)	Crosfields (Friendly)	Home					
20 (S)	Woolston (Friendly)	Home					
26 (F)	Leigh	Away					
27 (S)	Huyton	Home					

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