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NEWS AND VIEWS

As most members and supporters will know, the team lost at Warrington last Friday evening by 8 pts. to 10 pts. We were leading at half-time, but Warrington came good in the second half and emerged eventual winners. From Oldham's point of view this is a match best forgotten. We hope and trust that the team will resume the winning path in today's game.

Our injury list is still pretty lengthy — at the time of writing these notes the following players are unavailable through injury: Alan Ogden, Alan Hopwood, Joe Collins, Ged Smith, Wilf Briggs, Brian Clarke, Cliff Sayer and Garry Beverley. Briggs, Smith and Collins are hoping to be fit again very shortly, and one or more of these players may well be available for today's game.

Congratulations to our centre three-quarter, Jim Crellin, on his selection for Cumberland against Lancashire last week. It was tough luck on Jim that he had to pull out because of the thigh injury received in the Huyton game, but we are pleased to note that he is again selected to play for his county against Yorkshire on Wednesday, October 1st, at Hull K.R.'s ground, Craven Park, Hull.

Welcome back to Tom Canning, who played in the "A" team Shield game against Warrington "A" last Saturday. Tom has now managed to overcome the problems connected with his new job, and we hope to see much more of this valuable player at Watersheddings from now on.

STOP PRESS

Transfer of Derek Whitehead to Warrington.

During a long discussion on finance at Tuesday's Committee meeting the Warrington Club telephoned us with this offer for Derek Whitehead, which because of the present financial situation was just too much for the Committee to refuse. For the record, the transfer fee was £4,500.

The Committee were most reluctant to let Whitehead go, but there really was no alternative. The final decision however was left with the player himself.

£1,500 in prize money to be competed for by Rugby League Clubs in the Mackeson Merit Table



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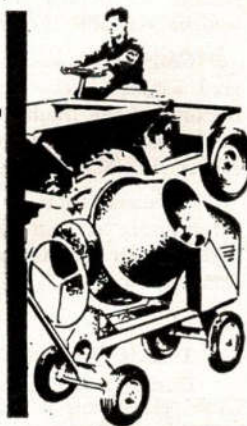
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TODAY'S VISITORS

We extend a hearty welcome today to our friends from Cumberland. Last season we met Workington Town three times, losing 29—10 in the league game at Derwent Park, winning the Lancashire Cup 2nd Round match at Watersheddings 7—5, and winning the return league engagement at Watersheddings by 13 pts to 11.

This season, of course, we were beaten at Workington by 28 pts. to 7 pts., and we hope that this score will be reversed today.

Workington Town was formed in 1945 and joined the Northern Rugby Football League in season 1945/46.

They played their first game against Broughton Rangers (later Belle Vue) and won 27—5.

J. W. Mason and Dan Richardson, along with George Plumer, worked to form the new club. Tom Mitchell joined the board in the early days, and has been the mainstay behind the club ever since.

Although the club has never won the Lancashire League or Lancashire Cup, it has won the Rugby League Challenge Cup, in 1951/52, and was runner-up on two occasions. In 1950/51, Workington won the Northern Rugby League Championship, and has been runner-up once.

Famous players include Gus Risman, who managed the club, Norman Herbert, Bill Ivion, the present coach, Ike Southward, Brian Edgar, Ray Glastonbury and Paul Charlton, to mention just a handful of their many stars, past and present.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

Members of the Social Club are reminded that coaches are being run to all away games this season, and tickets can be obtained from any member of the Committee at the canteens around the ground, or on any evening at the Social Club.

The hut behind the scoreboard is shortly to be opened, and the following will be on sale there :

College-type scarves	27/6
Blazer badges	42/0
Ties	17/6
Metal lapel badges	2/3
Year books	1/0

The Supporters' Club Committee are trying to arrange a Jumble Sale to raise funds, and donations of all types of jumble will be most gratefully received at any of the canteens on the ground.

A mention here of young Master Mark Shaw, the Supporters' Club mascot. Mark is seven years old, and his aunt, who brings him up to matches, has been an Oldham supporter for 25 years.

POOLS ORGANISATION

Mr. Harry Walker, our Pools Organiser, is most anxious to hear from any supporter wishing to become a Pools Agent. The more agents we have, the higher the profits, and these of course are most important to the Club in these difficult financial times. For full details of commission, etc., please contact Mr. Walker or the Secretary at the pavilion (MAI 4865).

TWOPENCE-A-HEAD FUND

Donations to this fund, launched by our Chairman, Mr. Ken Fisher, for the purpose of team strengthening, have already started to come in, and any amount, however small, will be most gratefully received by any member of the Committee or the Secretary.

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Mackeson Merit Table

This is a new title which will be used in connection with the Mackeson Contest for season 1969/70. The new Contest replaces last season's Golden Ball Competition. The season is split into four periods ending 30th September, 30th November, 31st January and the end of the season. Period winners will be those teams which have the best scoring margins during these periods. The scoring margin is the difference between the points scored by a team and the points scored against it. The main prizes, and these are substantial with the winners getting £750, will go to the overall winners based on the season's League programme. The Competition applies to League games and not Cup Competitions.

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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Club	Grd.	F	A
1969				
Aug. 9	Blackpool	home	32	15
	(Charity)			
16	Swinton	home	24	28
	(L.C. 1st Rd.)			
19	Salford	home	11	20
23	Warrington	home	8	15
27	Bradford	away	9	25
30	Workington	away	7	28
Sept. 6	Keighley	home	41	10
8	Blackpool	away	33	6
13	Wigan	away	10	40
20	Huyton	home		
22	Rochdale	home		
26	Warrington	away		
Oct. 4	Workington	home		
11	Keighley	away		
24	Barrow	away		
Nov. 1	Whitehaven	home		
8	Leigh	away		
15	Widnes	home		
22	St. Helens	away		
Dec. 6	Huddersfield	home		
13	Wigan	home		
20	Huyton	away		
26	Swinton	away		
28	Batley	away		
1970				
Jan. 3	St. Helens	home		
17	Huddersfield	away		
24	Barrow	home		
31	Whitehaven	away		
Feb. 7	(Chal. Cup 1st Rd.)			
14	Leigh	home		
21	(Chal. Cup 2nd Rd.)			
27	Salford	away		
Mar. 7	Bradford	home		
14	Widnes	away		
23	Blackpool	home		
27	Swinton	home		
28	Rochdale	away		
Apr. 11	Batley	home		

"A" TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Club	Grd.	F	A
1969				
Aug. 23	Warrington	away		
	(Shield, 1 Rd., 1 leg)			
30	Workington	home		
Sept. 6	Rochdale	away		
13	Wigan	home		
20	Huyton	away		
27	Warrington	home		
	(Shield, 1 Rd., 2 leg)			
Oct. 4	Workington	away		
11	Warrington	home		
17	Salford	away		
25	Barrow	home		
Nov. 8	Leigh	home		
15	Widnes	away		
22	St. Helens	home		
Dec. 13	Wigan	away		
20	Huyton	home		
1970				
Jan. 3	St. Helens	away		
10	Swinton	home		
17	Swinton	away		
24	Barrow	away		
Feb. 14	Leigh	away		
28	Salford	home		
Mar. 14	Widnes	home		
20	(Fri.) Warrington	away		
28	Rochdale	home		

Times of kick-off

All Saturday games at home k.o. 3 p.m.
Evening k.o. times as advertised.
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