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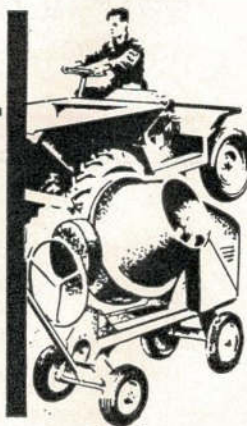
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CLUB NEWS

Since the last programme notes, we have played only one first team game, at Barrow on Friday, October 24th, which we lost by 19 points to 26 points. The team played much better football than they have done in previous games, and with a little more steadiness and accuracy in finishing, could very probably have won this match. We are hoping for better things this afternoon.

Although we seem to be getting over the worst of the crop of injuries suffered by our players in the early part of the season, the injury to our Captain, Ken Wilson, in the Keighley match, and that sustained by Charlie McCourt at Barrow, are further set-backs to our getting a settled team. Ken is hoping to be fit very soon, but Charlie looks like being out of action for at least another two weeks.

DAVID KNOX

It is felt that the report in the local press regarding our discussions with David Knox, the Australian second-row forward from the Manly-Warringah Club, could bear some elaboration. This player came to Watersheddings for talks, at which it was disclosed that he had not obtained clearance from Australia to play in this country. This could have taken up to a month to obtain, and would therefore have reduced Knox's availability to something like two months, as he is due to return home early in February. We had not seen Knox play, but had merely been informed by Warrington that he was available. He was asked to train with our own lads, and play trials before talking definite terms, but was reluctant to do this. In view of the fact that we are hopeful of signing Alan Maddalena, the Newtown centre-three-quarter in the near future, the Club felt that we were better advised, in the circumstances, to concentrate on Maddalena, rather than on Knox, a comparatively unknown player.

TODAY'S VISITORS

We extend a sincere and warm welcome today to the Whitehaven Club, who began the season in fine style and were in fact at the top of the League for a time. More recently, however, they have not been so fortunate. We hope that today's game will be a good one, played in the true spirit of Rugby League Football.

Whitehaven were formed in season 1948-49, and elected to the Northern Rugby Football League by 14 votes to 11. The first game, at home against Hull, was won 5-0. The team that day included such players as Stanley Brogden, Trevor Petcher, Jack Kitching and Tom Cornelius, with a sprinkling of other experienced players and local stars of the amateur game.

The only honour won by the Club was in 1955-56, when the "A" team won the Lancashire Combination Shield.

Ted Hodgson (Oldham, Broughton Rangers and Cumberland County player) was one of the early signings, and he did a spell of coaching with the Cumbrians.

Tom Mageen was associated with the birth of both Workington Town and Whitehaven, and he was a great all-round sportsman, having interests in greyhound racing, hound trailing and motor cycle racing. He was also a famous owner of Lakeland terriers.

Well-known players with the Whitehaven Club have included Dick Huddart, the Fearon brothers, Neville Emery, Syd Lowden, Geoff Robinson, the McCourt brothers, Alec Cassie, Colloby, Burns, Holliday and Shillinglaw.

During the last four seasons Whitehaven have fared rather badly in the Northern League placings at the end of the seasons, as follows:

	P	W	L	D	Position
1965-66	34	4	28	2	30
1966-67	34	10	24	0	27
1967-68	34	10	23	1	25
1968-69	34	6	27	1	30

We hope that they will enjoy more success in the current season.

POOLS ORGANISATION

Mr. Harry Walker, our Pools Organiser, still has a number of vacancies for Agents. Anyone interested is requested to get in touch with Mr. Walker at the Pavilion or in the Social Club most evenings.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

Arrangements are well in hand for the Annual Christmas Draw, which we are hoping will be bigger and better than ever this year. This time, instead of cash prizes, we are offering 150 prizes, donated by individuals and firms, and by advertisers. Tickets, at 1/- each, are now being printed, and further details will be published at an early date.

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During the season there will be four period winners:

- Period 1 Matches up to the end of September.
- Period 2 Matches up to the end of November.
- Period 3 Matches up to the end of January.
- Period 4 Remaining matches of the season.

Main Contest

Leading Positions up to and including 12th October, 1969

1	Leigh	187 points (1)
2	St. Helens	183 points (4)
3	Wigan	178 points (2)
4	Leeds	116 points (5)
5	Salford	110 points (9)
6	Swinton	81 points (16)
7	Hull K.R.	70 points (7)
8	Castleford	68 points (3)
9	Bradford Northern	44 points (10)
9	Widnes	44 points (8)

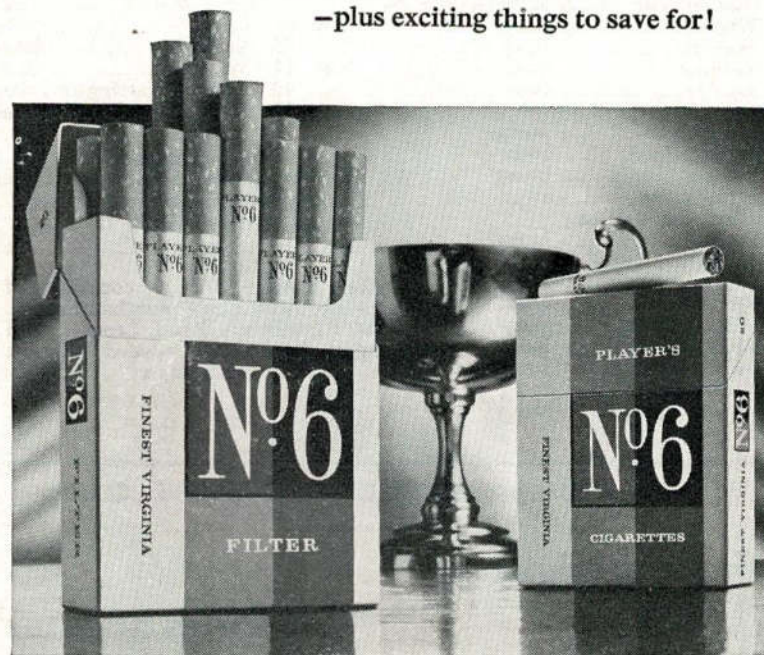
PLAYER'S No. 6 PLAYER OF THE MATCH AWARDS

The leading players in the running for the title of the Player's No. 6 "Player of the Year" are as follows:

Player	Club	Pts
A. Murphy	Leigh	24
R. Millward	Hull K.R.	20
J. Roper	Whitehaven	17
T. Brophy	Barrow	16
F. Myler	St. Helens	16
A. Bates	Dewsbury	14
C. Davidson	Hull	14
T. Devonshire	York	13
E. Bowman	Whitehaven	12
A. Keegan	Hull	12
A. Kellett	Keighley	12
S. Nash	Featherstone	12
C. Tyrer	Wigan	12
J. Wolford	Bramley	12

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Date	Club	Grd.	F	A
1969				
Aug. 9	Blackpool (Charity)	home	32	15
16	Swinton (L.C. 1st Rd.)	home	24	28
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 (Shield, 1 Rd., 1 leg)	away		
30	Workington	home		
Sept. 6	Rochdale	away		
13	Wigan	home		
20	Huyton	away		
27	Warrington (Shield, 1 Rd., 2 leg)	home		
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.
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