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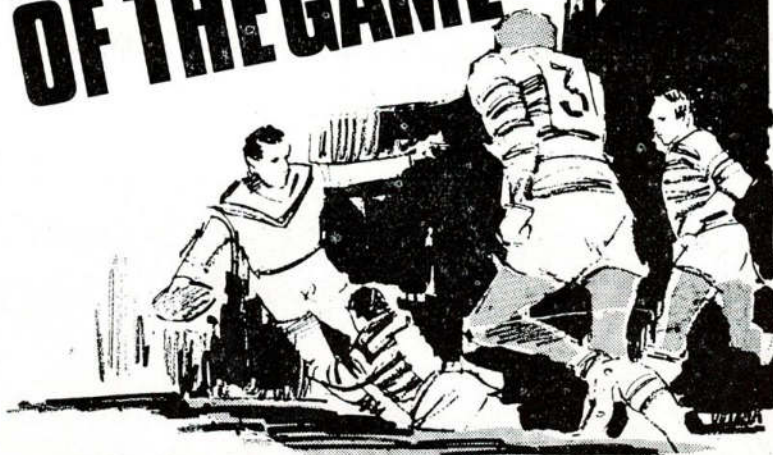
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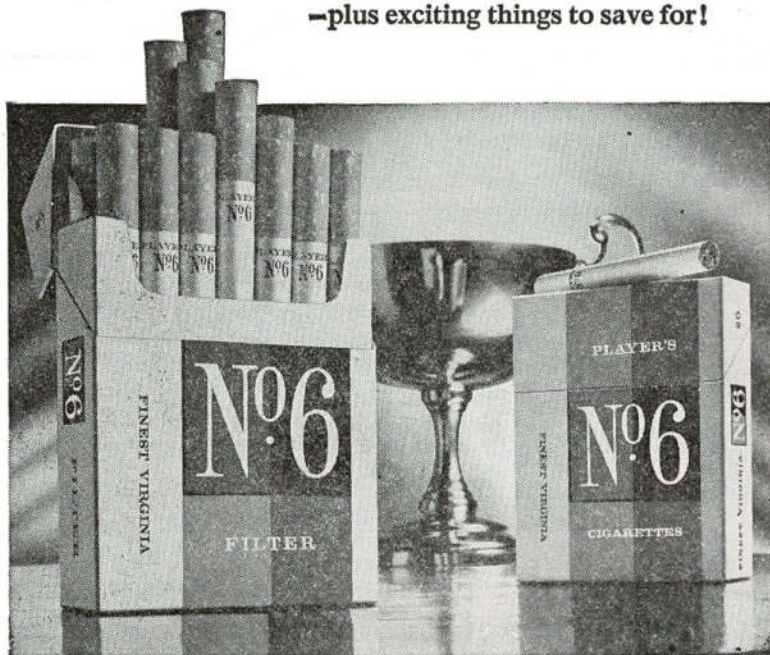
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# PLAYERS RECORDS (First Team)

1969/70 SEASON

All matches excluding friendlies—up to and including November 17th, 1969  
—appearances as substitute included.

|                   | App. | Goals | Tries | Points |
|-------------------|------|-------|-------|--------|
| Wilson Frank      | 21   | —     | 13    | 39     |
| Chisnall Eric     | 20   | —     | 1     | 3      |
| Watson Clifford   | 20   | —     | 2     | 6      |
| Halsall Albert    | 19   | —     | —     | —      |
| Jones Leslie      | 19   | —     | 12    | 36     |
| Mantle John       | 19   | —     | 3     | 9      |
| Myler Frank       | 19   | —     | 12    | 36     |
| Wanbon Robert     | 19   | —     | 8     | 24     |
| Whittle Alan      | 19   | —     | 7     | 21     |
| Benyon William    | 18   | —     | 10    | 30     |
| Coslett Kelvin    | 18   | 72    | 1     | 147    |
| Walsh John        | 18   | 20    | 3     | 49     |
| Barrow Frank      | 17   | —     | 2     | 6      |
| Karalius Tony     | 17   | —     | 1     | 3      |
| Heaton Jeffrey    | 15   | 1     | 4     | 14     |
| Houghton John     | 9    | —     | 3     | 9      |
| Gartland Peter    | 6    | —     | 1     | 3      |
| Egan Joseph       | 5    | —     | —     | —      |
| Rees Graham       | 5    | —     | —     | —      |
| Jones Berwyn      | 3    | —     | 2     | 6      |
| Sayer William     | 2    | —     | —     | —      |
| Barrow Tony       | 2    | —     | —     | —      |
| Sheffield William | 2    | —     | —     | —      |
| Critchley David   | 2    | —     | 1     | 3      |
| Prescott Eric     | 1    | —     | —     | —      |
|                   | —    | 93    | 86    | 444    |

## INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

**THOMAS KELVIN COSLETT** signed 4th July, 1962, 6ft. 14st. 4 lbs.  
signed from Aberavon R.U. Welsh International Rugby Union.  
Club goal kicking record Played against England, Scotland and France.  
holder 186 points Captain of Carmarthenshire and Welsh Schools  
season 1961/62 Youth International.  
Welsh International Rugby League.

| Season  | Goals | Tries | Points |
|---------|-------|-------|--------|
| 1962/63 | 44    | 156   | 3      |
| 1963/64 | 41    | 131   | 5      |
| 1964/65 | 9     | 26    | 2      |
| 1965/66 | 26    | 57    | 4      |
| 1966/67 | 15    | 3     | 1      |
| 1967/68 | 40    | 84    | 4      |
| 1968/69 | 45    | 153   | 3      |
| 1969/70 | 18    | 72    | 1      |
|         | 682   | 23    | 1433   |

## WHO ARE WE BUYING?

Rumours have it this week that we are in the market for players, be it Melling, Briggs or Gareth Edwards? Perhaps a clear the air would be in order.

We were approached by Warrington for an exchange of players, and that was the sum total of the deal, no money was involved. The St. Helens player in question decided that he would rather remain a "Saint" and the deal fell through, we don't feel unhappy about this, but in fairness to those involved the opportunity had to be offered, it is now old hat.

We are prepared to accept that Wilf Briggs is a good player, we are also aware that he is at present in dispute with his own club, and bearing in mind that a team is as strong as its reserves, we might have been prepared to swap a reserve to gain a reserve, again no money was suggested or offered.

Wigan have said that Mrs Edwards the parent makes a good cup of tea, we are more than satisfied with our catering staff, but if they care to know the size of the boots that Edwards wears, perhaps we could help, when it comes to scouting in Wales, there are few clubs with a record success such as ours, in fact we could help the Rugby Union people with a few suggestions for the first Welsh Trial at Pontypool on the 29th, we are well aware of the talent in the valleys, and they are also aware of our interest, that is if any exists.

At the moment we are well satisfied with our playing staff, and we ask those who would like to upset them to desist from the guessing game, print the facts by all means, but a story is only a good one when it bears fruit. Another story going the rounds and again without foundation is that we may be making changes in our coaching staff, this is malicious. When challenged the retort usually is "then deny it" and therefore make a second story and fuel for those who would say that there is no smoke without fire.

It is not the policy of this club to become involved in controversy with the press, normally our relations are excellent and we are grateful for the publicity that they give us, but if it means that our only answer against rumours and gossip and figments of imagination is these programme notes, then the writer will make full use of them in an effort to keep the club supporters' in touch with the facts. In conclusion may I make it very clear that the references made are to rather isolated incidents which have become increasingly evident of late.

## BACK TO WINNING WAYS

The mid-week win against Barrow came as a tonic to us all, it did prove that we are back to form again and prepared to accept half chances after a display like last Monday evening the need for replacements seem unnecessary. Once our boys get their nose in front they take some holding, they grow in confidence and their natural abilities begin to show, you can buy players but not confidence, and this is what we seem to be short of, this powerful pack of ours can make thirty or forty yards up field, but get near to the line and they go shy, the lesson was learned on Monday last, it should go into practice to-day.

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### OUR VISITORS

The men from Watersheddings seem to be having more than their share of worries this season, at the moment three of their star players are staging a strike, it is not our business, so we will leave matters alone. Sufficient to say that a strong Oldham club is to the benefit of our game, we have had some stirring matches with them in the past they have produced some great players. Names like Turner, Winslade, Vines, Etty, Davies, Stirrup, and Day spring to mind at the mention of Oldham, but they, like us, are worried at the decline of the game, they support us in the effort to return our game truly to Rugby League Football. Despite their difficulties, we can be sure of a good open game of rugby to-day, they will overcome their immediate troubles of this we are sure.

### A RUGBY MIRACLE

Chairman of Bradford Northern Harry Womersley goes into print this week in a dynamic fashion. He suggests that five top legislators be appointed to be in office for a minimum period of three years to make rule changes and any other major revisions they feel would benefit the game of Rugby League Football he says:

"The trouble with some clubs is that they make no effort. They rely on the stronger clubs to subsidise them. I would like to see a first division of 12 clubs, the other 18 forming a Second Division with three up and three down."

On the four tackle rule Mr. Womersley says, "We strongly support St Helens campaigners for its abolition, the best Rugby I have ever seen was in the mid-fifties and I would like to see a return to the rules which operated then, under the four tackles most of the football is artificial and there is far too much panic handling and kicking, and why, he says not a yearly tournament between the top sides in Britain, Australia, New Zealand and France? Our trouble is that we do not think big enough.

Strong words Harry, but you have no need to try and convert the converted.

### RETURNING AFTER INJURY

Tony Barrow and Ray Turner have now been cleared to resume training. Mike McNeil has come through his first training session well and all concerned are very pleased with his progress.

### PLAYERS No.6 SPECTATORS' CHAMPION

This carries a prize of £250 for the winner, your vote to-day can help Player of the season which is based on the awards by the judges each match show the following results so far:

A. Murphy (Leigh) 33. R. Millward (Hull K.R.) 23. F. Myler (St. Helens) 23. T. Brophy (Barrow) 22. S. Nash (Featherstone) 21.

**Don't forget to record your vote to-day.**

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# ★ Today's Line-ups ★

## ST. HELENS

Colours: White Jerseys, Red 'V'  
White Shorts.

1. BARROW F.
2. JONES L.
3. BENYON W.
4. WALSH J.
5. WILSON F.
6. MYLER F.
7. HEATON J.
8. WANBON R.
9. KARALIUS A.
10. WATSON C. H. (Capt.)
11. MANTLE J.
12. CHISNALL E.
13. COSLETT T. K.

Substitutes:

14. KELLY K.
15. PRESCOTT E.

Half-Time: .....pts.

Final Score: .....pts.

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HOOKER  
FRONT ROW  
SECOND ROW  
SECOND ROW  
LOOSE FORWARD

**Referee:**  
Mr. J. REED  
(Leeds)  
**Touch-Judges:**  
A. Shaw                  F. Whiteley

(Substitutes can be allowed at any time in the game)

## OLDHAM

Colours: Red & White Jerseys,  
White Shorts.

1. MURPHY
2. ELLIOTT
3. BEVERLEY
4. MULLARKEY
5. LARDER
6. CRELLIN
7. SMITH
8. GARDINER
9. TAYLOR
10. RUSSELL
11. IRVINE
12. DALEY
13. FLETCHER

Substitutes:

14. SAYER
15. DICKSON

Half-Time: .....pts.

Final Score: .....pts.

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| FIRST TEAM |                             |         | "A" TEAM |                          |         |
|------------|-----------------------------|---------|----------|--------------------------|---------|
| Date       | Opponents                   | Grd.    | Date     | Opponents                | Grd.    |
| 1969       |                             |         | 1969     |                          |         |
| Aug. 9     | Swinton (C.C.)              | A 32-4  | Aug. 13  | Wigan "A" (Lancs. S.)    | H 28-21 |
| 16         | Castleford                  | H 27-3  | 23       | Workington Town "A"      | A 18-16 |
| 20         | Widnes (7.30)               | A 5-17  | 30       | Warrington "A"           | H 41-8  |
| 23         | Workington Town             | H 31-11 |          |                          |         |
| 29         | Warrington (7.30)           | A 14-7  | Sept. 3  | Wigan "A" (Lancs. S.)    | A 8-6   |
| Sept. 1    | Maryport Inter Town         |         | 6        | Huyton "A"               | A 39-11 |
|            | (Lancs. Cup) 7.30           | H 58-5  | 13       | Salford "A"              | H 8-18  |
| 5          | Huyton (7.30)               | H 31-0  | 20       | Rochdale "A"             | A 19-8  |
| 10         | Castleford                  | A 3-9   | 27       | Workington Town "A"      | H 33-5  |
| 13         | Blackpool Borough           | A 35-2  |          |                          |         |
| 20         | Rochdale Hornets            | H 63-10 | Oct. 4   | Warrington "A"           | A 6-23  |
| 27         | Workington Town             | A 17-5  | 11       | Huyton "A"               | H 48-0  |
| 29         | Widnes (Lancs. Cup)         | A 14-22 | 18       | Barrow "A"               | A 10-18 |
| Oct. 4     | Warrington                  | H 11-7  | 25       | Wigan "A"                | A 30-20 |
| 7          | Leeds (7.30)                | A 7-13  |          |                          |         |
| 11         | Huyton                      | A 28-5  | Nov. 8   | Rochdale "A" (Lancs. S.) | H 16-4  |
| 13         | Swinton (B.B.C. 2)          | A 17-9  | 22       | Oldham "A"               | A       |
| 29         | Salford (7.30)              | A 12-16 | 29       | Wigan "A"                | H       |
| Nov. 4     | Barrow (B.B.C. 2)           | A 11-6  |          |                          |         |
| 8          | Whitehaven                  | A 9-10  | Dec. 6   | Widnes "A"               | H       |
| 10         | Leigh                       | H 16-10 | 20       | Rochdale Hornets "A"     | H       |
| 15         | Featherstone Rovers         | A 6-13  |          |                          |         |
| 17         | Barrow                      | H 31-9  | 1970     |                          |         |
| 22         | Oldham                      | H       | Jan. 3   | Oldham "A"               | H       |
| 29         | Batley                      | A       | 17       | Widnes "A"               | A       |
| Dec. 9     | Wigan B.B.C.2. Semi-Final   | A       | 23       | Salford "A" (7.30)       | A       |
| 13         | Blackpool Borough           | H       | 31       | Leigh "A"                | H       |
| 20         | Rochdale Hornets            | A       |          |                          |         |
| 26         | Wigan (3 p.m.)              | A       | Feb. 21  | Swinton "A"              | A       |
| 27         | Leeds                       | H       | 28       | Barrow "A"               | H       |
| 1970       |                             |         |          |                          |         |
| Jan. 1     | Swinton                     | H       | Mar. 21  | Swinton "A"              | H       |
| 3          | Oldham                      | A       |          | Leigh "A"                | A       |
| 10         | Batley                      | H       |          | St. Helens Junior Lge.   | H       |
| 24         | Salford                     | H       |          |                          |         |
| 31         | Leigh                       | A       |          |                          |         |
| Feb. 7     | Challenge Cup (1st Rd.)     |         |          |                          |         |
| 14         | Whitehaven                  | H       |          |                          |         |
| 21         | Challenge Cup (2nd Rd.)     |         |          |                          |         |
| 27         | Barrow (7 p.m.)             | A       |          |                          |         |
| Mar. 7     | Challenge Cup (3rd Rd.)     |         |          |                          |         |
| 14         | Featherstone Rovers         | H       |          |                          |         |
| 21         | Semi-final Challenge C. (1) |         |          |                          |         |
| 27         | Wigan (3 p.m.)              | H       |          |                          |         |
| 30         | Swinton                     | A       |          |                          |         |
| April 4    | Semi-final Challenge C. (2) |         |          |                          |         |
| 11         | Widnes                      | H       |          |                          |         |

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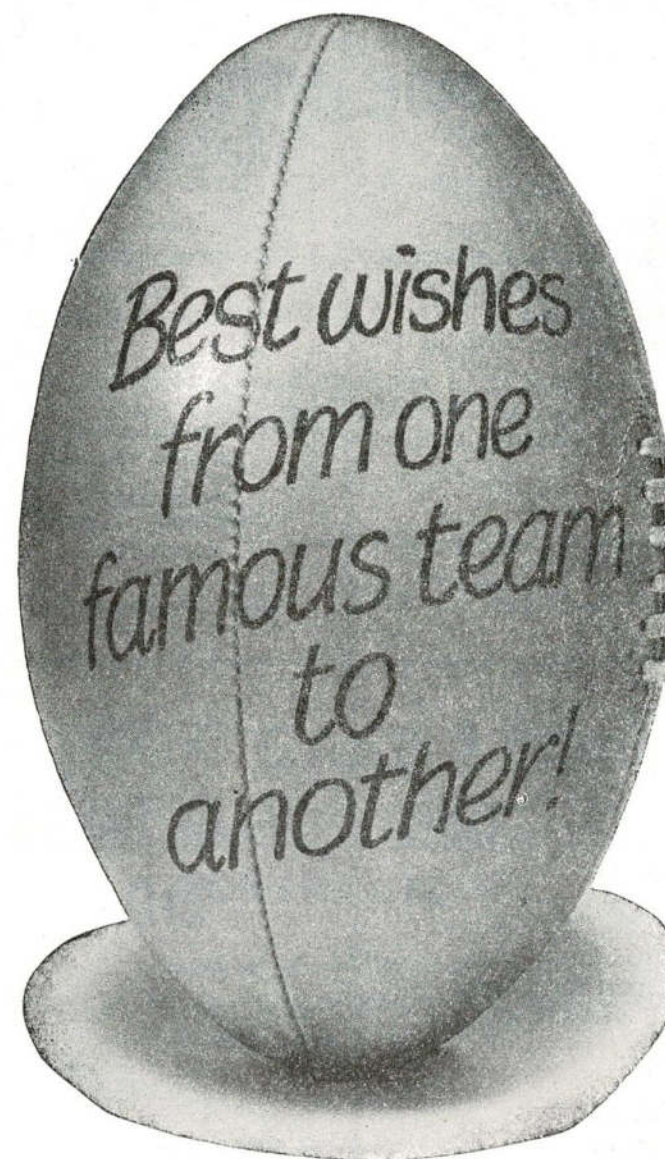
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