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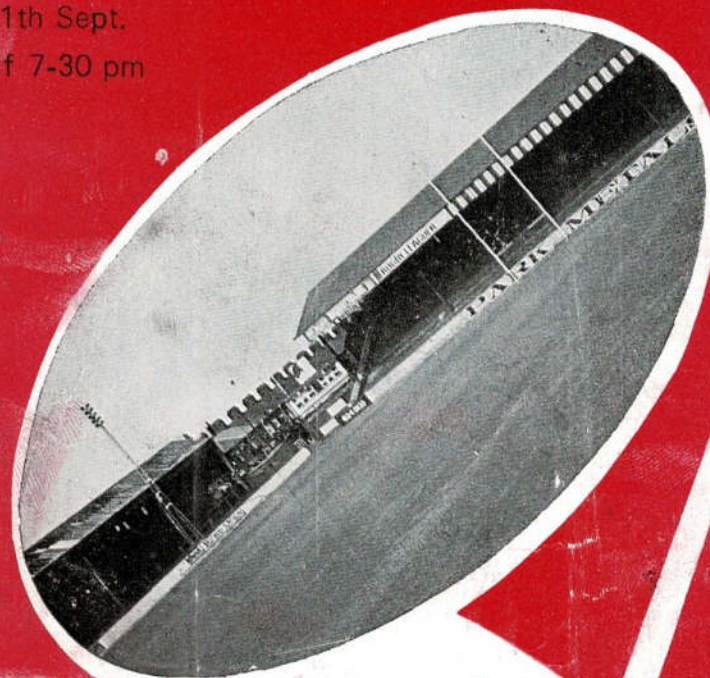
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BRIAN BATTY OF THE DAILY MAIL —

The headlines signalling the return of George Best to the Soccer scene recently swamped those announcing that a Rugby League international had decided to play again.

All right, so Best has perhaps earned the mixed publicity that he gets today but man for man he is lacking a lot of the qualities you expect, and generally find, in the Rugby player.

If you wish to meet some of the best guys in sport — and I've met my share in soccer, cricket and golf over the last 20 years — then you don't have to look further than a Rugby League dressing room.

And that sentiment goes for Dave Robinson, the Great Britain forward, who is now back in the Wigan fold after shelving his plans to pack in the game.

I'm delighted, for Rugby League needs every star available, and there is no doubt that Dave is one of the finest forwards playing when he reaches his peak.

He cost Wigan a £10,000 fee and it would have been money extremely well spent but for the sickening fact that Dave has rarely had a spell free from injuries since he left Swinton.

He is just one of half a dozen British players who have been troubled since the 1970 tour and his bad luck actually started during that trip and has stayed with him until the end of last season.

Unlike the soccer players the League boys find that an injury has a far more reaching effect on the pocket, their work and their families.

They are forced to spend weeks off sick and when you have your own business then the problem really becomes serious as in the case of Robinson.

This is the reason Wigan have lost another talented player this summer for full back Colin Tyrer has shown no sign of returning.

'I cannot afford the time off through injury and I've had my fair share of that,' is Tyrer's view.

This is a position which has plagued clubs for years and it is hardly likely to be helped with the pressure building up on players this season.

If a player with a top club wins every possible honour — that includes county games and Test matches — then he could end up playing almost 70 games.

This is a fantastic state of affairs for a part-timer who has to rely on his employer for unlimited time off or curtail his own business interests.

It is to be hoped that it doesn't lead to further stars taking the same course as Colin Tyrer for the game is going to suffer in the long run.

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We should also like to take this opportunity to welcome the many new Agents that have joined the Weekly Draw during the summer.

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On the Inside with DAVE PARKER

I just cannot understand why no club has not made a move for Phil Evans, the Dewsbury centre with heaps of first team experience currently living in the Chorley area of Lancashire. Phil had to leave Crown Flatt midway through last term owing to his lucrative post with a Lancashire food manufacturers and with his first team post at that time taken by Alan Childe, John Clark or Nigel Stephenson, he decided to plump for his full-time employment. He has moved house and at 25 it was expected he would soon be transferred to a Lancashire club. But it appears either that nobody knows he is available for transfer or they do not require his services.

The Dewsbury team that went to the Championship final is already destined to lose two of its members, hooker Mick Stephenson and physiotherapist Jim Greenall down under, but there is strong speculation in Dewsbury that "A" team coach Maurice Bamford has been approached with a view to taking over as a first team coach with another West Riding club. The Dewsbury seconds display the same moves stemming from the halfbacks like their senior counterparts and this is what has probably interested this particular club.

The Halifax Society of referees have managed to secure four new referees for the coming season, when other districts are screaming for would-be "whistlers". Peter Johnson, who originates from Widnes via Rochdale, Gerald Goodwin, a close friend of Halifax director Gordon Oates and Oldham referee Terry Keane, Russel Graydon, a close friend of Leigh coach Les Pearce, and Arthur Sharken, a Bingley licensee, are the new recruits.

There was an amusing incident at Belle Vue, home of Wakefield Trinity, several days ago when before the game started the referee noticed that the corner flags at one end of the ground had not been placed in the appropriate position. The Wakefield cheer girls noticed also and went into the pavilion for them, but the amusing part was yet to come. They just stood mesmerised not knowing where to stick 'em despite having waltzed round the back of the posts on numerous occasions to give their team encouragement.

Roy Firth has got the move he wanted after almost two seasons in the wilderness. The former Dewsbury hooker has not been settled with Hull, and the consistency of Alan McGlone robbed him of a first team spot. He should now be able to settle down at Bramley.

Australian Rugby League players may have already moved into Hull Kingston Rovers, but apart from the tourists don't expect many more coming over. A leading member of the British Press has just given the possible English sight-seers a real low blow. He has told them in a lengthy article in a leading Sydney paper that English clubs can no longer afford the £500 plus return air fares and guarantees demanded for a 7 month stint. Officials of the Leigh and St. Helens clubs are quoted in the article.



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Hat trick day for O'Brien

Oldham v Wigan

2nd Try



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Rugby Quiz

1. Who did Wigan beat to win the Floodlit Cup in season 1968-69?
2. When did Wigan move into their Central Park Ground?
3. What is the record attendance for the Rugby League Championship Final?
4. Who did Leigh beat to win last season's Floodlit Cup?
5. What was the result of the first rugby league match played by France?

1. Castleford (h) 10-7, Rochdale Hornets (a) 23-7, Leigh (h) 9-7 and St. Helens (h) 7-4.
 2. September, 1902.
 3. 1959-60 at Odsal Stadium; Wigan 27, Wakefield Trinity 3. Attendance 83,190.
 4. Hull Kingston Rovers (a) 12-10; Wigan (a) 16-14, Oldham (h) 10-8 and Widnes (at Wigan) 5-0.
 5. Wigan 30, France 27.



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- 15—

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- 3—HILL D.
- 4—FRANCIS W.
- try 5—O'LOUGHLIN Kevin
- 6—AYRES W.
- 7—NULTY J.
- 8—BENCE A.
- 4 goals 9—~~CLARKE C.~~ *Grey*
- 10—WATTS D.
- try 11—IRVING R.
- 12—SMETHURST P.
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3rd Try

Oldham v Wigan



OUR VISITORS . . .

Wigan this season have made a far better beginning to the campaign than they did last year. In the annual pre-season Wigan Sevens the Central Park outfit won their own competition with Green Vigo outstanding. In the First Division Bramley were defeated 23-2 but last Saturday up at Whitehaven an excellent crowd of 3,000 saw Wigan lose narrowly by 17-12. In the pre-season friendly match against Warrington the powerful Wires were held to a 13-14 score. Wigan's leading scorers this season are John Gray with 4 goals and 3 tries and Jim Nulty with 5 goals and 2 tries.

This evening's meeting between Oldham and Wigan will be only the second occasion that these two clubs have met in this competition which will this season be in its ninth year. Oldham have taken part in all nine competitions although the nearest they have come to lifting the trophy was last season when they were beaten semi-finalists. Wigan's first season in this profitable competition was 1967-68 when they reached the semi-final at the first time of asking. The following season they went one better and won the trophy. So in 1969-70 they set off to defend the trophy and after victories against Warrington (32-21 on aggregate) and Hull 24-5 they met Oldham in the quarter final at Central Park. Heavy showers on the day of the match reduced the attendance to 3,500 but the crowd enjoyed quite an entertaining match which Wigan, as expected, won 12-0 after leading 5-0 at half-time. Colin Tyrer kicked 3 goals and both wingers Stuart Wright and Phil Eastham scored tries for Wigan with the teams lining up as follows:

WIGAN: Colin Tyrer; Stuart Wright, Bill Francis, Peter Rowe, Phil Eastham; Kevin O'Laughlin, Johnny Jackson; John Stephens, Colin Clarke, Keith Ashcroft, Brian Hogan, Bill Ashurst and Doug Laughton.

OLDHAM: Martin Murphy; Mike Elliott, Jim Crellin, John Beverley, John Mullarkey; Cliff Sayer, Ged Smith; Danny Gardiner, Kevin Taylor, Fred Russell, Bob Irving, Jim McCormack and Geoff Fletcher. Substitutes: Tommy Davies, Alan Dickman.

Wigan went on to defeat St. Helens in a replayed semi-final that season only to fall to Leigh in the final.

With that 1969 result in mind, tonight's match could be described as something of a revenge meeting. Of course, Oldham will be out for revenge following the recent Lancashire Cup result which all points out to an intriguing clash between two well matched sides. The weeks ahead look extremely hectic for both Oldham players and spectators for after tonight's Floodlit Cup tie clash Oldham have to travel to top of the table Warrington next weekend in the John Player Trophy before visiting Wigan next Tuesday in the second leg of this evening's game. On the 22nd September Oldham will be on safari again when they visit Wakefield Trinity. Following these three difficult matches Oldham's next first team game at Watersheddings is on Wednesday, 26th September when Castleford form the opposition in a First Division match. It's a tough programme ahead but given a little luck this evening, Oldham could visit Wigan next week with a useful lead to defend and the prospects of a home tie in the next round against the winners of the Rochdale Hornets versus Swinton tie.

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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

1973		
Aug.	18—Leeds	A
	25—Dewsbury	H
Sept.	1—Wigan, Lancs. Cup ...	H
	8—Bramley	H
	15—Player's Competition	
	22—Wakefield	A
	26—Castleford	H
	29—Wigan	A
Oct.	6—Whitehaven	A
	14—Dewsbury	A
	19—AUSTRALIA	H
	27—Featherstone	H
Nov.	2—St. Helens	A
	11—Widnes	H
	25—Wigan	H
Dec.	1—Featherstone	A
	8—St. Helens	H
	16—Warrington	A
	23—Leigh	H
	26—Rochdale H.	H
	30—Whitehaven	A
1974		
Jan.	1—Salford	A
	6—Hull K.R.	H
	13—Leigh	A
	20—Warrington	H
Feb.	2—Challenge Cup (1)	
	10—Bramley	A
	16—Wakefield	H
	23—Challenge Cup (2)	
Mar.	2—Leeds	H
	9—Challenge Cup (3)	
	17—Widnes	A
	23—Chal. Cup (Semi-final)	
	31—Hull K.R.	A
Apr.	7—Castleford	A
	13—Salford	H
	15—Rochdale H.	A

"A" TEAM FIXTURES

1973		
Aug.	11—Rochdale	H
	18—Barrow	H
	25—Workington	A
	29—Rochdale	
	(1st leg Shield) ...	H
Sept.	8—Rochdale	
	(2nd leg Shield) ...	A
	22—Barrow	A
	29—Wigan	H
Oct.	13—Swinton	H
	20—Swinton	A
	27—Workington	A
Nov.	3—St. Helens	H
	9—Widnes	A
	17—Huyton	A
	24—Wigan	A
Dec.	1—Barrow	H
	7—St. Helens	A
	16—Warrington	H
	22—Leigh	A
Jan.	4—Salford	A
	12—Workington	H
	18—Warrington	A
	23—Salford	H
	26—Swinton	H
Feb.	9—Huyton	A
	23—Huyton	H
Mar.	2—Barrow	A
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	13—Leigh	H
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	23—Rochdale	A
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Apr.	6—Workington	H

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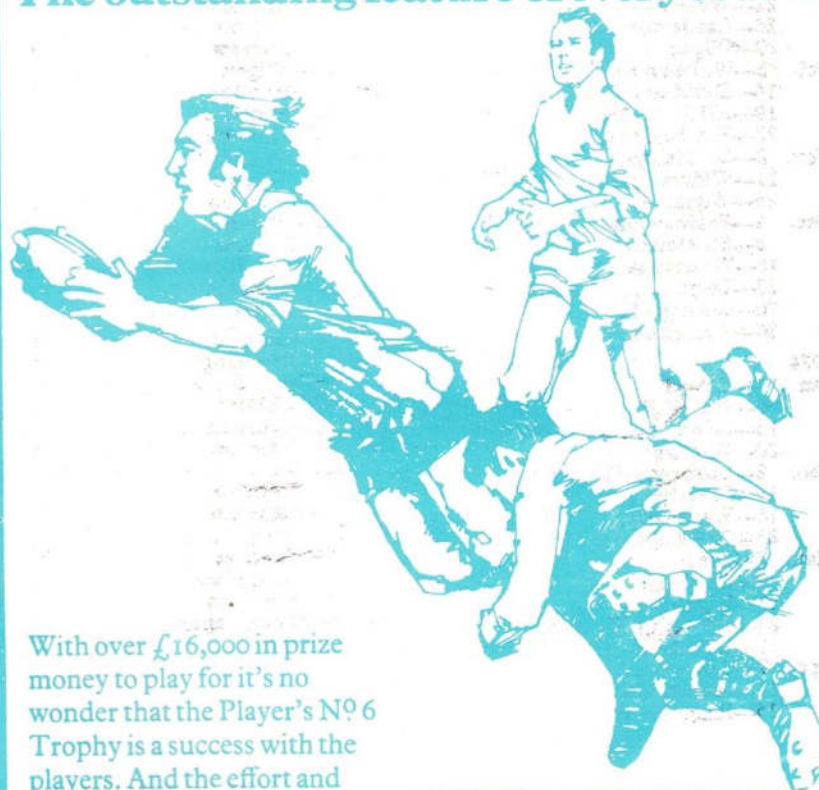
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