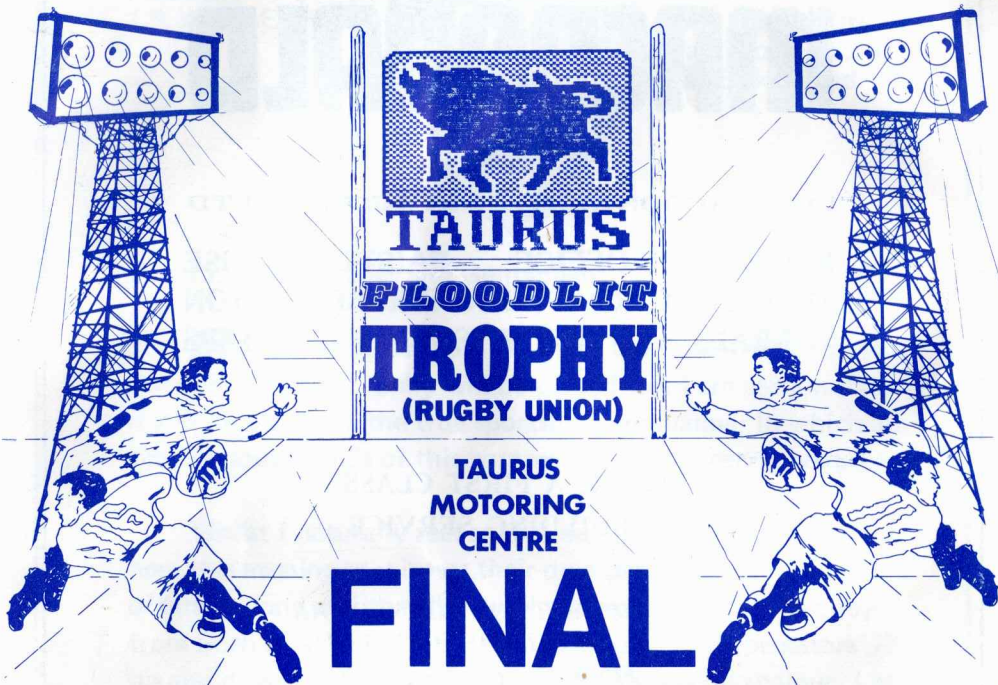


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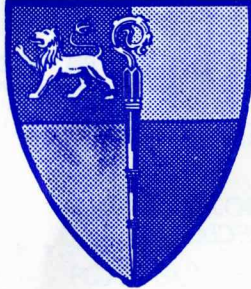
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Whilst I naturally realise that our spectators have come here this evening to witness their own particular Club carry off the trophy and that they will also appreciate good rugby from both sides, there is a very small element of spectators up and down the land who appear to only see one colour. Let us hope that is not the case tonight.

Tonight we are very pleased to welcome the immediate past President of the Rugby Union, Mr. David Brooks, who will present the Trophy. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for taking time out of his busy schedule to be with us this evening.

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T. Archer	12
J. Wilson	11
	Halfbacks
M. Jackson	10
D. Welch	9
	Forwards
J. Lee	1
G. Walker	2
A. Howarth	3
W. Roe	4
D. Gilbert	5
M. Henshaw	6
P. Lee	8
S. Copple	7
	Replacements
E. White	16
C. Richards	17

9

PORT SUNLIGHT

Black and white hoops



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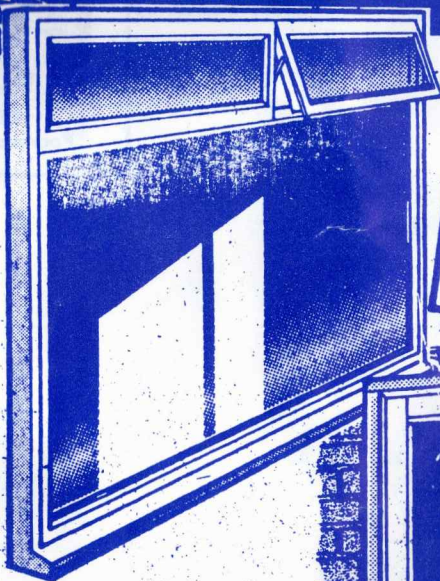
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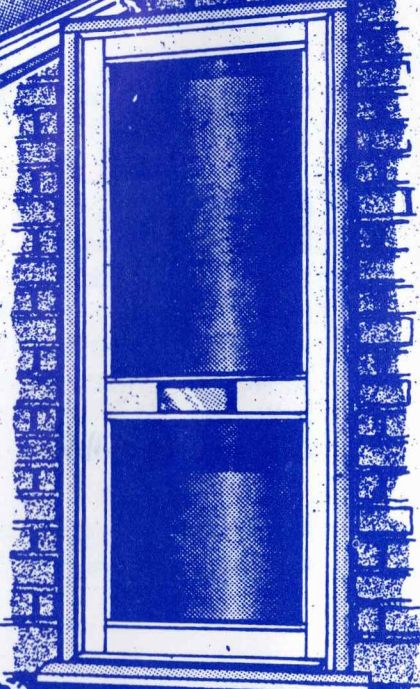


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PORT SUNLIGHT FOREWORD

I'm pleased to be in a position to write a foreword for to-night's Taurus Floodlit Cup in successive seasons. This also means last year's diatribe is too recent for republishing, so I have to think again of a suitable introduction to the final.

As the holders, we could be considered by some to be favourites to win, but the history of the competition has so far failed to see the holders retain the title, yet in all but one year, the holders have returned to defend their title unsuccessfully in the final. I recall Old Instonians won the competition in 1980 after beating the holders (Port Sunlight) at the semi-final stage. So Nick Garrett and the Sunlight XV will have to change this trend to succeed tonight. That's enough of the past, what about to-night's match.

I was surprised to find that most of the Sunlight team had actually read my foreword last year, before the match. So there may be a chance to influence the course of the match with the pen. Since Rugby is an amateur game, the players only rewards are enjoyment and success, these two abstract nouns are perhaps too often considered inseparable in rugby. I maintain that if all the players tonight have striven hard and fairly for success to the limit of their skill and ability then win or lose, they will have enjoyed the finale of a very parochial friendly competition.

The spectators will I hope also be able to enjoy watching a finely contested game of rugby on a warm spring evening. That's tempting providence! It will probably be 'hissing down'. If that occurs, Sunlight beware. I saw your opponents win a splendid first round match in torrential rain, and by running the ball.

To conclude, I must return to last year's script and thank the backroom boys. The clubs taking part in this competition only have to turn up, the organisation is handled very ably by the Birkenhead Park officers and they have ensured a succession of sponsors at a time of economic recession. I trust the present sponsor, Taurus Tyres, will have a long and successful association with the Floodlit cup. Finally our thanks to the Liverpool Referees' Society for providing the essential 'man in the middle' throughout the competition.

K. Lewis.

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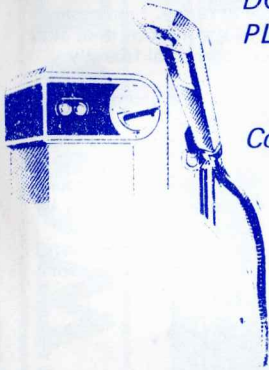


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Caldy	6	Port Sunlight	15
Wallasey	12	Old Anselmians	3
Old Rockferrians	6	Hoylake	12
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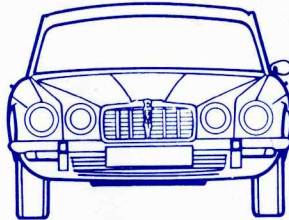
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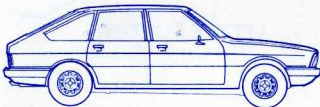
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