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Date	Opponents	Venue
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17—	Halifax	Home 3-0
22—	Barrow (Thurs.)	Away
24—	Wakefield	Away
26—	St. Helens (Mon.)	Home 7-0
31—	Barrow (L.C.)	Home 3-0
Sept. 2—	Huddersfield (Mon.)	Away
7—	Halifax	Away
14—	Warrington	Home 3-0
21—	Leigh	Home 3-0
28—	Workington	Away
Oct. 5—	Hunslet	Home 3-0
12—	Rochdale	Away
19—	Hull	Home 3-0
26—	Blackpool	Away
Nov. 2—	Wakefield	Home 3-0
9—	Salford	Away
16—	Liverpool	Home 2-30
23—	Leigh	Away
30—	Salford	Home 2-30

Date	Opponents	Venue
Dec. 7—	14—Liverpool	Away
21—	Whitehaven	Home 2-30
25—	Swinton (Wed.)	Home 2-30
26—	Hull (Thurs.)	Away
28—	Warrington	Away
Jan. 4—	Leeds	Home 2-30
11—	Barrow	Home 2-30
18—	Widnes	Away
25—	Workington	Home 3-0
Feb. 1—	Wigan	Away
8—	R.L. Cup	
15—	St. Helens	Away
22—	R.L. Cup	
Mar. 1—	Blackpool	Home 3-0
8—	Widnes	Home 3-0
15—	Whitehaven	Away
22—	Rochdale	Home 3-0
29—	R.L. Cup semi-final	
Apl. 4—	Swinton (G.F.)	Away
5—	Wigan	Home 3-0
7—	Huddersfield (E.M.)	Home 7-0
12—	Hunslet	Away
19—	Leeds	Away

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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Our Visitors.

It is always a pleasure to receive a visit from our friends from Naughton Park. Apart from their playing staff, the Widnes club, supporters and directors alike, are a very friendly crowd. Whilst they have had a very fair season—a present lying 10th in the table, only eight points removed from the top-four, they are spending a lot of time and money on ground development. It is quite pleasing to see a club which takes as much interest in the welfare and comfort of their spectators as do the Widnes club.

Let us hope that to-day's game will be a credit to Rugby League and that spectators and players will leave the ground having had an excellent evening's entertainment.

Tour Selection.

We now know the players who are lucky enough to tour Australia and New Zealand during the coming summer. There has always been surprise selections and probably there always will. Twenty-six players only can be selected and there must be many more than twenty-six left behind who are well worthy of selection. But there it is, and the unlucky ones must be left behind to try their luck at some later date.

The chosen men are:

Full Backs—G. Moses, St. Helens; E. Fraser, Warrington.

Wing-men—I. Southward, Workington; F. Carlton, St. Helens; M. Sullivan, Wigan; W. Wookey, Workington.

Stand-off Halves—D. Bolton, Wigan; H. Archer, Workington.

Scrum-halves—J. Stevenson, Leeds; A. Murphy, St. Helens.

Hookers—T. Harris, Hull; A. Ackerley, Halifax.

Prop-Forwards—A. Prescott, St. Helens; B. McTigue, Wigan; J. Drake, Hull; K. Jackson, Oldham.

Second-row and Loose Forwards—S. Little, Oldham; R. Huddert, Whitehaven; M. Martyn, Leigh; D. Turner, Oldham; J. Whiteley, Hull; V. Karalius, St. Helens.

Although we have four players chosen, and, we consider, well worthy of selection, we are naturally very disappointed in the non-selection of Bernard Ganley and Frank Pitchford, and the players themselves must also be very disappointed.

"SHOULD WE REMEMBER?"

by CYRIL BRIGGS

(Sports Editor, "Warrington Guardian Series," and B.B.C. Reporter)

How is it that Rugby League is somewhat reluctant to perpetuate the memory of men who have given time and money to the game? There are certain instances where the stalwarts of the past have their names in the "Hall of Fame" at certain grounds, but at other enclosures there are few, if any, references to the men who have helped to make Rugby League a game for the masses.

TRIBUTE TO "TOM"

Go along to Wigan and you will see proudly shown in a glass case the various honours which have been won by the Cherry and Whites. Inside, near the massive score-board are the names of such men as Jenkins, Selling, and Latham carved on stone, and at Widnes there will always be a reminder to the man who did so much in official circles for "the Chemics"—the late Tom Naughton. "Naughton Park" is known wherever Rugby League is played and it is a tribute to Mr. Naughton's energies for the south-west Lancashire club.

UNTIMELY DEATHS

Tom met with an untimely death in a motor accident before the war, and a road accident also claimed another man who won fame on and off the field for his knowledge of the game. I refer to the late Lance B. Todd, the famous coach who helped to put Salford on the road to success, and kept them there. "Toddy" will be remembered for very many years by the players who figured on the field with or against him, and also by thousands of fans who admired the exploits of the "Red Devils."

MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Lance B. Todd Memorial Trophy is now part and parcel of any Wembley final. It came into being in the first final after the 1939-45 war, and has proved a most interesting competition, not only among the teams who have played at Wembley, but among the huge crowds who have filled the wonderful stadium. You will hear the remark over and over again, after the match has finished, "who has won the Todd Trophy?" That shows whether the public is interested.

MORE FACTS

Here are some additional facts about the trophy. Actually, there is no trophy as far as trophies go. The trustees are Harry Sunderland, the noted sports writer and broadcaster; R. F. Anderton, the Warrington director; and John Bapty, the well-known Yorkshire sports journalist. After the final at Wembley, sports writers are asked to take part in the awarding of the cup. They vote for the player who has shown the greatest skill and the best sporting spirit. The cup does not always go to a member of the winning side. We have seen a player who has only got a runners-up medal win the prize.

REMINDERS OF WEMBLEY

No trophy? That is so. When the player who has gained the largest number of votes has been announced, he receives a money award. He is then free to buy his own souvenir. Some choose statuettes, other cups or rose bowl, or even a wristlet watch. In each case they are reminders of that great day at Wembley. This is another wonderful idea to perpetuate the name of a man—in this case, Lance Todd—who helped R.L. on the right road.

THE "PARSON" REFEREE

Not so long ago, the Dewsbury club wished to place a memorial at Crown Flatt, the home of this Yorkshire club, in memory of the late Rev. Frank Chambers, who was often known as "the Parson with the whistle." The Dewsbury club appealed for funds, but there were some refusals here and there, although Mr. Chambers had served the game with honour for many years, and, had added lustre to it. However, the rebuffs did not prevent the Dewsbury officials from going ahead with the scheme.

FARTOWN HERO

Then I heard something about a memorial to the late Harold Wagstaff, the wonder centre who was such a hero at Huddersfield at a time when the Fartowners were carrying all before them. I may be wrong very wrong, but I have not yet seen the memorial at Fartown, although I have visited the ground many times in recent seasons. Surely a plaque could have been erected to this great player?

"BEVAN'S CORNER"

When Brian Bevan scored his 500th try for Warrington, a season or two ago, out came a suggestion from one of his admirers that a plaque be inserted in the wall surrounding the playing pitch at Wilderspool, as a constant reminder of that spectacular feat by the Australian winger.

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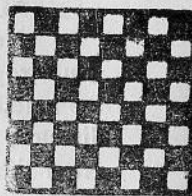
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- 3—NESTOR, V. NOON
- 4—AYRES, D.
- 5—ETTY, J. W.
- 6—KELLETT, A. B.
- 7—PITCHFORD, F.
- 8—JACKSON, K.
- 9—CARRUTHERS, I. KEITH
- 10—McKEOWN, D.
- 11—WINSLADE, C.
- 12—LITTLE, S. D. DALEY
- 13—TURNER, D.

WIDNES

Black and White

- 1—WRIGHT
- 2—DAWSON
- 3—BROOME
- 4—THOMPSON
- 5—RATCLIFFE
- 6—MYLER
- 7—SMITH, J.
- 8—SMITH, T.
- 9—KEMEL
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- 11—SMITH, D.
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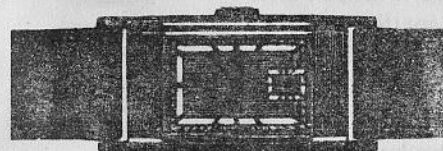
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List of Appearances and Performances—First Team only

(Up to, and including, Saturday last)

Player	A.	G.	T.	Player	A.	G.	T.
Ganley	33	175	3	Turner	31		8
Cracknell	32		22	Stirrup	9		
Ayres	16		4	Jarman	9		1
Nestor	26		13	Daley	22		1
Etty	34		10	Noon	18	13	10
Moat	6		2	Rowbottom	13		
Pitchford	32		10	Carruthers	3		
Jackson	30		2	Winslade	23		3
Keith	33		9	Davies	19		14
Vines	24		1	Kellett	5		1
Little	31		10	McKeown	2		
Duffy	9			Laverty	1		
				Lomas	1		

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

(Up to, and including, Saturday last)

	Barrow	Blackpool	Leeds	Leigh	Liverpool	OLDHAM	Rochdale	Salford	St. Helens	Swinton	Warrington	Whitehaven	Widnes	Wigan	Workington
Barrow	.....	19-16	14-18	14-4		10-27	29-10	22-12	12-18	9-7	25-15		24-10		5-12
Blackpool		.....	16-11	9-15	15-8	5-34	12-17	5-14	7-17	5-13	14-18	13-18	9-12	2-13	
Leeds	52-12	68-6	.....	13-12				25-25	23-5	20-10	12-8		18-8	17-5	3-13
Leigh	12-8		30-13	.....	18-11	14-24	12-5	12-7	15-5	24-3	8-2	25-14			13-18
Liverpool	18-3	33-8	9-30		.....	11-15		19-24	4-28	8-4	9-18			11-39	4-19
OLDHAM	24-5	21-11	17-10	23-5	28-12	.....		34-12	7-21	9-17	17-15	28-12			
Rochdale	11-15	28-20		2-7	4-4	21-29	.....	10-16	5-10	9-5	16-12	15-8	10-17		5-19
Salford		10-9			16-3	5-14	15-4	.....	12-7		10-8	18-3	5-16	7-14	
St. Helens	35-7		36-7	11-9	27-8	5-4	51-0		.....	43-11	14-2	26-9			29-6
Swinton	11-11	16-5		27-16	16-9		7-11	6-7	14-16	.....		5-2	0-6	5-28	13-20
Warrington	16-14	19-6			36-6	14-15		20-16	11-13	32-6	.....		28-2	21-5	10-5
Whitehaven	14-4	38-17	14-5	4-2		11-13	40-8	16-13	7-15	26-10	28-12	.....	29-19	6-16	
Widnes		30-3	21-3		21-7	2-12	4-13	12-3	13-22	15-12		11-2	.....	11-28	10-11
Wigan	48-5	30-13	20-17	7-9	44-5	6-9	22-10		9-12		22-13		18-5	.....	35-11
Workington	15-0		36-0		22-11	13-24	33-6		15-10		10-10	17-11	42-5	8-3	.....

Home Team on left. Away Team on top. Home Team's score given first.

Nothing has yet been done about it, although club and supporters did make Bevan a money gift to mark the occasion. The suggestion by the unknown, or unnamed supporter was that the spot where Bevan scored his 500th try should be known as "Bevan's Corner."

FINE GESTURE

When the stand at the boys' end of Watersheddings ground was being re-built, I remember giving a donation to the fund. The name of G. F. Hutchins, who did so much to bring Oldham in the Rugby League limelight, was linked with the new building. This was indeed a fine gesture and would be appreciated by the relatives and friends of Mr. Hutchins. But here and there in the R.L. world there seems to be a reluctance to erect memorials to the men who mattered in the days gone by. Why? I cannot answer.

At Watersheddings, Saturday Next

LANCASHIRE AMATEURS v. CUMBERLAND AMATEURS

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

The above match contains the pick of the County Amateurs from Lancashire and Cumberland. Come along and see the stars of the future.

In the case of Ganley, he has proved himself to be the greatest goal-kicker in the game to-day, having won several matches for us this season by the excellence of his marksmanship from some very difficult positions and conditions indeed. Defence is not everything, although it is many people's idea that the last line of defence must be greater than the attack. Give me the player who can bob them over the bar from all angles, and, link up with the attack as well.

What about ace scrum-half Frank Pitchford. We did expect him to have a very good chance of selection, being one of the fastest scrum-halves in the game to-day. Had the selectors seen him in action last Saturday, they would have been convinced of his worthiness for selection. Speaking to players who have had the experience of having had played in Australia, they consider that his mid-field dashes would have been devastating on the hard grounds, and that he would have been a veritable menace to all opponents.

However, that's the way it goes. May we offer our congratulations to the players selected, and commiserate with those who just missed catching the plane.

POSTPONED MATCHES

We have now fixed up to play Hull at Watersheddings on Wednesday, 16th April, and the kick-off will be 6-0 p.m..

Workington will visit Watersheddings on Saturday, 26th April, kick-off 3-0 p.m.

May we remind members and spectators that we play Hunslet at Watersheddings on Saturday, 12th April. Our fixture list shows this match to be away, but we completed our away fixture with Hunslet on December 7th. Please make a note of the date—Saturday, 12th April, Hunslet at Oldham, kick-off 3-0 p.m.

BRIEFS

Congratulations to Roger Dufty in joining the matrimonial ranks. He achieved this happy state last Saturday when he married Miss Stella Tolan daughter of the Rugby personality, Tommy Tolan, late of Hornets and Belle Vue Rangers. We wish them much happiness.

Don Vines still has his leg in plaster, helping a damaged knee on the way to total recovery. Whether we shall see this player in action again this season depends upon our specialist's report. We sincerely hope that he will be able to help us at the tail end of the season, and, may be, in the League Final?

We have now completed our option for the services of Alan Kelllett, our out-half. He has just completed his military service and is now in full training. It is indicated that we have solved the out-half position.

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