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15	Leeds	home 3-0	26	Workington	away 2-30
13	Dewsbury	away 7-0			
22	Salford	away 3-0	1960		
25	Warrington	home 6-30	Jan. 2	Liverpool	away 2-30
29	Whitehaven	away 3-0	9	Wakefield	home 2-30
Sept. 5	Halifax	away 3-0	16	Leigh	home 2-30
8	Halifax	home 6-30	23	St. Helens	away 3-0
12	Hunslet	home 3-0	30	Widnes	away 3-0
19	Widnes	home 3-0			
26	Blackpool	away 3-0	Feb. 6	Salford	home 3-0
Oct. 3	AUSTRALIA	home 3-0	13	R.L. Cup	
10	Barrow	away 3-0	20	Wakefield	away 3-0
17	Workington	home 3-0	27	R.L. Cup	
24	Warrington	away 3-0			
31	Barrow	home 3-0	Mar. 5	Leeds	away 3-0
Nov. 7	Rochdale	away 3-0	12	Wigan	home 3-0
14	Blackpool	home 2-30	19	Leigh	away 3-0
21	Whitehaven	away 2-30	26	Hunslet	away 3-0
28	Rochdale	home 2-30			
Dec. 5	Wigan	away 2-30	Apr. 2	Liverpool	home 3-0
12	Hull	home 2-30	9	St. Helens	home 3-0
			15	Swinton G. F.	away 3-0
			16	E. S.	
			18	Whitehaven	home 3-0
			23	Hull	away 3-0

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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Although we achieved an expected victory at Dewsbury on Tuesday evening last we paid dearly for victory by the serious injury to Ike Southward, who will be out of the game for at least three weeks. Ike in scoring a try and making sure of getting as near to the goal posts as possible twisted his ankle in grounding, and in his own statement owing to the uneven state of the ground. This is very serious loss to our playing strength as we can ill afford to lose the services of such a capable player.

We have a heavy programme in front of us including the first round of the Lancashire Senior Cup at Whitehaven on Saturday next. However these accidents will happen but we appear to be having above our share so early in the season.

The forwards we turned out at Dewsbury had an unusual appearance, insomuch as we were short of the services of such experienced players as Ken Jackson and Charlie Winslade, but the deputies did well against a team by their vigour and spirit tried all they could to stem our advances but without avail.

Our young scrum half Hatherall had to withdraw from the team owing to not recovering from his ankle injury and it speaks wonders for our manager-coach, Frank Stirrup filling the breach of scrum half in the emergency with all the old craft of a veteran he is.

Frank although not match fit played himself out and was an inspiration to some of our inexperienced players who played along side him. In possession of the ball he was always creating openings for our backs and he crowned a splendid evenings work by scoring a very good try.

INJURED PLAYERS

Ike Southward has his right foot in plaster for a hair line crack of the ankle bone.

Dennis Ayres has been examined by a specialist for knee injury and having recommended heat treatment when he hopes to be fully recovered in about three weeks time.

Harold Lomas has a badly damaged shoulder and we are awaiting our specialists report on such damage. This player will be out of action for some weeks.

OUR VISITORS

This evening we give a welcome to visitors from Warrington.

The "Wires" like ourselves appear to have an unsettled pack of forwards, but recently have made a capture from St. Helens in Denis Karalius, brother to the better known Vince Karalius. The Warrington back division have some really star men, but like ourselves what is the use of star if you are lacking forward strength.

In the past we have had many great games against our visitors, thrills galore, and not always having come out with victory.

We hope that the evergreen Brian Bevan will be in the team this evening, as it is always a treat to watch this undoubted clever player in action, what a splendid career this player has had with the Warrington Club and still going strong.

We hope that tonight's game will prove no exception to past games and that all will be satisfied with the fare provided and let us hope a victory for our team, but we shall have to give of our best.

ATTENDANCES

One is struck by the miserable attendances for the opening matches of the season 1959-60. We ourselves cannot complain at our opening against Leeds as an attendance of 15,000 must be considered satisfactory, although we expected more to attend in view of our new capture, Geoff Robinson, being on view.

How do some clubs manage to carry on with the attendances recorded?

Without doubt they are receiving a subsidy from Football Pools. Money talks all languages so they say, but one is apt to think that the Pools Organisations are taking priority over the game.

How long this state of affairs will last remains to be seen, but like some in the business world, if your business does not pay, get into something that does. So it goes on.

Rugby League Football, except in some isolated cases, and they are very isolated, does not pay, overheads and wages more than absorb income, therefore some clubs resort to a subsidy by way of the Pools.

SUPPORTER'S CLUB NEWS

Tickets are now available for the "Welcome to the Australians" dance to be held at the Town Hall, Oldham, Saturday, October 3rd—the day we play them at Watersheddings.

Early application is advised as the tickets are strictly limited.

WARRINGTON BUILD-UP IS A SLOW PROCESS

by Cyril Briggs

So many people have asked me during the past few years, "What is wrong with Warrington?" (writes Cyril Briggs) They have a perfect right to poise the question because in post-war seasons, up to and including 1954 Warrington have won the R. L. Challenge Cup twice, been beaten very narrowly in three semi-finals of the same competition; won the R. L. Championship three times (Oldham were among their victims on that Maine Road slush heap) been beaten finalists twice and County title winners half a dozen times.

RECORDS LOST

Since 1954 Warrington have been well out of the running for honours, and many records have been lost. Now for the reasons. In 1954 Warrington had to build up. They made a few buys which were not successful, but there were several players in the early seasons after the war who were out to make names for themselves. They included, Albert (Massa) Johnson, brilliant side-stepping left winger, Gerry Helme (almost a local product) Dave Cotton (a great aftermath of the pre-war years) while one or two others were on hand to give the selectors some encouragement. Players who had been abroad slowly returned from their Service units, and others from Civil Defence posts. And then Warrington had their luckiest break, an Australian naval man asked for a trial game. He had "asked" for a chance at Headingley and Hunslet, but had been turned down.

The name, Brian Bevan. He later returned home for "demobbing" and then came back to England. What a character, what a player! He's still going strong after 14 years of hectic football. Pity that others in the post-war palmy days couldn't have lasted as long. But most of them were a little older than the "great Bev." Harold Palin, Bill Derbyshire, Bill Riley, Roy Francis, Bryn Knowelden, Bill Jackson, Bob Ryan, Jim Featherstone, Aussie Peake, Stan Powell, Jack Fleming, Albert Pimblett, Harry Bath etc. built up the Warrington side to the highest level.

DRIFTED AWAY

And when they gradually drifted away, re-placements were not forthcoming. Warrington officials had built wisely and well—for a period. Players like Ike Fishwick, Albert Naughton, Eric Frodsham and Jim Honey were added, but there were many mishaps and strokes of bad luck.

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Honey finished before his time as a result of a playing accident in a cup-tie at Widnes and though players reached top note at times there was not the same consistency as that shown by the team which won the league championship for the very first time in 1948 and the challenge cup for the first time for 43 years! There was a great deal of chopping and changing and whereas the club had reliable stand-ins in the golden years, players in later seasons had to be moved around — not always with the desired results.

So the big names went away slowly, either to retire altogether or play for other clubs. Some signings have not made the grade, and though the policy of giving youth a real chance at Wilderspool has been pursued with ever growing vigour, the cups have been as far away as ever. Yet have no fear Warrington's youth and experience is being blended into a formidable force. Warrington fans however are often grumbling that the process is taking a long time.

TWO YOUNG TOURISTS

Yet when you consider that there are two young Tourists in the side—I refer to Eric Fraser and Jim Challinor—plus highly promising players like Bobbie Greenough, Jackie Edwards, Laurie Giffedder, Alister Brindle, Harry Major and latest signing Denis Karalius from St. Helens, you will gather that the directors and manager Ces Mountford are building on a sound foundation, and there's plenty of experience in the back and forward positions.

The Wires are on the way up, and with the selectors scouting for additional talent, even though market values are soaring every week, Warrington may be one of the surprise teams of the season. Warrington fans hope so. They long to yell the battle cry—"Now the Wire", which has been so silent on many grounds in recent seasons.

READY TO PAY

Dr. Tom McClelland, a former Irish Rugby Union forward, who is the Warrington chairman, has said quite openly that if Warrington can find the right type of player they will pay well for his services. Quite recently Warrington were in the market for Geoff Robinson, but Oldham got his signature. Then again, offers have been made for Whitehaven and Workington Town stars, but neither club will part with star forwards. They say "we want them ourselves."



BRIAN BEVAN

Picture presented by "Warrington Guardian Series"

ago. Ron Heywood is a qualified physiotherapist and cares for all the bumps and bruises in a well equipped "surgery," while Harry Lloyd, one of the fittest men in the country for his age, is the sprint trainer. He's the man who gets an extra yard or two out of the players. Tom Lomax, the P. T. man has trained scores of boxers in his time. Tom really makes the players work hard at the training session.

So there you have the Warrington set-up—almost. I forgot to mention the fact that there are two amateur teams attached to the Wilderspool club. Here there are facilities for under 17's and under 19's. Warrington believe in catching 'em young. You may not find Warrington's name on one of this season's trophies, but it will not be long before it happens.

ALAN DAVIES

Congratulations to Alan Davies, on being appointed Lancashire's captain against Cumberland at Workington Town's ground, Derwent Park on Monday, 31st August, 1959.

While all this is going on, Warrington are trying all kinds of schemes to improve the standard of play. The training routine, according to Ces Mountford, is harder than that when Wigan were an even better side than they are today. And manager Mountford should know because he was at Central Park in their hey days.

Warrington have a big training staff and they include such experts as Ike Fishwick, the former St. Helens, Warrington, Blackpool and Liverpool City hooker, and George Phillips the ex-star referee who had charge of so many important games before his retirement a year or two ago.



LIST OF FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

(Up to and including Saturday last)

Player	A.	G.	T.	Player	A.	G.	T.
Stirrup							
Ganley							
Southward							
Davies							
Noon							
Sims							
Kellett							
Hatherall							
Jackson							
McIntyre							
Goddard							
Winslade							
Duffy							
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Barrow															
Blackpool															
Dewsbury						7-35									
Leigh							25-12								
Liverpool															
OLDHAM															
Rochdale	18-13											23-14			
Salford															
Swinton															
St. Helens															
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