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

Our disappointments are multiplying and we made an inglorious exit from the Lancashire Cup at Whitehaven on Saturday, 29th August, by twenty three points to five. We have had a glorious run in this competition in the past having won the trophy three years in succession, but at Whitehaven we met our Waterloo with avengence, and we have no excuses in the defeat as we were beaten fair and squarely by a team that was full of vim and the spirit to win.

The mid-week match against Warrington, and this was a surprise defeat, proves without doubt that our forward strength is not good enough and this was more emphatic at Whitehaven, we were beaten from front to back.

Our difficulties regarding the forwards requires some sorting out, it is obvious to all that it is not good enough. The acquisition of two new forwards is very essential, and the committee are aware of this. Clubs have been approached for star men without avail, and much time has been spent on the problem, but so far without success, time alone will tell for the rebuilding of the pack. Much time has been spent in looking around because only two committee-men went with the first team to Whitehaven, others were spread in an effort to see as much talent as possible. Two forwards were on trial at Watersheddings with the "A" team but nothing was done regarding these trialists who came with good reputations.

OUR VISITORS

This evening we welcome visitors from just over the border in the Halifax Club who are always welcome visitors to our enclosure. They are now trained and coached by our late Manager-coach, Griff Jenkins, who no doubt will be all out to show that his methods at Halifax will pay dividends.

We can be sure of an attractive match as the Halifax team have always been one that believes in the open game and to give entertainment to the spectators. Like ourselves they have had their forward problems and have recently secured Scroby from Bradford Northern at a fee nearing £8,000.

DICK CRACKNELL

It is with regret that we have to announce the retirement from R.L. of Dick Cracknell. This is another big loss to the Club as we consider that Dick had at least another two years football ahead of him.

Dick was signed from Huddersfield on 3rd October, 1953 at a transfer fee of £4,500, and we say without doubt he has been worth every penny we paid. He leaves the game whilst at the top of his profession, and although it is with regret that he leaves the game and club, we wish him well in his business venture which he is now concentrating on.

Many fine games has he played for the Club and some great tries he has scored. We think one of the finest tries was against Barrow two seasons ago. The game started and Barrow kicked off, Dick fielded the ball and ran through the whole Barrow team to place the ball behind the posts one of the quickest tries on record, and much to the jubilation of the crowd who showed its prolonged acknowledgement. However there is sweetness in remembrance and we shall always remember Dick Cracknell as a sportsman and one of the great wingers of our club.

MEMBERS CARDS

Although the printers strike has retarded our efforts in sending the Members Cards for the present season. Members can rest assured that they will receive their cards for the Widnes match at home on Saturday, September 19th. At this match all temporary members cards issued will be cancelled.

R. L. GUIDES

The Rugby Football League Official Guide for season 1959-60 will be out a little later than usual this year because of the dispute in the printing industry.

The Guide will contain all first and second team fixtures, Bye-Laws of the Game and up to-date information on international matches, cup finals, etc.

The price is again 2/6 plus 5d. postage if obtained from the R.L. offices, 180 Chapletown Road, Leeds, 7. Orders should be placed with the League now and should be accompanied by postal order to cover costs.

IN SERVICES

John Edwards our "A" team centre has now joined H.M. Forces and is stationed at Oswestry. He is the second player we have in the Forces, Vincent Nestor being the other and he is stationed at Catterick, so far we have not much trouble in securing him leave to play in matches.

UNKNOWNNS MAY BE UNBEATABLES

by Cyril Briggs

Are the 1959 Kangaroos going to secure the "Ashes" and take them back home with them in their pouches after touring this country and tacking on the short trips to France and the U.S.A.? If we are to go on the facts of the last tour by the G. Britain side, it looks as if we will retain the "Ashes". But the Australian Board of Control have sent along a team practically composed of unknownns. We don't know at the moment whether they are good or bad. All we can gather is that according to the pen pictures which have been issued by the R.L. headquarters in Leeds, the team is on the young side—just over 23 years of age as far as the averages go.

It could be a grand tour; it could be a flop. There are 24 matches against club, county and Test teams, and it looks as if the tour should get under way quite well as the English pitches are on the firm side and therefore will favour the Kangaroos.

CHURCHILL TAKES OVER

The coaching job has been settled. It was thought at one time that Harry Bath, the Warrington scrummager who joined the Wires via Barrow and the Balmain clubs, and then returned home to become the player coach of St. George, might accompany the party because of his wonderful experience in this country. But no, Clive Bernard Churchill has been appointed coach, even though the name of Arthur Clues the ex-Leeds and Hunset forward, who is now a member of the football committee at Headingley, was also freely mentioned.

Clive Bernard Churchill . . . many Oldham fans will remember this swarthy complexioned full back in the past. Here are some facts about him. Aged 32 he breaks a record by making his fifth trip to England, with the Kangaroos team. He previously toured with 1948, 1952 and 1956 Test teams and with the 1954 World cup team. He was captain in 1952 and 1954 and vice captain in 1956. He has played in more than 100 representative games including 99 in succession. That's some record for you!

THE "BEST EVER"

He played for Queensland against New Zealand this year and coached Queensland to win three of the four games against New South Wales. The Aussies rate him as the best ever full back in any part of the world. So the coaching job should be in good hands, although we have been told that Churchill must not talk to Pressmen!

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While on the matter of men in charge we should say that the Australian Board of Control have selected two grand fellows for the job as joint managers. They are: Mr. J. N. L. Argent, O.B.E. He is a Colonel in the Australian Army and distinguished himself in World War two. He had played a great deal of football and associated with the R.L. game "Down Under" for a long period.

His joint manager is Mr. E. F. Keefer, who also holds a number of important R.L. posts. Mr. Keefer has spent 40 years in an official capacity with the Queensland Rugby League. He has been an energetic worker in the construction of the league's own ground at Lang Park, Brisbane.

Having seen all the Kangaroo teams since 1922, I have often thought that the Aussies used some of their players on the wrong days. Men who like the hard going—it is generally that way in Australia—have often been pushed in to the side on muddy days instead of introducing the big boys, who usually come into their own under such conditions.

"PADDY FIELDS"

The wonderful English summer weather may break at any time. We may get "paddy fields" in Lancashire, Yorkshire, and Cumberland, although in these days of super drainage and fine turf covering, the grounds generally speaking make a remarkable recovery. But some pitches are still a long way below standard, and it is here where the Aussies will find the going very rough.

STATIONED IN CHESHIRE

The Lancashire part of the itinerary means that at the most there will only be an all round trip of about 60 miles, seeing that the headquarters for a time will be in that pleasant part of Cheshire—Stockton Heath.

The tourists come among us at an appropriate time—for them! There are the county cup semi-finals to be played while the Aussies are settling down. What is more, I shouldn't be in the least surprised if they are not watching some of the second round games within hours of reaching their Cheshire headquarters!

The experts—those who have seen the Tests during the last series—tell us that this is a collection of unknowns. Maybe, but if they strike the right note in cohesion, they could cause Great Britain a terrific amount of trouble in the Tests.

Although it has yet to be announced who will have the final say in the team selection, I should imagine that Churchill's final vote will count. But will it count a lot to our advantage? Like the ASQUITH statements of the early phases of World War One, "We will have to wait and see."

BEATEN HORDER'S RECORD

It should be noted that when the 1922 team came over here from Australia little was known about the players except from their records back home. This was because of the intervening war years. But the Aussies were a brilliant side of that tune with men like Horder, Blinkhorne, Thompson, Latta, Watkins etc.

And about Horder, who was a speedy and clever wingman: it is interesting to note that Kenneth John Irvine, a 19 years old winger in the party, has broken Horder's try getting record for the North Sydney club.

BRIEFS

The Oldham Club always appears to be in the news whether good, bad or indifferent and we appear to be the target for the press boys for any sensation that they delight to put over.

All the world must know of the retirement from the Committee of Mr. J. Lewthwaite whose resignation was received on the 1st September. Mr. Lewthwaite has retired from the Committee on principle.

Mr. Harry Goodwin, Oldham Hotel, Rhodes Bank, Oldham, takes the place of Mr. Lewthwaite according to the Rules of the Club.

INJURED PLAYERS

We have had above our share of injured players during the short time the season has been in operation. We have had:

Winslade—Broken toe
Jackson—Damaged thumb
Southward—Damaged ankle
Robinson—Broken nose
Hatherall—Damaged ankle
Lomas—Dislocated shoulder
Ayres—Knee ligaments
Mumberson—Damaged finger

Denis Ayres is now fit to have a run out with the "A" team and we hope this unfortunate player sticks up to the test.

NEXT HOME MATCH

Saturday, 12th September, 1959

OLDHAM v. HUNSLET

Referee: Mr. J. H. Chadwick, Batley

LIST OF FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

(Up to and including Saturday last)

Player	A.	G.	T.	Player	A.	G.	T.
Ganley	6	26		Davies	5		3
Southward	2		3	Robinson	4		1
Ayres	1			Quinlan	1		1
Noon	6		2	Stirrup	1		
Sims	6		1	Smith	2	1	1
Kellett	6	1	3	Nestor	3		1
Hatherall	3			Petley	1		
Jackson	4			Pitchford	1		
McIntyre	4		1				
Goddard	6						
Winslade	4		1				
Duffy	6		1				
Pugsley	4						
Keith	2						

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Blackpool		14-5													
Dewsbury			26-15		7-35										
Leigh				25-12										22-22	
Liverpool					11-9										
OLDHAM										6-10					
Rochdale	18-13														
Salford					12-12							23-14			
Swinson			61-7												
St. Helens	59-17														
Warrington				26-8											
Whitehaven															20-4
Widnes										14-27					
Wigan									37-6				16-12		
Workington			5-12	5-12											

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