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15	Leeds	home 3-0	26	Workington	away 2-30
18	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. 5	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
23	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
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

So another Australian team has been to Oldham and returned victorious by 25 pts. to 14, in a game that some people will long remember but from our point of view best forgotten.

The game had patches of brilliant football from both sides and other patches were not according to the book and had a bad reflection upon our game. It takes two sides for a game and it also takes two sides to make the game a brawl. One wonders how the bad feeling creeps into a game, is it by unfair tackling tactics, little incidents after a player has passed the ball. In our opinion the main cause is the head tackle and the second tackle. Any player that makes a tackle by the head has a principle intention first of damaging the opponents by contact with the players face and this brings about a retaliation, of course it all depends on the temperament of the player, his colleagues follow suit and it spreads to both sides.

We know of several players who insist in a tackle of standing up variety attempting to squeeze the players face to the back of his head. The second tackle is a vicious thing. What is worse than seeing a player flat on his stomach with an opponent holding on when a second player will run out of his way and put his knees into the tackled player, it is enough to ruin a player for life. Our game is good enough without employing tactics that can only be employed in the jungle.

An instruction issued by the Northern R.F.L. on 2nd July 1959 reads,

Foul Play, Head tackles and second tackles

Referees, players and clubs are reminded of the official instructions regarding foul play with particular reference to vicious head tackling, unnecessary second tackles and the use of the knees in the tackle.

How far has this instruction been carried out, one realises that the referee has a difficult task in the majority of matches, but control and command are part of an essential make up of a referee.

Rugby League is a grand game if played according to the book. What finer sight is there in seeing a wing three-quarter in full flight for the line and being brought down by a flying tackle round the thighs, yes that is a real thrill that spectators like to see.

Reverting to the Australian match we consider that our players and spectators learned something from the game inasmuch as the speed that the Australians move and the rapid speed the game is played. An Australian is tackled with the ball he does not just get up to play same, he bounces up, and this is where they get the opposition out of position, with the result that the ball is kept in circulation. The type of game we play in this country looks comparatively slow.

We had a good crowd for the match, 17,630 supporters paid £2,518-13-0 for admission. The Australians took 65% of this amount £1636-14-0 and the managers were very well pleased with the return.

OUR VISITORS

Today it is our pleasure to welcome the Workington Club to Watersheddings, one of the two clubs that keeps the flag flying in Cumberland. Like many other clubs they have been hit by the injury bogey and of 10 matches played they have won 4 and lost 6. They still possess one or two well known names in the rugby world and have recently been in the transfer market by the signing of Sid Lowden from the Salford Club, a player of outstanding ability and no mean goal kicker.

Although we are somewhat weakened by injuries and Test calls we hope our substitutes will show that form and record victory and still keep keep us in the top flight of clubs in the league.

QUERY

Do you know that it is on record that the highest winning score for the R.L. Challenge Cup was made at Oldham. In 1915, Huddersfield beat St. Helens by 37 pts. to 3 pts.

AT BARROW

Congratulations to our team on the victory at Barrow, a place where victory is always hard to achieve. Minus Frank Pitchford, our manager-coach turned out, and he graced the match with his old time experience and had a very good game, creating openings and doing his full share in defence. A worthy man to have in an emergency.

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IS THERE A FUTURE IN FLOODLIT GAMES?

asks Cyril Briggs

There was a time—not very long ago when the lights at Kirkball Lane, Leigh now known as Hilton Park, as a tribute to the late Mr. James Hilton, the former Chairman of the club who did heaps of good for the game, were being called "white elephants" and obsolete.

This was disheartening to the hard working directors of the club. They had sunk a tremendous amount of cash into the purchase of the floodlight system hoping that other clubs would follow suit. But no, only Bradford Northern have a similar system.

At the time a floodlit league was envisaged. But this soon crumpled when other clubs decided not spend their surplus cash on such projects. But why not? Surely people of Oldham, St. Helens, Leeds, Wigan, Warrington, Halifax and Hull would support a league of this kind. Wigan have been yearning for a better type of league for a long while, and Huddersfield too have suggested it quite often.

ON HUMBERSIDE

Surely Hull should do something about floodlighting. They (both Hull and their rivals the Rovers) have played their "derby" games at Boothferry Park, the home of the Hull City Soccer club and some big crowds have been attracted. The attendances at those matches could not be accommodated at either Craven Park or the Boulevard.

I realise that the Leigh lights have not been used to the fullest extent and the same thing has happened at Odsal. But Leigh officials are keeping their fingers crossed. The directors are hoping that other clubs will be converted to their way of thinking. Already one game has been played at Hilton Park this season under floodlights and the response from the general public was encouraging. The attendance was over 14,000 for the Kangaroos visit. Another game is to be played on November 11th. This is the match between Lancashire and Yorkshire to decide who shall take the wooden spoon!

ARE THEY ENTERPRISING

When the teams met last season for the county decider there was another good attendance, and there have been other occasions when Leigh officials have begun to think that other clubs would take the hint and install such systems. But there seems to be a reluctance on the part of even the clubs who pride themselves as being enterprising.

Some clubs don't like the lights and when Leigh have suggested an evening kick-off after dusk they have met with a blank refusal. It is altogether puzzling. There were moans years ago from clubs when they

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had to go to London White City to meet the Highfield team who were in the R.L. If the moans came it was usually because of the long travel by the players. Sooner or later players have to have their first taste of floodlit games and it has to be remembered that the system has been improved since it was first installed.

INNOVATIONS

In addition many innovations have been introduced and now that a striped ball is being used the players should not have any difficulty in following its flight. The pitches are being more clearly marked, and one cannot understand why there should not be evening R.L. games in the winter under the lights.

After all, many Soccer clubs have floodlights and they attract many R.L. spectators, who under normal circumstances would be watching their "first love" instead of going to see the other code. Up at Workington crowds flock from all parts of the country and also the borders of Scotland to see the big evening games.

Surely of Workington a fourth division club can buy the expensive lighting system, R.L. clubs with plenty of cash could do the same. Over at Leigh they have even played junior games under the lights so as to encourage the younger idea, and surely the Australians would have agreed to a floodlit game at Workington for the combined Workington/Whitehaven v. Aussie game next Thursday.

I think that if this did happen then it would be a great boost for the code. Surely if sportsmen would flock from all parts of Cumberland to see Soccer under floodlights, they would do so for R.L.

AT BOROUGH PARK

The Borough Park ground has been used for R.L. on very many occasions, in fact it was the original home of the Workington Town club before they had Derwent Park erected. Borough Park can hold about 20,000 people. Why, if such a game was arranged it might even attract people from the border towns of Scotland. And, after all, we want to spread the R.L. gospel!

Perhaps when we see some grounds further enlarged, floodlighting will be introduced. It is a costly business, but re-played cup ties and some matches that have been previously postponed because of bad weather, could attract even better gates than on Saturday afternoons.

AS I SEE IT!

by "C.D.W."

The Australian Touring side has now played almost half its matches of the present tour, and will, by the time you are reading this, be fielding their first test side against Britain at Swinton.

Their record to date has been comparable with that of any previous visits, but of their ten engagements (including two strong County sides) they have only lost three, and without distracting in any way from Leigh's magnificent achievement in keeping the score sufficiently close that Fallon's great dropped goal should swing the score, I think it is reasonable to suppose that these Aussies are good lads.

The drubbing handed out to St. Helens last Saturday is a pointer to today's match. There is no doubt about which team is the best in England, and there is no doubt that the selectors would be hard pressed to find a team that could beat St. Helens under normal conditions.

One can only hope that St. Helen's were below par (no pun intended) last Saturday, otherwise the test result is a foregone conclusion.

ON TOP "DOWN UNDER"

In 1958 when the Lions visited Down Under there was no doubt who were the "top dogs." There, the season extended from May 18th, to August 24th, with a very full fixture list. Three Tests in Australia, two in New Zealand, 18 matches against Aussie sides and seven against the Maoris. The team lost one test and drew against Western Australia and won the rest, scoring 813 pts. against 378 pts. In New Zealand their record was equally as impressive, lost one test and won one test, and also won all (seven) district matches, scoring 368 pts. against 108.

SECOND THOUGHTS

This pulverisation of the Australian's has no doubt made the selector's give serious thought to this season's visit. Plenty of new blood is in the side with a nice balance of age and experience, and from what we have already seen, there is a considerable amount of football skill.

The defeat of St. Helens last week will no doubt be a great help to the "gate" at Swinton, and no doubt, has given the football public some room for speculation. Since 1911 the Ashes have not been won by any visitors and on this occasion the Kangaroo team included six New Zealanders. Older supporters will no doubt remember A. R. Francis who was the top goal kicker of the team. Francis later came to England. The three tests of that year were played at Newcastle, Edinburgh and Birmingham. (Francis did not play in this match).

LIST OF FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

(Up to and including Saturday last)

Player	A.	G.	T.	Player	A.	G.	T.
Ganley	12	62		Davies	11		8
Southward	4		5	Robinson	9		2
Ayres	2			Quinlan	2		3
Noon	13	8	8	Stirrup	3	1	1
Sims	11		2	Smith	4		
Kellett	14	1	6	Nesfor	7		5
Hatherall	3			Petley	1		
Jackson	7			Pitchford	7		2
McIntyre	8		1	McKeown	5		1
Goddard	8			Jones	1		1
Winslade	9		2	Pendlebury	2		
Dufty	12		2				
Pugsley	5		1				
Keith	9		1				

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Barrow		15-4	40-13			22-5									
Blackpool		14-5	15-30			13-29									
Dewsbury			26-15	7-35	14-18										
Leigh						25-12							22-22		
Liverpool					11-9			6-45	16-19						
OLDHAM						6-10				34-12					
Rochdale	18-13							7-12	7-15	23-14				10-12	
Salford					12-12						23-14				
Swinon		61-7							9-32						
St. Helens		59-17			63-8			40-11							
Warrington					26-8								16-6		
Whitehaven	33-13														20-4
Widnes			24-5						14-27						
Wigan						8-18		37-6			31-12	16-12			
Workington			5-12	26-11				10-18							

Home Team on Left...Away Team on Top...Home Team's score given first

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