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Editorial

This is the dawn of a New Year and a very important one it could be in the History of our Rugby League game. What changes are in store? Two divisions seem very likely. Will the ban on overseas signings (from Australasia) be lifted? Will Reg Gasnier be seen playing over here soon? Both these are much less likely. Will televising of Rugby League games be banned? Highly likely. Certainly, the attendances at matches, when the recent Tests were televised, were most disappointing, many of those who stayed at home, missed better matches by not seeing their locals, and especially those who missed City win a great match with Swinton.

Will admission charges be raised? Unlikely. For that other ball game, it is being suggested. Will there be standard playing terms, for all Clubs? Will the paying of Bonuses become equal, for wins and draws, for rich and poor clubs alike, most unlikely. As opposed to the Football professional, who has maximum and minimum wage levels, and is full-time, the Rugby League player is really a part-time professional and so can be more selective.

For the year gone, and for the New Year, the Chairman and Board are truly grateful to the many who labour so freely and sportingly to help City and if one selects the Pools Committee and Agents to say an especial "THANK YOU," that is no reflection on the efforts of the Committees of the Social and Supporters Clubs. Without the combined efforts of these and others, there would just be no Liverpool City. To the Coaching, Training Staff, Players, Groundman and Boys, the Board express its thanks and best wishes for the New Year. And to our hard core of Support, a hope that results, in the coming year, will measure up to what they desire.

Do you know, the first team have won their last four home games, viz. Doncaster, Workington, Bramley and Swinton, the greatest surprise being the latter, when City gave a wonderful

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FIXTURES 1959-1960

FIRST TEAM.					"A" TEAM.				
1959.	Opponents.	Grd.	F.	A.	1959.	Opponents.	Grd.	F.	A.
Aug. 15	Castleford	Home	13	25	Aug. 15	Wigan k.o. 7 p.m.	Home	16	18
" 19	Warrington	Away	8	26	" 22	Rochdale H.	Home	8	17
" 22	Dewsbury	Away	15	26	" 29	Salford L.C.C.S.	Home	12	23
" 26	Rochdale	Home	11	9	Sept. 5	Salford	Home	11	37
" 29	Salford	Away	8	45	" 12	Warrington	Away	9	26
(Lancs Cup)					" 19	Barrow	Home	23	10
Sept. 5	Batley	Away	13	20	" 26	St. Helens	Away	5	21
" 12	Warrington	Home	16	19	Oct. 3	Swinton	Home	25	46
" 19					" 10	Workington T.	Home	10	18
" 26	St. Helens	Home	6	45	" 17	Salford	Away	18	11
Oct. 3	Swinton	Away	8	63	" 24	St. Helens	Home	Postp'd	
" 11	Workington T.	Away	11	26	" 31	Rochdale H.	Away	21	17
" 17	Salford	Home	6	18	Nov. 7				
" 24	Wigan	Away	6	17	" 14	Workington T.	Away	6	11
" 31	Doncaster	Home	32	0	" 21	Warrington	Home	12	20
Nov. 7	St. Helens	Away	17	40	" 28	Wigan	Away	3	26
" 14	Workington T.	Away	14	5	Dec. 5	Whitehaven	Home	3	40
" 21	Castleford	Away	12	22	" 12	Swinton	Away		
" 28	Bramley	Home	8	6	" 19	Leigh	Home		
Dec. 5	Whitehaven	Away	0	5	" 25	Leigh	Away	P'tpd	
" 12	Swinton	Home	20	14	" 26	Widnes	Home		
" 19	Leigh	Away	0	22	1960.				
" 25	Blackpool B.	Away	5	5	Jan. 2	Oldham	Away		
" 26	Widnes	Away	5	22	" 9				
1960.					" 16	Widnes	Away		
Jan. 1	Blackpool B.				" 23				
" 2	Oldham	Home			" 30	Blackpool B.			
" 9	Keighley	Away			Feb. 6				
" 16	Dewsbury	Home			" 13				
" 23	Rochdale H.	Away			" 20				
" 30	Doncaster	Away			" 27				
Feb. 6	Leigh	Home			Mar. 5				
" 13	1st Round				" 12				
" 20	Barrow	Home			" 19	Whitehaven	Away		
" 27	2nd Round				" 26	Barrow	Away		
Mar. 5	Salford	Away			Apr. 2	Oldham	Home		
" 12					" 9				
" 19	Whitehaven	Home			" 16				
" 26	Batley	Home			" 18				
Apr. 2	Oldham	Away			" 23	Blackpool B.	Away		
" 9	Keighley	Home							
" 15	Barrow	Away							
" 16	Wigan	Home							
" 18	Widnes	Home							
" 19									
" 23	Bramley	Away							
" 30									

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OLDHAM

Red & White Hoops

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| 1. ASHBY | Full Back |
| 2. HALTON | Right Wing |
| 3. HOCKENHULL | Right Centre |
| 4. HUNT | Left Centre |
| 5. PYE | Left Wing |
| 6. TWISS | Out Half |
| 7. WALKER | Scrum Half |
| 8. PAYNE | Prop Forward |
| 9. FISHWICK | Hooker |
| 10. SIMPSON | Prop Forward |
| 11. CARTLEDGE | 2nd Row Fwd |
| 12. DAVIES | 2nd Row Fwd |
| 13. DIBBLE/McGRATH | Loose Fwd |

Owing to difficulties, Team not available
up to time of going to press.

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MR. H. JACKSON (Blue Flag)

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display of try scoring, if only this could be repeated more often. Since then we have played at Leigh, where the home side were kept at bay for 33 minutes, before taking the game in hand. Then at Blackpool, on Xmas Day, in appalling weather, whilst most folk were sitting back probably, after their Xmas dinner, we made a draw of 5-5, both teams, of course, missing their chances, but the main point is, this counts as a win as regards the players pay. At Widnes, after a jittery start, we kept the score down to 8-5 at half-time, then the injuries came. Dave Speakman was tackled, as he had just made a wonderful break through to the wing, and although he resumed after having the sponge, when he went to the dressing room at the interval, he suddenly went unconscious and was taken to Whiston Hospital, he was up in the ward on Tuesday and was hoping to go home on the Wednesday, after getting the result of his X-ray. George Walker had stitches in his leg. Peter Twiss got a boot in his cheek, and Ernie Simpson crashed into the concrete wall, trying to prevent a try being scored, he also had stitches put in the back of his head, but he returned to play on the wing and gradually crept back into the middle. This reads as though it was a rough game, but it was not so, it just did not run in favour of City. One of the home Committee thought this was the best team we had sent to Widnes; they certainly did try to play rugby. We hope the luck changes this week-end, when we first welcome Blackpool Boro, on New Year's Day and Oldham on Saturday, we extend a hearty welcome to both clubs. This programme went to Press early, because even printers must have a break, as well as the rest of the world, so the same notes will be used for the two matches, and also the names of our team, so these may have to be amended on each day.

1st TEAM	Tries	Goals	Points
HUNT	9	15	57
PAYNE	—	21	42
HALTON	9	—	27
WALKER	5	4	23
TWISS	—	6	12
WOODROW	4	—	12
ASHBY	3	—	9
PYE	4	—	12
CARTLEDGE	3	—	9
HOCKENHULL	2	—	6
SIMPSON	1	1	5
DIBBLE	1	—	3
DONALDSON	1	—	3
McGRATH	1	—	3
WINSTANLEY	1	—	3
	38	41	196

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Supporters' Club Notes

These being the first Supporters' Club notes of the New Year, we take the opportunity of wishing all our friends good health and good luck for 1960.

This week-end we are pleased to welcome our visitors from Blackpool and Oldham.

They are both members of the National Federation of Supporters' Clubs and we hope they will avail themselves of the facilities of our Members' Bar which is situated under the Stand.

TEA BAR. Open as usual under the score-board. We can recommend them for the cup that warms and a snack.

LIVERPOOL RUGBY LEAGUE QUEEN DANCE

Make a note of the date — Thursday, February 25th, 1960.

THIS WEEK'S QUOTE

"A brave heart and a smiling face, these are the best barometer for a Bright New Year."

XMAS DRAW

A big thank you to our friends who so generously donated the prizes and especially the players who rallied round and gave the proceeds of a collection.

We hope to have the full financial details in the next programme.

Here is the list of winners:

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2. 4208	"Ellen Vanner," 43 Bowdon Road, Liverpool, 19.
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5. 4805	Sally, — Stanley 2260.
6. 10713	B. Canara, 75 Whitland Road, Liverpool, 6.
7. 11210	Pigott, 101 Kings Heath Avenue, Liverpool, 14.
8. 7965	W. Bark, 38 Kingl Knowsley, Prescot.
9. 9478	E. Mortenson, 92 Fleetwood Lane, Sefton, 23.
10. 7813	Peter Walker, (D. Hinton).
11. 9377	J. Ibbotson, 146 Sefton Street, Southport.
12. 349	A. Almond, 763 Queens Drive, Liverpool, 13.
13. 5830	J. Collins, 92 Cartmel Road, Huyton, Liverpool.
14. 753	J. Rylen, 44 Drenmiss Road, Thelwall, Warrington.
15. 1988	A. Lebhutt, 41 Cunningham Drive, Runcorn.
16. 4313	B. Myers, 4 Walpole Avenue, Whiston.
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18. 3167	Jones, 3 Belvedere Road.
19. 11001	R. Cain, 32 Dovercliffe Road, Liverpool, 13.
20. 3739	F. Holland, 40, Rossall.
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24. 1685	C. McGee, 104 Raglan Street, St. Helens.
25. 294	Mrs. McCormack, 617 Cherry Lane, Liverpool, 4.