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WHEREAS Oldham have won their opening matches, we have lost both of our fixtures. Oldham were successful in the pre-season cup game against Rochdale Hornets at the Athletic Grounds and they also won the very important game against St. Helens at Watersheddings on Saturday.

A weakened Wire team lost to Wigan in the "Wardonia Cup" match at Wilderspool and then on Saturday evening went down in a low scoring game with Huddersfield at Fartown.

We were again without Eric Fraser, the captain against Huddersfield, but nevertheless we were still in the game right to the end.

A Dyson penalty goal gave the Huddersfield players confidence in the early stages and they hung on des-

perately until Ashcroft their player-coach, sealed the issue with a late try which Curry goaled.

NEARLY A TRY

But there were occasions when Warrington suggested a score, so much so, that Brian Bevan came very close indeed.

A yard or two and he would have been able to field a kick ahead and this may have changed the whole complexion of the game.

It has to be said that the Warrington forwards, who have been criticised many times by our supporters, were better than the Fartown six in the loose and also in the scrummages.

Possession was won repeatedly, but the backs were not consistent and chances were lost through dropped

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passes. Even while it must be mentioned that the heavy rain, which fell shortly before the start, saturated the grass and made handling most difficult, the Huddersfield half backs and threequarters did not let so many chances go by, even though they did not see as much of possession as Warrington's players.

While Warrington were losing, Oldham were winning, and this evening they bring along a very strong side, although it has to be stated that Alan Davies, who has been appointed Captain this season in succession to Bernard Ganley, will be missing.

He has not yet completed his term of suspension. Like Ganley, Davies is the son of a former Leigh player.

Bernard's father played against Warrington many times when he was with Leigh and Huddersfield.

We are reminded that he played against Warrington in the 1921 Rugby League Challenge Cup series when we beat Hull after that celebrated draw at the Boulevard. The remarkable win at Wilderspool was watched by a 20,000 crowd.

Then came the game with Leigh at Mather Lane — the old ground over the hump backed bridge. Another draw resulted and in the replay Leigh caused a surprise by winning.

FIRST WIN

Ben Jolley, the regular full back who had played an outstanding part in the match at Leigh, was unable to turn out in the re-play. Leigh went on to win their first and only final.

Alan's father played for Leigh at a later date. He was a scrum half, while Bernard's father was a stand off or centre threequarter.

Much has been said and written over the years about the downward trend in public support for R.L. But the support in those days was not as good as it is today.

There were some remarkably good "gates" at times, but not what they are

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today. The grounds of those days bear no resemblance whatsoever to the splendid arenas of today.

For comparison, judge the old Mather Lane ground against Hilton Park (still not completed), Watersheddings of the 1921's and at the present time, and also the vast improvements which have been made at Wilderspool.

Oldham's arrival today is significant because of the fact that Gus Risman the ex Salford and Workington Town player, as well as manager coach of those clubs, is now in his first season at Watersheddings as coach.

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FINE KICKER

Bernard Ganley, the full back, is without doubt one of the leading goal-kickers in the game. He has topped the league list on several occasions and has landed hundreds and hundreds of goals during his ten seasons with Oldham.

It has been stated that Bernard is getting a little old as far as international games are concerned, but he certainly will make the grade in club rugby for some time.

The costly Ike Southward, once with Workington is the right winger, and Sean Quinlan, the Irishman is on the other flank. He did quite well against St. Helens on Saturday.

Vin Nestor and Johnny Noon are the likely centres. They are young, fast and have a lot of enterprising moves.

Alan Kellett, as well as Frank Pitchford, are in a line for international honors. Both are clever and speedy and have formed one of the classiest half back combinations the Oldham club have ever known.

In the pack, which has undergone some changes in recent times are Charlie Winslade (he did not turn out against the Saints because of injury) and Ken Jackson, who has tasted international football, was also an absentee on Saturday.

Both these brilliant and hard-working scrummagers were hurt in practice games. Payne, the former Liverpool City player, has been packing down as number 8, with George Warburton the former Warrington junior in the second row.

Warburton has created a most favourable impression at Watersheddings and it is said that great things are in store for him.

ABOUT ROBINSON

Roger Dufty is another fine second rower, while Len McIntyre, the hooker has seen service with several clubs.

The loose forward, Geoff Robinson, was formerly with Whitehaven and cost Oldham a big cheque.

We made strong efforts to sign Geoff and, in fact, trips were made to Cumberland to see him. No doubt the presence at Watersheddings of Ike

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Southward, induced Geoff to select the cherry and white striped jersey.

We welcome back Eric Fraser who has been holidaying, and we sincerely hope that he will lead the team to a triumph.

Last season Oldham were beaten twice in league games, and if we are to reach the "first four" and remain there, then points will not have to be passed up.

It has been mentioned already in the Press that our players are to receive extra pay for winning, with points bonuses.

Yes, every point will count for the club and also the players. In the past, the clashes with Oldham have resulted in some brilliant play and we sincerely hope that tonight's encounter will be in keeping with previous tenacious struggles.

It should be borne in mind that training is still stiff going at Warrington and before the season started, players were already in tip top condition.

We are still convinced that the side will "click", even though the directors are conscious of the fact that signings will have to be made from time to time.

As you all know, the market is not so open these days and that tremendous figures are required for any player who may be placed on the transfer list.



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Warrington v.
Wakefield

Kick-off 3 p.m.

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The "A" team coaches George Phillips and Vic Dilozenzo got off to a fine start when the reserves won a great game at Central Park against a strong Wigan "A" team on the 6th inst.

The final score was 15-7 in our favour, but had the goal-kicking been more accurate the margin would have

been much greater. Well done the "A" teamers.

Writing about the juniors reminds us that the Warrington Junior League ran a successful seven-a-side competition at Wilderspool last Saturday.

Unfortunately, heavy rain kept down the attendance. This was a bad blow as the juniors require all the money they can raise to run the league's affairs.

Happily the funds are boosted by the annual cheque from the Warrington Club. This season there are more clubs in the leagues and it is possible that more new teams will be formed before the season gets under way.

Laporte Chemicals require unattached players for their open age team. Candidates should report for training on Tuesday or Thursday evenings at the Works Canteen, Baronet Road, Walton.

Full details of the league can be obtained from Mr K. W. Humphries, the secretary/organiser, 16 Birch Grove, Bruche, Warrington.

THE CLUB LOTTERY

We should also like to draw the attention of our supporters, or at least those who are not already taking part to the club lottery which is still going strong, but requires about half a dozen more agents to pull up the numbers to the required maximum.

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We are afraid that if the practice isn't stopped immediately, there may be some nasty accidents especially when the crowds are rushing to leave the stadium after the game.

After tonight's game at Wilderspool, we will be entertaining Wakefield Trinity, the R.L. Challenge Cup holders, on Saturday, while on Monday evening our team travels to Park-side to face Hunslet.

So we have three stiff games on the run before the Lancashire Challenge Cup tie with Liverpool City at Knotty Ash on the 27th.

It should be noted by shareholders and season ticket holders that the number of stand tickets available for this match will be very small indeed and that there will not be enough to meet with the demand. Therefore, it is necessary to make very early application.

Season tickets are on sale at the

office and can be obtained any day or on match days.

WORLD CUP TOPICS

France must be considered to be strong contenders for the 1960 World Cup Competition. After beating Great Britain at Toulouse last March and drawing in the return game at St. Helens they have recently drawn a rubber of Tests with Australia.

Results, with French score first—8-8, 6-56, and 7-5. Incidentally, the Australians score of 56 in the second Test at Brisbane was the highest Test score ever. The French team were severely handicapped by injuries.

For the World Cup Australia and New Zealand will be accommodated in Bradford and France will stay at a hotel in Wigan.

Remember that the Great Britain v. Australia game at Odsal Stadium on the 8th October is all ticket. Ground admission tickets at 4/- must be obtained in advance from Bradford Northern or the Rugby League Offices, Leeds.

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1st Team Fixtures

1960		F	A
Aug. 6—v. Wigan	(H)	8	31
13—v. Huddersfield	(A)	0	7
17—Oldham (kick-off 7.0)	Home		
20—Wakefield Trinity	Home		
22—Hunslet (kick-off 6.30)	Away		
27—Liverpool City	Away		
	(Lancs. Cup)		
Sept. 3—Workington Town	Home		
10—Wakefield Trinity	Away		
17—Liverpool City	Home		
19—Halifax (kick-off 6.0)	Away		
24—World Cup			
28—Swinton (kick-off 5.45)	Home		
Oct. 1—World Cup			
8—World Cup			
15—Liverpool City	Away		
22—Salford	Home		
29—Widnes	Away		
Nov. 5—Blackpool Borough	Home		
12—Whitehaven	Away		
19—Huddersfield	Home		
26—Featherstone Rovers	Away		
Dec. 3—Rochdale Hornets	Home		
10—St. Helens	Away		
17—Whitehaven	Home		
24—Rochdale Hornets	Away		
26—Leigh	Home		
31—			
1961			
Jan. 2—Wigan	Away		
7—St. Helens	Home		
14—Oldham	Away		
21—Featherstone Rovers	Home		
28—Barrow	Away		
Feb. 4—			
11—R.L. Cup First Round			
18—Barrow	Home		
25—R.L. Cup Second Round			
Mar. 4—Blackpool Borough	Away		
11—Hunslet	Home		
18—Salford	Away		
25—			
31—Widnes	Home		
Apr. 1—Wigan	Home		
3—Leigh	Away		
8—Swinton	Away		
15—			
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29—Workington Town	Away		

'A' Team Fixtures

1960		F	A
Aug. 6—v. Wigan A	(A)	15	7
13—Warrington Amateur R.L.			
Sevens	Home		
20—			
27—Blackpool Borough	Home		
Sept. 3—Swinton (L.C.C.S. First round)	Away		
10—Leeds	Home		
17—Liverpool City	Away		
24—Warrington Amateur R.L.	Home		
Oct. 1—St. Helens	Home		
8—Oldham	Away		
15—Liverpool City	Home		
22—Leeds	Away		
29—Widnes	Home		
Nov. 5—Blackpool Borough	Away		
12—Hull	Home		
19—Widnes	Away		
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17—Hull	Away		
24—Hunslet	Home		
31—Salford	Away		
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14—Oldham	Home		
21—Hunslet	Away		
28—Barrow	Home		
Feb. 4—Leigh	Away		
11—			
18—Barrow	Away		
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