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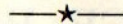
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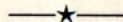


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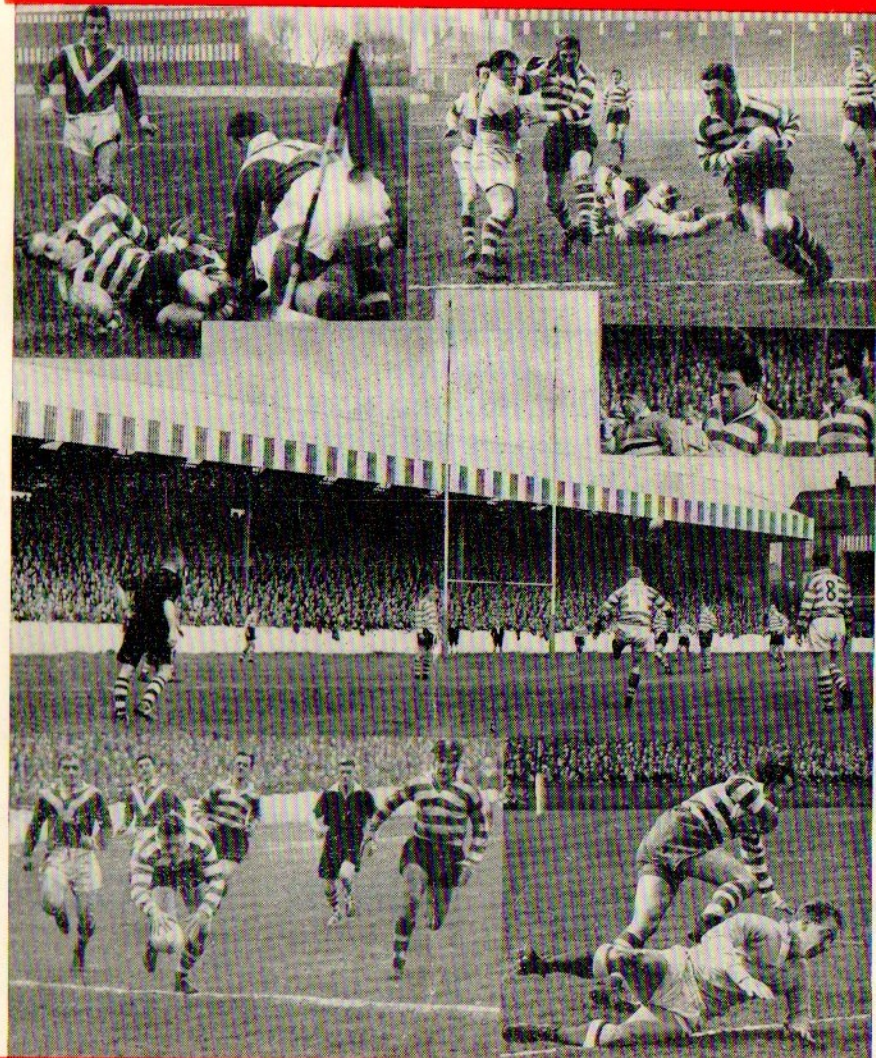
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Date	CLUB	Grd.	F. A.
1960			
Aug. 6	ROCHDALE (Charity)	away	
13	ST. HELENS	home	
17	WARRINGTON	away	
20	LEEDS	away	.....
27	WIGAN, Lanes. Cup 1st Rd.	away	.....
30	LEIGH	home	.....
Sept. 3	FEATHERSTONE R.	away	.....
10	HALIFAX	home	.....
17	ST. HELENS	away	.....
20	FEATHERSTONE R.	home	.....
24	WORLD CUP		.....
27	BLACKPOOL B.	away	.....
Oct. 1	WORLD CUP		.....
8	WORLD CUP		.....
15	HULL K. R.	away	.....
22	WIDNES	home	.....
29	ROCHDALE H.	away	.....
Nov. 5	LIVERPOOL C.	home	.....
12	KEIGHLEY	away	.....
19	SALFORD	home	.....
26	WHITEHAVEN	away	.....
Dec. 3	LEEDS	home	.....
10	WIGAN	away	.....

Date	CLUB	Grd.	F. A.
1961			
17	BLACKPOOL B.	home	.....
24	LEIGH	away	.....
26	SWINTON	home	.....
31	BARROW	away	.....
Jan. 2	WORKINGTON	away	.....
7	HALIFAX	away	.....
14	WARRINGTON	home	.....
21	LIVERPOOL CITY	away	.....
28	WIGAN	home	.....
Feb. 4	BARROW	home	.....
11	R. L. CHALLENGE CUP 1st RD.		.....
18	HULL K. R.	home	.....
25	R. L. CHALLENGE CUP 2nd RD.		.....
Mar. 4	SALFORD	away	.....
11	WIDNES	away	.....
18	WORKINGTON TOWN	home	.....
25			.....
31	SWINTON	away	.....
Apr. 1	WHITEHAVEN	home	
3	ROCHDALE H.	home	
8			
15	R. L. CHALLENGE CUP SEMI-FINAL		
22			
29	KEIGHLEY	home	

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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

The season is now on its way and we have won two league matches out of three, which shows an advance on the teams we have met and the results of last season. The teams we have met in St. Helens (home), Warrington (away), and Leeds (away), were all three lost last season, so we are feeling a little proud at the results so far. Regarding our win at Leeds on Saturday, 20th August, we won a dour struggle by six points to four points by a sensational dropped goal by Alan Kellet in the last minute after equalising the scores of four points each, 10 minutes from time. Some said lucky Oldham after the game but any team that does not take opportunities that are presented, deserves to lose. Often praise is given to a team that attacks, but little is heard of the team that puts up a great defence and a team that takes advantage of opportunities however small deserves to win. Our match at Warrington on Wednesday, 17th August was a defeat greater than we expected. Up to half time we held our own but after the interval the Warrington team were the better side and fully deserved their victory. To play half a game without possession of the ball is indeed a difficult task, one is doing all the chasing and getting the hard bumps in tackling.

LAW BREAKERS

With the first list of Rugby League appointments issued for the first seven weeks or so, there was also a reminder for all clubs and officials whereby all referees were instructed by the R.L. Council to see that the laws of the game are carried out as regards scrummaging, of which last season, as in previous seasons, infringements were much too frequent. Players who are not prepared to play to the laws of the game can expect to be severely dealt with. We consider this is as it should be. Any player who cannot play to the laws is holding up the game by such infringements, spectators do not want to see these hold ups, they pay to watch a game and should have their monies worth. Recently, two hookers were dismissed from the field and came up for judgement, the result was not suspension, but a fine of £10 each and which must be paid by the players and not by the clubs.

One point which the majority of spectators are not quite clear upon is that is their no advantage law at the scrumage, a penalty shall be

LIST OF FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

(League and Cup Matches only—Last Saturday's results not included)

Player	A.	T.	G.	Player	A.	T.	G.
Southward	3			Winslade	1		
Noon	3						
Davies	1						
Quinlan	3						
Nestor	2						
Pitchford	3						
Payne	3						
McIntyre	3						
Dufty	3						
Warburton	2						
Robinson	3	1					
Ganley	3		10				
Kellett	3	1	1				
Mumberson	3	1					

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

1—Lewis Jones, Leeds. Season 1956-57. 501 points—198 goals and 35 tries.

2—Yes, for the three seasons 1902-05.

3—1906-07.

4—The number of players on a club's retain and transfer list must not exceed fifty and any one time.

5—Stanley Brogden—from Bradford Northern to Huddersfield, 1929.

6—Bramley, October 9th, 1907.

7—Eric V. Harris, Leeds Australian, with uncanny running power.

8—Eleven touring teams and one World Cup team.

9—Third Test Match at Odsal Stadium, Bradford, between England and Australia, December 1952. Many fights and ugly incidents. D. Hall, Australia's vice-captain was sent off in the second half. There was a public rumpus over the match and the R.L. Council accepted a report that the "unworthy interludes" occupied "about forty-five seconds."

10—Bernard Ganley, Oldham. 103 goals kicked by November 9th 1957 in only 18 matches.

We hope to make the Quiz Section a regular feature of the Programme. If you have any questions you want answering please address them to "The Quiz Editor, The Pavilion, Watersheddings, Oldham."

WANTED ANOTHER CUP COMPETITION

writes Cyril Briggs

Unless the R.L. make some provision for another challenge cup competition, I'm afraid that some of the clubs who are knocked out of the first round of the annual challenge trophy tournament, are going to have more reason for complaint.

A lot of extra money is going into soccer promotion. The big soccer pools are subsidising the game due to the fact that the F.A. claims that fixtures are copyright and therefore publication of these details in any shape or form is against the book unless advance permission is gained, or payment is made.

There are many teams in F.A. membership and naturally the amount as big as it is from the pools, has to be divided in many ways. But while it may seem a drop in the ocean as far as clubs like Everton, Manchester United, Arsenal and others are concerned, the smaller clubs welcome any donations to help keep down those big bank overdrafts.

EXTRA T.V. FEES

Now that I.T.V. has come along with extra cash for television rights, the soccer people are rubbing their hands. That is extra revenue which they had not provided for, even if there has been big payments in previous seasons by the B.B.C. and the I.T.V. Companies.

The revenue from this source will be of enormous value to the smaller clubs. Now comes the announcement of another Soccer cup competition and without doubt it will create extra interest in many centres. Those R.L. clubs who have to contend with keen Soccer opposition will not be pleased especially when there are occasions of date clashing.

We must also remember that the sporting public in these days is more fickle than ever. Excitement is required and when there is something out of the ordinary, then the public will turn out in great numbers even if they have a liking for another code and give it support when they feel like it.

In Oldham there could be a problem of date clashing, and to retain interest in the game and the club, there must be another competition. Of course, most people who come along to Watersheddings week after week are hoping that there will be a long run in the R.L. Challenge Cup and that Wembley will eventually be reached. But we have to remember that certain clubs have little or no chance of reaching even the semi-finals and therefore extra interest will have to be created.

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- 7—PITCHFORD F.
- 8—PAYNE W.
- 9—McINTYRE L.
- 10—MUMBERSON A.
- 11—WINSLADE, C.
- 12—DUFTY, R.
- 13—ROBINSON G.

Referee:

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LEIGH

Red and White

- 1—HOSKINGS
- 2—FISHER
- 3—HOWARD
- 4—LEWIS
- 5—HUMBLE
- 6—CHADWICK
- 7—FALLON
- 8—BROPHY
- 9—TABERN
- 10—HURT
- 11—PLATT
- 12—MARTYN
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I realise that the clubs who have their eyes on Wembley and the championship, may have an unfortunate time if they are concerned in another cup competition. But even so, young players get a chance to reveal their talents even when the top teams are hard pressed for personnel

The F. A. are changing their attitude. They were far often called the "stuffed shirts of sport," but we have discovered that there is now a genuine desire to keep abreast with the times. At one time the F.A. was dead against any revenue from the pools. Offers were made by the pool promoters, but they were turned down.

Now thousands of pounds are passed over just for the right to use the fixtures for coupon purposes. The F.A. gets publicity for the game because more and more people are following the game through one channel or another. At the same time, Soccer is being well paid for a service which causes no extra effort.

R.L. pools are few and far between. If the leading Soccer pool promoters did introduce a small section on their coupons for R.L. fans I have no doubt that they would become very popular. But the promoters continue to be very soccer minded, and therefore R.L. gets no consideration.

SCHEMES ARE POPULAR

Yes, there are schemes which the R.L. must follow up. Not all will succeed, but there must be some ideas which will pay off. The "sevens" which were started a few years ago, appear to have dropped off in number, but the public will pay big money to see them.

At Wigan on August Monday evening, 15,000 folk turned up to see eight teams in action. Not only did the tournament give the players an advantage of getting fit for the early matches of the season, but they were well paid for their play. Appearance money was doled out.

The holiday event enabled many people who were not normally able to attend a R.L. game to see for themselves whether the code was improving or not. I believe that profits from the tournament would be passed on to the amateur football, which is a most deserving object.

While the Wigan tournament was well organised and the games started promptly, the spectators would have appreciated longer breaks

between the games so that adequate refreshment could be obtained. That's one of the failings on R.L. grounds—not sufficient refreshment facilities. Surely supporters clubs could help man extra bars. Remember that when supporters have to go out of their way to search for food and drink, then they have a right to be annoyed.

I believe that all clubs should be made to observe the ten minute interval break. The "cuppa" is very welcome, but who can get to the bar, served and drink up in five minutes? It's impossible.

Apart from the profit which can be made for club funds, from refreshment spectators needs are met.

And don't the lads and lassies on stands and terrace pay to keep the club going.

WORLD CUP COMPETITION

Arrival arrangements of the Overseas Teams

Supporters will no doubt wish to look up old friends in the teams from overseas which are shortly to take part in the World Cup Competition. For their information: the Australians arrive at London Airport at 21.00 hours on Thursday, 15th September, and will stay at the Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, London, until Sunday, 18th September, when they will travel by motor coach to the Midland Hotel, Bradford, where they will arrive at approximately 17.00 hours.

The New Zealand team will arrive at London Airport on the 14th September, at 14.30 hours and will travel to Ringway Airport on the same day. They will be accommodated at the Trevelyan Hotel, Bradford.

The French team will arrive at Ringway Airport on Wednesday, 21st September, and will be accommodated at the Grand Hotel, Wigan.

The French team, earlier this month, concluded a tour of New Zealand and Australia. They were beaten by New Zealand in the two Tests played but evened the series with one win and one draw in the three match rubber against Australia.

Receipts in New Zealand were a record for any touring team.

awarded. From the three matches we have played referees are getting tough, and rightly so, it is the easiest matter in the world to put the ball in the centre of a scrum.

Let us have the game played according to the laws, we shall have less hold ups and the game will be enjoyed by all, and we include the referee in this.

OUR VISITORS

This evening it is a pleasure to entertain the Leigh Club, who from a playing point are in the same position as ourselves having won two matches out of three. Many are the stirring games of the past we have had against our visitors both at Watersheddings and at Leigh. We hope that this evening's game will prove no exception. Naturally this game will be centred upon the attraction of our local in the Leigh ranks in Jim Humble in the wing position, who is making the grade in Rugby League.

"A" TEAM FIXTURES

Much concern is felt in the lack of fixtures of our "A" team for this season. We have 10 vacant Saturdays which is not conducive to keeping an "A" team happy.

Owing to finishing so low down in the Lancashire Combination last season, we are not allowed to compete in the Rugby League Combination. This is a blow to us, having pioneered the formation of the Rugby League Combination for several years, we now find we are outcast, of course the solution is in our hands, we must have an "A" team that can hold its own in the Lancashire Combination, or if our first team are drawn to play five Yorkshire teams, the "A" teams should play each other as a Rugby League Combination. What is good for the first team should be also good enough for "A" teams. "A" teams should be kept occupied, training may be alright in its place, but there is nothing like match practice to bring young players out and be contestants for a first team place. The solution of this must be with the Clubs for the good of the game and place club interest in the background.

REFEREE APPOINTMENTS FOR OLDHAM F.C.

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