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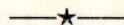
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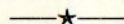
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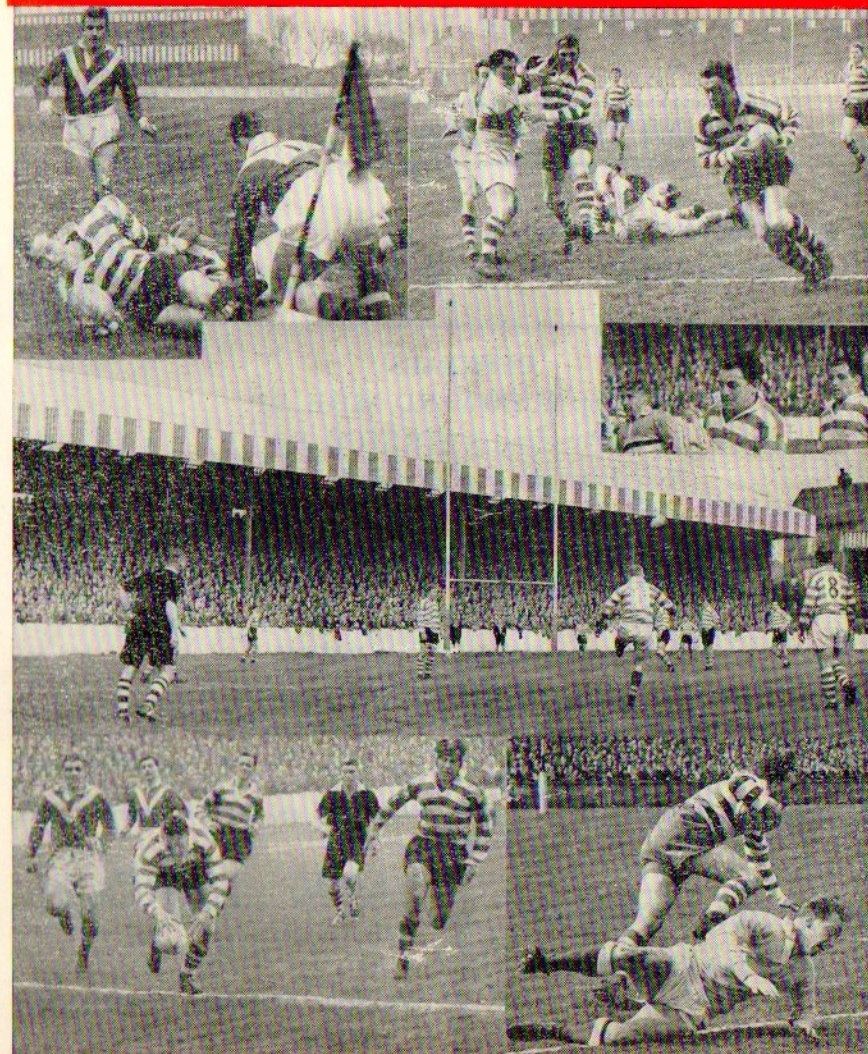
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Date	CLUB	Grd.	F. A.
1960			
Aug. 6	ROCHDALE (Charity)	away	
13	ST. HELENS	home	
17	WARRINGTON	away	
20	LEEDS	away	.....
27	WIGAN, Lancs. Cup 1st Rd.	away	.....
30	LEIGH	home	.....
Sept. 3	FEATHERSTONE R.	away	.....
10	HALIFAX	home	.....
17	ST. HELENS	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		
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

After our early dismissal from the Lancashire Cup by Wigan we met a further disappointment in meeting Leigh at Watersheddings when we lost the match by 12 points to 9 points. Although we must give credit to the Leigh team for their display, we had the bad luck of the game by way of injuries.

After 20 minutes we lost wingman Sean Quinlan with a knee injury, an injury that will possibly keep him out of the team for a few weeks, and also Geoff Robinson had a re-occurrence of a chest injury which reduced our chances of victory. Of course we had chances to win the game but the unexpected happened and the chances were thrown away. The result of this match was a great disappointment to our members and supporters after a reasonably good start to the season.

A little spice was added by our good away victory at Featherstone on Saturday last when we came away victors by 20 points to 19, a very narrow squeek for victory. Although we consider we were the best team, this match could have been thrown away by certain of our players infringing the rules and conceding two points, especially so when our opponents had a super goal kicker on view. However it was a hard match and the two league points were worthily earned.

NEW PLAYERS

The search for new players still goes on and the committee and manager are alive to the weakness of certain positions, and of course our "A" team requires some attention as regards new talent. The search for ready made players always goes on and the junior position is not neglected by any means. We consider that the junior of today is the star of tomorrow and when we can unearth such stars as Alan Davies, Frank Pitchford, John Noon, Alan Kellett, W. B. Ganley, David Godard and Tom Parker from the junior ranks, this can be accomplished again, but it takes time for some juniors to mature and experience is a dear school. A football crowd of today requires the best, and no doubt they deserve it, otherwise the crowds go down to a minimum and a loss of revenue is a result.

OUR VISITORS

It is always a pleasure to entertain the Halifax Club who are undefeated in the league campaign this season. (They have lost the Yorkshire Cup 1st Rd. at Wakefield). They have played 5 matches, won the lot, scored 118 against 41. Pen pictures of the Halifax team are as follows:

G. OWEN—Signed from Newport R.U. Club in October, 1956. A former Welsh R.U. International. Established a Club goal-scoring record last season. Played in every match and scored in all but one. Kicked 150 goals.

A. SNOWDEN—Last season's captain. Has played for Yorkshire County R.L. Transferred from Hunslet to Halifax two seasons ago. A most consistent wing threequarter.

J. BURNETT—A local lad who has won County Honours and after his display in the County Match against Lancashire was strongly fancied for a place in the Test Trial Teams.

J. G. PALMER—A former Rosslyn Park R.U. player who turned professional in May 1955. Has represented his native County—Cumberland—on numerous occasions.

J. FREEMAN—One of the most prominent wing threequarters in the game. Was well on the way to fame and a tour of Australia in 1958 until a nasty knee injury interrupted his career. Now fully recovered and in good form once more. A former Cardiff International Athletic Club player.

B. JONES—Scrum-half who won Lancashire County honours with Fylde R.U. Club. A school teacher and resident in Blackpool. A fine powerful half-back.

F. FOX—Signed a season ago from Shaw Cross Junior Club. Stands 6ft. 1in. and weighs 15½ st. and at 20 years of age is one of the most promising No. 8's in the game.

J. SHAW—Former Wakefield Trinity player. Was outstanding in the recent County match and deservedly has won a place in Monday's Test Trial. Besides being a fine hooker he also plays a tremendous game in the loose.

R. CRABTREE—Another 20 year old prop who was signed two seasons ago from Westtown Junior Club Dewsbury. Stands 6ft. and weighs 16st. The front row of Fox, Shaw and Crabtree is the youngest and most promising playing R.L. football.

B. SPARKS—Second Row Forward and captain of the side. Played for Torquay, Neath R.U. Clubs and Wales before he turned professional. two years ago. At 28 is the oldest member of the pack. A fine 6ft., 14½st. rover who is a school teacher by profession.

J. SCROBY—Signed from Bradford Northern at the beginning of last season when still in the Forces. The fee paid for this player was the highest ever paid by the Halifax Club. This season he is proving himself well worth the fee paid. A former Halifax Junior who is 23 years of age, stands 6ft. and weighs 15st. 10 lbs. Was reserve for Yorkshire this season.

A. MARTIN—Plays his seventh senior game for the Club today. A local junior who was signed last October. Is 20 years of age, weighs 13st. 6lbs. A very promising loose forward.

The match today should be a thriller and we expect the best that Rugby League can offer, and may the best team win.

REFEREE APPOINTMENTS FOR OLDHAM F.C.

Saturday, 17th Sept.—**St. Helens, away, Mr. J. Manley**

Tuesday, 20th Sept.—**Featherstone, home, Mr. H. Pickersgill**

Tuesday, 27th Sept.—**Blackpool, away Mr. E. Clay**

TODAY'S COLLECTION

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- 7—JONES
- 8—FOX
- 9—SHAW
- 10—CRABTREE
- 11—SCROBY
- 12—SPARKS
- 14—MARTIN

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HUMOUR and HUMORISTS

writes Cyril Briggs

The streamlining of the R.L. game has robbed it of much of its humour and humorists. Speed and more speed has caused some of the "characters" to disappear for all time, although today we have some players whose antics cause a diversion from the ordinary run of events.

Ex-Professional boxer Jerry Donovan made Oldham and Warrington people laugh by a soccer trick he often adopted. Before the passing of the ball fetish came into operation after the war—happily we are now seeing more "kick" in the game—the kick and follow up was a recognised tactic.

The man who was taking the ball had three alternatives, either to take the ball cleanly and claim a mark to prevent destruction; to try and evade two, three or sometimes four would be tacklers, or to attempt to kick to touch and try to gain some ground.

The kick to touch often brought a "ball back" decision because in his hurried manner the defender would kick to the side line in Rugby Union fashion which saw the ball go into touch on the "full." There was always the danger of the kick having a low trajectory and keen forwards would attempt a charge down.

DEFENSIVE TRICKS

Obviously Donovan, an amusing little chap had tried all these defensive tricks. Probably he had his legs whipped from underneath him even though he had claimed a mark. Players advancing at a terrific rate had not been able to stop themselves colliding with the catcher.

Donovan kidded opponents into thinking he was taking a catch. He shaped up to take the ball cleanly and then at the last split second he would nod his head and chase after it towards the opposition line. The crowd yelled in glee and if he was knocked from his feet the referee had no alternative whatsoever but to award a penalty for obstruction.

The law had never been altered to prevent heading the ball in R.L. but tricks by such men as Chris Redmond of Widnes and Charlie Crooks of St. Helens, meant changes, some of them rather silly in outlook. This pair would beat an opponent simply by throwing the ball ahead and catching it. I see nothing wrong about that tactic. Passing a ball forward to oneself should not result in a penalty, but that's how the rule makers decided, and there were no more "throws forward."

TWO AT ONCE

Once I saw the great Jim Tranter who had arms twice the length of many ordinary men tackle two men at the same time. This came about when they tried the scissors movement. Tranter was the only man I ever saw bring off a negative move to a perfect scissors.

Tranter had the rules changed. Once he was on the touch line having a member of the training staff remove a brass nail from his shoe. At the time there was an opposition attack and Tranter forgot himself and tackled the winger though he had to chase him wearing only one boot!

As I have stated the streamlining of the professional handling code has pushed many of the slower men out of the picture. York, whose forwards were often known as the "dreadnoughts", because they were hefty Yorkshire policemen, would not live in the present speedy set-up.

They would be run off their feet by the nippy second rowers and loose forwards of today. Gone is the day of the comic in R.L.

Its silver crowns the players want, and so do the club officials, instead of the clowns. Laughter is usually provided by the spectators themselves, but in most cases we have to wait until cup tie time is around.

LIST OF FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

(League and Cup Matches only—including Law Cup)

Player	A.	T.	G.	Player	A.	T.	G.
Southward	7	2		Winslade	4		
Noon	7	3	4	Goddard D.	2		
Davies	5	1		Parker T.	1		
Quinlan	6	3		Sims	1		
Nestor	4	1		Goddard P.	1		
Pitchford	7	1					
Payne	7						
McIntyre	5	1					
Dufty	7	1					
Warburton	5	1					
Robinson	6	2					
Ganley	6		18				
Kellett	6	1	1				
Mumberson	4	1					

WORLD CUP

Critics in Australia are of the opinion that Australia's World Cup squad will consist mainly of those players who built up such a wonderful reputation in this country last season. The threequarter line, Eddie Lumsden, Reg Gasnier, Harry Wells and Ken Irvine will probably be unchanged. There is a little uncertainty about the half backs with Bugden and Brown current favourites but Keith Holman who is well-known over here is playing brilliantly although in the veteran stage and could, quite possibly, clinch the scrum-half position. The nucleus of the pack will also be drawn from last year's tourists and Rex Mossop is again the likely leader. The team will be picked on September 3rd.

New Zealand are more of an unknown quantity as far as we are concerned. They last toured over here in 1955 and are due again next season. There will be plenty of new faces but very few will be new to International Football because New Zealand beat the visiting French touring team in two Tests a few weeks ago.

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24 Sept.—Australia v. France at Wigan				
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Oct. 1—Gt. B. v. France, at Swinton				
Oct. 8—Australia v. Gt. B. at Bradford				
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Oct. 10—Play off or Winners v. Rest, at Bradford				

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