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7	HALIFAX	away	
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21	LIVERPOOL CITY	away	
28	WIGAN	home	
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25			
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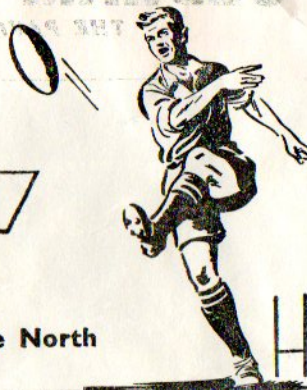


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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

The World Cup series now having ended, and in the first place we must congratulate the Great Britain team in winning the Cup, we now return to League competition at Watersheddings. This being our fifth match at home in nine weeks in which the season has been in operation. We must endorse the action of the Rugby League in their attempt to clear from our game the great black spot that mars it, that is brawling and a general exhibition of fisticuffs that appears to have more than ever crept into our game. Why should this be necessary and what is the reason for it. Are the playing terms so great as to make a team win at all costs? The destiny of our game lies in club directors and club committees, it is up to each controlling body of any club to see that our game is made more attractive, otherwise we shall be amongst the dying games.

Attendances at our matches have dwindled with alarm and it is obvious that the customers will have to have much more for his money. One may point out that even soccer gates have dwindled, but then once again, is soccer producing the goods and giving value for money. If the attraction is there the people will pay to see it. Take the case of Tottenham Hotspur in the soccer world. They are obviously a great team and are attracting the crowds, why, because they are giving value for money. Yes, money talks all languages. In six matches Tottenham have played at home, the gate receipts have totalled over £80,000, simply because the customer will go and pay the money, knowing that he is getting value.

Yes, our game of Rugby League will have to be made more attractive to draw the crowds, what is finer than to see a wing three-quarter in full flight for the line, and what is more disgraceful than to see an opponent being stopped by a stiff arm tackle. The game is alright as played by the guide book, illegal practices should not be tolerated as this creates bad feeling. Vigour we can have plenty, but let it be fair and a player cannot be blamed for what nature endowed him with by weight, provided he uses it fairly.

Our game at Hull Kingston on Saturday looked well in the bag for us up to half time, when we were winning by 11 points to 4 points. But whatever came over our side in the second half to resort to kicking is beyond us, our team simply played in the hands of the Kingston players,

who appeared to have a new lease of life in this half and in the end we were somewhat fortunate to come away with a draw. Silly infringements cost us the match, the homesters scoring three goals for us transgressing the laws of the game. The first half we were definitely on top and scored 3 tries to our opponents 1 try. Hull Kingston were well satisfied with the gate of 8,000, being their best of the season so far.

TEAM SHEETS

If you are in business and desire to have one of our weekly team sheets sent to you each week, please notify the Secretary and you will receive one.

This idea of issuing team sheets is not a new idea, as for several years they proved a success, but last year was missed owing to the lateness in the week of selecting the team. The teams will now be selected each Tuesday evening prior to the match on the following Saturday.

NEW PLAYERS

Today sees the first appearance in our first team of David Parker, Manchester R.U., and Lancashire County, also English trialist. we wish him a very successful debut. Parker has been watched several times by deputations and all have given a good account of his displays. Parker has 12 months yet to serve in H.M. Forces and is stationed at Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, but we are hoping and trying to get him a posting within a few miles from his home. He lives at Broughton, Manchester, but will probably live at Marple when discharged from the Forces.

Many miles have been travelled in search of talent for the team and of course local talent has not been neglected. We have several local boys, what we term colts, are training at our grounds each Monday evening under the coaching of our old player, Alex Givvons, there is no doubt that some up and coming young stars are in the making, and we are keeping a keen eye on them and will sign them professionally when the time is ripe. These young players assist their local teams each Saturday. Oldham Stadium area is a playing pitch complete with goal posts, for Werneth Juniors in the Continuation League. Dressing accommodation has been made adjacent to the Pavilion and hot baths are available after each match.

OUR VISITORS

Today it is our pleasure to entertain the Widnes Club, and it is always a pleasure to our officials and players to visit the Widnes Club at their splendid enclosure at Naughton park. Everybody is sure of a great welcome at Widnes and we try to do the same we they visit us.

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Noon	10	4	4	Goddard D.	4		
Davies	8	1		Parker T.	3		
Quinlan	6	3		Sims	2		1
Nestor	8	1		Goddard P.	3		
Pitchford	10	1		Patterson	4	3	
Payne	12			Hatherall	2		
McIntyre	9	3		Lerd	2		
Dufty	12	1					
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AMATEURS ON CUP TRAIL

writes Cyril Briggs

By the time you will be reading this feature amateur R.L. clubs in Cumberland, Lancashire and Yorkshire will be turning their attention to the next round—its qualifying time—of the R.L. Challenge Cup. These cup ties are so hectic that R.L. authorities have had to issue still more instructions to the amateurs who have been known to lose their place in the competition because they have transgressed the rules.

Of course, the official R.L. Guide sets out the laws about the most important of all tournaments in the code, but even so the amateurs have been given an additional list of do's and don'ts.

This time there is a change. Two junior teams will enter the competition proper so that the number of clubs will be brought to the maximum number. Thirty two teams go into the hat when the draw is made for the first round proper.

When I said there was a change, I meant with regard to the matter of entry into round one. This season the Lancashire, Cumberland and Furness area will provide only one club and the Yorkshire section the other.

The team getting through from the three areas I have mentioned will have a tremendous task and therefore will prove itself beyond all doubt that it is the best qualified amateur side, even as far as Yorkshire is concerned.

It may be claimed that Yorkshire is having a bigger entry of teams, but it must be remembered that it is quite possible that a Cumberland club would have to visit a Lancashire junior side to qualify. The same thing could happen to the Lancashire side.

One of the bug-bears about the amateur movement is that they often play a man who is not registered. It may be an oversight, but if it is found out even after the game has been played and even won, a team can be thrown out of the tournament and without any redress.

And another stringent law is that the disqualification of one club doesn't necessarily mean that their opponents will be automatically reinstated. Quite harsh, but it's there in black and white.

The Northern Leagues all important disciplinary committee have been empowered to deal with dismissed players and I understand that even referees who are often controlling senior games, have been appointed to see that the amateurs do not introduce any undue rough or questionable tactics.

All amateur leagues have been duly reminded about possible financial help. A standing order states that the shares of the challenge cup pool set aside for junior football shall be paid to the district leagues with which the junior clubs who get to round one are affiliated.

This is a most important point. What is more, if a junior club which qualifies for round one receives less than £250 from the gate receipts, the district league may pay over to the club a sum not exceeding the difference between the amount received and £250.

But in no circumstances can the district league pay more than 50 per cent of the cup pool to the junior club.

So the discipline in many ways is keener than ever, and I fear that clubs who do benefit from the gates of the first round, will be expected to forward a balance sheet about their affairs.

In the past there have been cases where money has been lavished on presents and celebration dinner and so forth. No doubt there should be some event to mark the important occasion, but amateurs should also remember that there is such a thing as a rainy day.

It would be an amazing list if we could print all those clubs who have qualified to meet a senior club, and have then faded from the scene. These amateur clubs should not have dropped out of the game. But it shows that if the authorities would have kept a tighter reign on the amateur finances, they would have ensured a future for the greater proportion of these teams who have lapsed.

I would like to see the general public playing a bigger interest in amateur rugby. Just a few coppers at the gates will help in more ways than one. Amateur clubs are assisted financially by the senior clubs, but it should be remembered that if we had more amateur clubs, the R.L. code would not be in such dire straits for talent today.

The R.L. clubs keep on spending thousands of pounds on R.U. players when the same amount as would "buy" one star from the 15 aside game would keep a whole league of amateurs going for a full season.

QUESTIONS ON OUR GAME

Below are some more questions on Rugby League. The answers can be found at the foot of the page.

- 1—Which prominent club has never been Northern League leaders or Champions?
- 2—Which club holds the scoring record for all matches played in one season?
- 3—Which referee made his exit from a ground in the uniform of a policeman.
- 4—In which match did all the Leeds players score?
- 5—What is the highest total of goals kicked by a player in a R.L. Challenge Cup Final?
- 6—What is the record profit made by a Northern R.L. club?
- 7—Has a team of local born players won the R.L. Challenge Cup?
- 8—Which team holds the record for the most consecutive league matches without defeat?
- 9—When was the R.L. Challenge Cup Final first played at Wembley.
- 10—When was Watersheddings first played on by Oldham Football Club?

ANSWERS

- 1—Leeds. Defeated in eight play-off semi-finals and five finals.
- 2—Huddersfield. Season 1914-15, 1,269 points from 47 matches.
- 3—Mr. E. H. Smith, of Wigan. From Fartown ground, 1908.
- 4—April 12th, 1913. Leeds 102 points, Coventry 0.
- 5—W. H. Young (Leeds) kicked 7 Goals in the 1910 replayed Final.
- 6—£10,407, by St. Helens in 1952-53.
- 7—The Widnes Cup team in the 1930 Final, except for the veteran South African forward, G. Van Rooyen who received a free transfer from Wigan. Again, in the 1937 Final, all the Widnes players were locals except one who was born in neighbouring Runcorn.
- 8—Huddersfield from March 30th 1912 to January 5th 1913 (both dates inclusive) played 26 successive matches without defeat.
- 9—May 4th, 1929. Wigan v. Dewsbury.
- 10—September 28th, 1889.

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