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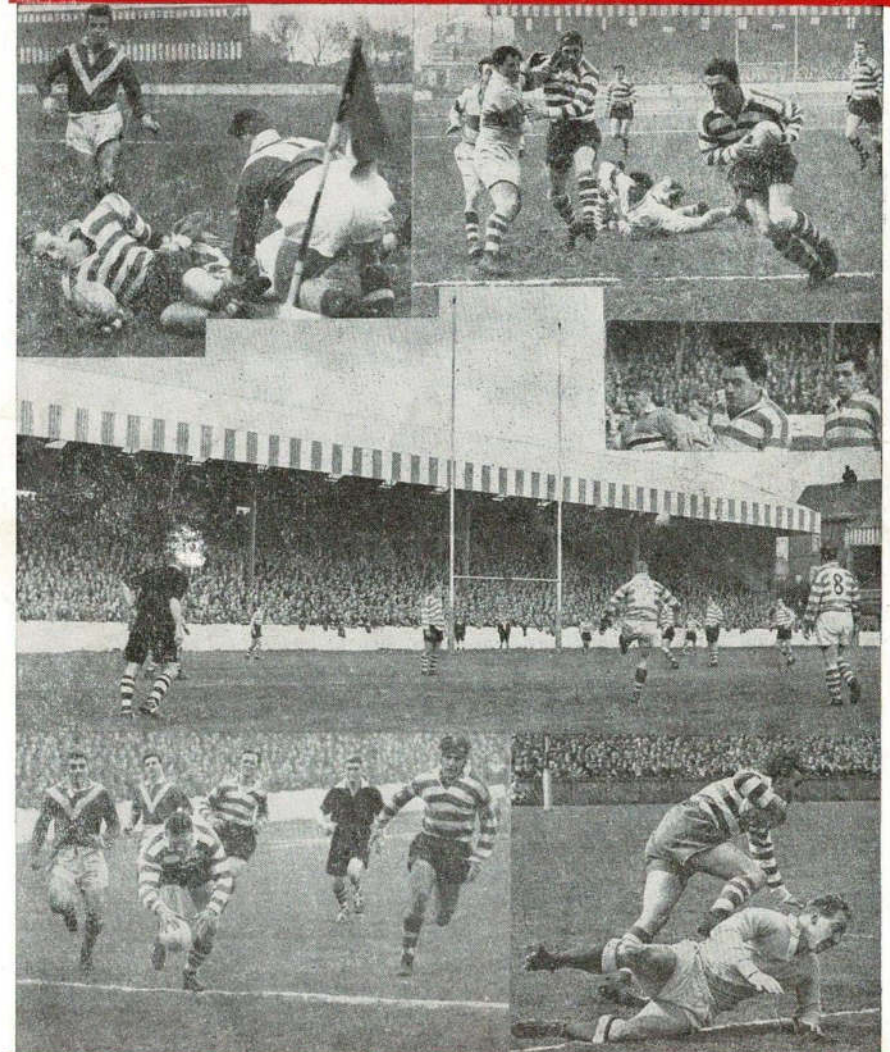
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Date	CLUB	Grd.	F. A.
1960			
Aug. 6	ROCHDALE (Charity)	away	
13	ST. HELENS	home	
17	WARRINGTON	away	
20	LEEDS	away	.....
27	WIGAN, Lancs. Cup 1st Rd.	away	.....
30	LEIGH	home	.....
Sept. 3	FEATHERSTONE R.	away	.....
10	HALIFAX	home	.....
17	ST. HELENS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

Saturday last saw another good victory from our visit to Rochdale by 29 points to 14 and our "A" team resumed their winning way by a good victory over Blackpool "A" by 19 points to 5 points.

The match at Rochdale came fully up to our expectations and with a little more steadiness we should have scored many more points and a lapse in the last quarter when we allowed Hornets to score 10 points. There is no doubt that our team are developing in a unit and are showing the finer points of the game. Not that the Hornets did not make it a game, far from it, their team consisted of several teenagers and which will take time to develop.

Our friends the Hornets are going through a transition stage and it is having an effect on the gates. A gate of 5,491 against Oldham at Rochdale is one of the lowest for several years, time was not so distant, when one could rely on 12/15,000, but again all gates in Rugby League with the exception of the County Cup finals on Saturday last were somewhat discouraging. There were more spectators at Wigan (31,755) watching the Lancashire Cup Final than the ten league matches scheduled on the day. What a pathetic position we have come to, what is wrong with the game if anything, or is the game lacking personalities that will attract the crowds back again.

The ban on signing overseas players—Australia and New Zealand—and this applies to League players and R.U. players of these countries comes to an end in December this year. Will the ban be renewed? That is the question that several clubs are asking themselves. Can our friends in Australia and New Zealand afford to lose their best players to come to English Clubs and if the ban is lifted can English players go to Australia and New Zealand Clubs. An interchange of players could do no harm even on a loan basis. Our game in this country is sick and demands a stimulant to lift it out of the rut it has got in. Big names and personalities are required to fill the terraces.

All the advertising in the world will not fill the grounds with our game in its present make up. We have got to try something, something attempted something done, lift the ban and two divisions would lift us up a little. Our Clubs and representatives must do something.

OUR VISITORS

Today we welcome visitors in Liverpool City who represent our game on Merseyside and have kept the flag flying in spite of tremendous soccer opposition. Their directors and small band of supporters are to be congratulated in their efforts. Liverpool City have had a chequered career and what one may call an existence.

Originally formed as Wigan Highfield and playing at Pemberton they were in the Lancashire Senior Competition and were an outstanding Club in "A" team matches and at this period many famous players were turned out by them but the financial position was such that a transfer was the only way they could carry on.

They received promotion to the Northern Rugby Football League and many a good team they have beaten at home including ourselves. Force of circumstances with the counter attraction of Wigan Football Club they migrated to White City, London, and became London Highfield, playing matches under floodlight. The attraction was not great enough for the London crowd and migration back to Prescot (Liverpool) under the name of Liverpool Stanley when a ground was rented from a Greyhound Stadium.

Progress was very slow and a band of new pioneers took the club over and launched a scheme whereby they built a home of their own at Knotty Ash and the name changed to Liverpool City. A very neat little ground has been made and dressing accommodation is considerably better than some R.L. grounds possess.

The gate receipts of their home matches cannot keep the club going but a hard working band of directors and supporters augment their finance with various schemes. May they continue to be part of our game in spite of the earlier set backs.

BRIEFS

Our search for new players still continues and last week-end we had two deputations out looking over recommendations from our scouts. At one of the matches we spotted some likely material, and this not very far from Oldham. We are taking the matter further this week-end with a further deputation to make doubly sure we secure the right men for the position we require to fill or duplicate in our team.

The issue of our weekly team sheets are in great demand and we are having more printed. If you desire one sending for your business premises, Club or the local, please inform the Secretary and we will satisfy your requirements.

Our weekly Pool No. 2 is still increasing but we still desire to have more Agents. Application to be an agent should be made to the Pools Office, 2 Clegg Street, Oldham or telephone any evening, MAIN 2927 and you may join the happy band of lucky winners.

Our position in the Northern Rugby Football League before today's match is No. 3, a position we consider is satisfactory having played some stiff encounters away from home in St. Helens, Warrington, Leeds, Featherstone, and Hull Kingston. We are now hoping to have a successful run to consolidate our position.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE

(Up to and including Saturday Last)

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
St. Helens	8	7	1	—	167	80	14
Halifax	9	6	2	1	142	113	13
Warrington	8	6	2	—	210	73	12
Wigan	9	6	3	—	179	91	12
Oldham	8	5	3	—	128	111	10
Leigh	8	5	3	—	109	103	10
Swinton	5	4	1	—	134	46	8
Workington	7	4	3	—	126	97	8
Blackpool B.	8	3	4	1	91	126	7
Widnes	8	3	5	—	109	130	6
Whitehaven	8	3	5	—	95	120	6
Salford	7	3	4	—	75	131	6
Barrow	8	2	6	—	67	161	4
Rochdale H.	8	—	8	—	59	181	—
Liverpool City	7	—	7	—	59	187	—

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THE AMATEURS SHOULD HAVE THEIR OWN CUP COMPETITION

writes Cyril Briggs

Last Saturday afternoon in Lancashire, Yorkshire and Cumberland, junior R.L. teams were on the track of 80 glorious minutes offered as the prize for appearing in the first round proper of the Challenge Cup. It's a long trail, almost as long as the one in that 1914-18 song which helped us win the first world war.

But the not so convincing fact is that only two teams—one from the Lancashire-Cumberland-Furness area and the other from Yorkshire—will be in the first round in February.

Without referring to my batch of official guides, I can rip off the names of many amateur clubs who have made history, a little money (and lost it), by getting paired with one of the senior clubs in round one.

Many of the teams have unfortunately gone out of existence. Some have been reformed under new names, but the fact remains, that the amateurs, as fearless and enthusiastic as they are, cannot really measure up to the professionals.

LINK WITH THE PAST

It is a link with the past which should not remain. The drama critic would never dream of "slating" an amateur stage production as he might a professional play, if, of course, should criticism be necessary.

That is why I think the R.L. would find itself on sounder lines if it drew a barrier between the pro and the glorious army of the unpaids.

I don't believe in giving an idea a year or two to develop. It takes longer than that.

I feel that many RL schemes have gone under because they haven't had the right kind of trial. That's why I say after many seasons of experience we have found that the amateur movement and the members of the Northern League don't mix.

WORLD CUP

Ideas, it would be folly, for instance if we dropped the World Cup Series, for this competition has only had a short life. This is merely a passing thought, but just an illustration of the bad policies of the past in dropping brilliant schemes after only a season or two of trial.

But the mixing of the amateur and professional in the R.L. Challenge Cup tournament has had its chance to show whether it is a success or not. But I feel it has been a failure in the fundamental principle of competition.

How can we expect the young lads who either select their weekly team in a corner of the club-room or pick 13 players from a single factory, hope to beat men who are trained for the main purpose of entertaining the public?

ALL VERY WRONG

It is all wrong, very wrong. The only benefit is cash for the amateur qualifiers, and extra funds for the league to which the qualifying club belongs. But it could mean that two, three or even four youngsters could have the very enthusiasm knocked out of them by the win-at-all costs attitude of the seniors who are cup tie "mad".

It is not competition. In many cases it is just slaughter of the innocents. Much harm can be done to mind and body of the amateurs by these unequal clashes. I say that the seniors should keep apart from the amateur

All this adds up to the fact that the amateurs should have their own cup competition. The first question to be fired at my idea would be the one of finance. How would the amateurs exist? But if we look at the R.L. cup for instance, only two amateur teams and leagues can benefit each year.

There are many ways where the R.L. can assist when it comes to financial matters, so that point should be forgotten, although I might fire a last shot in this argument and advocate a bigger compensation fee for the loss of any amateur player who has been signed by a professional team.

An amateur competition open to all teams who have an affiliation to the Rugby League, would stir up tremendous enthusiasm. It may be argued that this sort of competition has been running for years because of the eliminating rounds before the first round proper.

But instead of one team riding home in triumph with a shining trophy, 13 lads are sent home with not medals, but a good hiding and a huge deficit of points which may even make them look ridiculous in the eyes of their friends.

There have been times when amateurs have run the seniors very close but compare those occasions to the times when there have been cricket scores against the local lads.

Give the amateurs a competition for amateurs, but something to aim for and not to be aimed at. The final of such a competition could be played on a senior ground. But it is time we kept up with the times and changed unequal contests. They don't allow it in boxing, soccer and tennis. Why in RL?

NOT A FAIR WAY

It is not a fair way of deciding things, in fact, it is generally like matching a "Derby" horse to a selling plater. Let us be practical in the RL game.

We want to encourage lads to greater deeds not to maim or brand 'em for life. So I say get amateur cup competition working. There are many vacant days at Wembley. Even schoolboys have special amateur days at the mighty Stadium. Maybe RL could follow suit. I hope so.

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Noon	12	4	4	Goddard D.	4		
Davies	10	2		Parker T.	3		
Quinlan	6	3		Sims	2		1
Nestor	8	1		Goddard P.	3		
Pitchford	12	2		Patterson	6	4	
Payne	14			Hatherall	2		
McIntyre	11	3		Lord	2		
Duffy	14	2		Parker D.	2		
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Robinson	13	3					
Ganley	12		42				
Kellett	12	8	1				
Mumberson	5	1					

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