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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			
Jan. 17	BLACKPOOL B.	home	
24	LEIGH	away	
26	SWINTON	home	
31	BARROW	away	
Feb. 2	WORKINGTON	away	
7	HALIFAX	away	
14	WARRINGTON	home	
21	LIVERPOOL CITY	away	
28	WIGAN	home	
Mar. 4	BARROW	home	
11	R. L. CHALLENGE CUP 1st RD.		
18	HULL K. R.	home	
25	R. L. CHALLENGE CUP 2nd RD.		
Apr. 4	SALFORD	away	
11	WIDNES	away	
18	WORKINGTON TOWN	home	
25			
31	SWINTON	away	
May 1	WHITEHAVEN	home	
3	ROCHDALE H.	home	
8			
15	R. L. CHALLENGE CUP SEMI-FINAL		
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

We are still blazing the trail and have won our last six matches in great style, scoring 186 points against 35, and are now heading the League Table for the first time this season.

Our latest victory was a convincing win at Whitehaven, a ground where we have some bitter memories of returning defeated. This victory was well earned and any team that goes to Whitehaven and wins, fully deserve their victory, so keen are these Cumbrians when playing on their own heath. The ground conditions were not conducive to our open style of play but when our team did get going, well they were just Oldham at their best and the longer the game lasted we should have made the victory more convincing than 16 points to 2 points.

Our new player, Keith Holden, played on the wing and had a very creditable debut and scored one try by sheer speed and determination.

Dave Parker improves every game and is a model of perfection in the art of tackling. All our players combined as a team and no one could be faulted, a workmanlike machine moving with precision.

We hope that our players can keep this form then we shall have the satisfaction of gaining some of the major honours that can be won this season.

OUR VISITORS

Today we entertain the Leeds Club who are always welcome visitors to Watersheddings, insomuch that we can always expect a good open game and a good financial return.

In the league they lie in second place to us and have the best defensive record in the League. They have played 14 matches, won 12 and lost 2, scoring 243 points against 89 points. Their two defeats have been sustained, one by us at Headingley on August 20th when we won a sensational match in the last minute by 6 points to 4 points. Alan Kellett dropped a goal in the very last minute to give us victory.

Their other defeat was received at Swinton on November 19th, 1960 losing the match by 19 points to 5.

Our visitors are fielding their strongest side today and it behoves our team to put on one of their best displays to record victory. Let us hope that today's game will give us the thrills we have come to expect and at the end say to both teams, well played.

One of our "A" team trialists, Bruce Douglas, a fine specimen of an Australian who played on the wing in the "A" team has decided to call it a day with R.L. He and his wife who at present reside at Lymm are chancing their luck in Canada and will shortly be on their way to a new home. Best of luck to both of them.

Brian Hatherall, our reserve scrum half was unfortunately dismissed from the field at Salford whilst playing for the "A" team on 19th November. He has been suspended for 2 matches and today's first team match will count as one against the two. (Our "A" team have no match today).

A new ruling by the Management Committee of the Northern Rugby Football League has issued that where two or more players of any one club are called upon for International duty then the club can, if it wishes, postpone its league fixture.

Permission has, therefore, been granted the Wigan Club to postpone their home fixture with us on December 10th. Both Oldham and Wigan have a vacant Saturday on 25th March, 1961 and there is a possibility that this postponed match will be played at Wigan on this date.

On January 28th, 1961 our home match with Wigan coincides with the return match Great Britain v. France in England so we shall have to wait and see the composition of the teams for the fulfilment of this home fixture.

Some of our forwards had the worst of the bad knocks that were running about at Whitehaven on Saturday last. Bill Payne had an ankle injury, Charlie Winslade a kick on the elbow, Geoff Robinson kick on the ankle. We hope to have this trio fit and ready for the match today.

BRIEFS

Today we are making a collection, one of four to be made, for four of our players who have rendered 10 years service each. Bernard Ganley, Alan Davies, Frank Stirrup and Harold Lomas. All have been splendid servants of the club and richly deserve a financial reward to the splendid service each have given. So please give liberally to the benefit fund.

DAVID GODDARD

Only very slight improvement can be made in the condition of David Goddard who is still in the Promenade Hospital, Southport. He remains as cheerful as ever and is of good spirit but cannot recover the use of his arms and legs. We wish him well but we are of the opinion that his case will be a long job by way of recovery.

ALAN DAVIES

Congratulations to Alan Davies in being selected to represent Gt. Britain v. France at Bordeaux on Sunday, 11th December, 1960. Alan this season has played for Lancashire, 3 World Cup matches, and for Gt. Britain v. Rest of World. Honours very worthy earned.

SCHOOLBOY TOPICS

The editor of this programme has kindly offered to the Oldham Schools Rugby League a portion of the limited space available to him for club news and views. The intention is to give to you any interesting sidelights on events and players in Schoolboy Rugby. The thanks of the Oldham Schools Rugby League are therefore tendered to him, and the senior club for this facility.

At Wilderspool, Warrington, today, December 3rd, the following 7 Oldham schoolboys—**Green, Taylor, Pendry, Maders, Herron, Williamson and Marcroft** will play in a final Lancashire County trial game.

The Lancashire v. Yorkshire County match will be played at Knowsley Road, St. Helens on Saturday, December 17th, 1960.

One outstanding item of news in the schoolboy rugby world is that discussions are now proceeding between the various bodies responsible for schoolboy rugby, with a view to the formation of an English Schools Rugby League. The outcome of these meetings is awaited with keen interest.

This season a new inter-town competition under the aegis of the Lancashire Schools Rugby League has commenced. It will be run on an "home and away" knockout basis, and is confined to boys under 13 years of age on September 1st. It is felt that this tournament will present new opportunities for the younger schoolboy rugby player.

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- 8—PAYNE W.
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- 8—SKELTON
- 9—SIMMS
- 10—ROBINSON
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writes Cyril Briggs

The "poor" R.L. supporter is more than a glutton for punishment—he's a long suffering individual who goes through life grumbling, and rightly so.

I'm afraid that R.L. directorates and committeemen fail to appreciate the lot of the man in the crowd, although conditions have improved considerably since the war.

Now take a recent Saturday for instance. A noted team turned up with nice clean jerseys, but in only one or two cases were the numbers distinguishable. Even reporters were baffled—but then they are blamed for many things.

ALMOST USELESS

The mistake may have been a genuine one on this occasion but some official programmes (more later) were almost useless to the average spectator who couldn't be blamed if he adopted the attitude of once bitten, twice shy.

Club officials must see to it that spectators are kept up-to-date with everything that is going on. One of the best schemes over the public address system is that adopted at Hull. Here the teams are read over slowly and carefully a quarter of an hour before the kick-off, and the statements are repeated later on for the benefit of late comers.

I don't think we can ever beat Wembley for presentation, but pity the poor Pressman when he is struggling to get messages over the 'phone with the latest wailings from the pop singers throbbing in his free ear.

ANNOYING

Annoying isn't it all? But one club's disc jockey actually plays records when all spectators have duly departed, and the Sunday paper messages are being transmitted. No wonder R.L. gets a bad press.

This season I appealed to one club to let us have the attendance figure handed around the Press Box BEFORE the final whistle so that the details could be presented with the evening paper reports.

It took a week or so for the request to sink in, but at last it was realised that the official figure was much higher than the estimate given at half-time to the news agencies, thereby giving a brighter picture of the game and its support.

To my dying day I'll always remember the attendance figures issued by the Barrow club in those depressing days when it was a case of jam and bread for most meals. The crowd at Barrow was usually split into two sections—so many paid and a certain figure was given for those who had gone through the turnstiles reserved for the unemployed.

EXTEND BREAK

How I wish the R.L. clubs would utilise the extra five minutes at half time. It has been decreed that a break of ten minutes can be taken, but few clubs avail themselves of this facility.

Scores of people will not visit the refreshment bars because they haven't time to nip down from the stand seat or the terrace and wait in the queue. If they do so they might miss a vital try because the game has usually re-started. Let all matches have a ten-minute break—we have it at Wembley.

We want more consideration for the spectator. Those who don't want a cup of tea or the warming (?) drink, or sandwich, could be treated with more official announcements, especially about train times to away matches. And the announcer should have a good clear voice!

The interval would not seem so long if ten minutes were taken and official programmes were worth the threepenny piece. Some programmes are not worth the money. They contain little information—although almost every R.L. club means about lack of propaganda.

YORKSHIRE LEAD

Yorkshire clubs may be a little canny when it comes to coppers. But give me the places where you can hire a cushion for "tuppence". The hard stand seats—many unclean and wet—are ever so comfortable when that cushion is used.

Back to the publicity point. A Lancashire club whose gates have been dropping gradually for the past few seasons has suddenly realised that posters announcing fixtures pay dividends. Now you can find references on hoardings nine miles from the ground!

LIST OF FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

(League and Cup Matches only—including Law Cup)

Player	A.	T.	G.	Player	A.	T.	G.
Southward	17	14		Kellett	16	10	1
Noon	16	6	4	Mumberson	5	1	
Davies	14	2		Winslade	15		
Quinlan	6	3		Goddard D.	4		
Nestor	3	1		Parker T.	3		
Pitchford	16	5		Sims	2		1
Payne	18	1		Goddard P.	4		
McIntyre	15	5		Patterson	9	8	
Duffy	18	4		Hatherall	2		
Warburton	5	1		Lerd	2		
Robinson	16	6		Parker D.	6	3	
Ganley	16		63	Holden K.	1	1	

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

(Up to and including Saturday last)

	Barrow	Blackpool	Halifax	Leigh	Liverpool	OLDHAM	Rochdale	Salford	St. Helens	Swinton	Warrington	Whitehaven	Widnes	Wigan	Workington
Barrow	.....						15-3		15-29				17-9		5-26
Blackpool	.....	8-8	10-7			10-11			13-24					12-24	
Halifax	.....					15-5					8-4	17-7	15-5		22-12
Leigh	.....		15-9	.....					13-28					7-25	
Liverpool	9-14		9-31	.....				22-26			3-30				
OLDHAM			17-15	9-12	49-12	.....		37-0	16-4				25-5		
Rochdale			13-20			14-29	.....		5-38	4-45					4-17
Salford	9-0		11-17	4-17				.....					18-9		20-8
St. Helens					17-9	26-12			.....					11-6	47 2
Swinton			15-5							.....		36-13	21-5		
Warrington		28-2			38-5	25-9		48-4			.....	9-25			42-9
Whitehaven	20-5	12-13				2-16					2-31	.....		14-2	
Widnes	26-13						28-14			7-12	10-14			5-3	
Wigan	44-0	16-11		15-17			14-5								
Workington		8-17		11-2	36-5								11-8		

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