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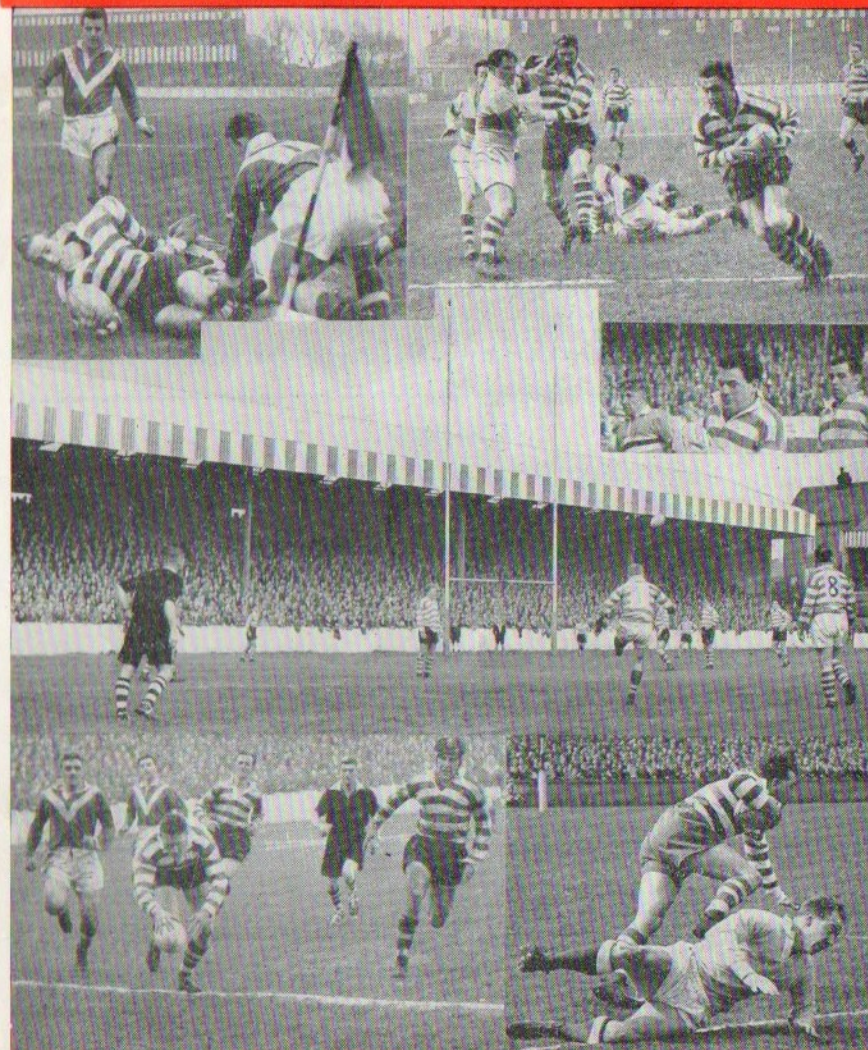
Fixtures for the Season

Date	CLUB	Grd.	F. A.
Aug. 19	HALIFAX	Home	
21	BARROW	Away	
26	BLACKPOOL B.	Away	.....
28	YORK	Home	.....
Sept. 2	BARROW (Lancs. Cup)	Away	.....
4	OLDHAM/ROCHDALE 13		
	v. NEW ZEALAND	Home	.....
9	HALIFAX	Away	.....
16	ROCHDALE H.	Home	.....
23	HUNSLET	Away	.....
30	BARROW	Home	.....
Oct. 7	WORKINGTON T.	Home	.....
14	YORK	Away	.....
21	WARRINGTON	Home	.....
Nov. 4	WHITEHAVEN	Away	.....
11	HUDDERSFIELD	Away	.....
18	HULL	Home	.....
25	SALFORD	Away	.....
Dec. 2	WHITEHAVEN	Home	.....
9	WORKINGTON T.	Away	.....
16	ST. HELENS	Away	.....
23	SALFORD	Home	.....

Date	CLUB	Grd.	F. A.
25	SWINTON	Home	.....
26	WIDNES	Home	.....
Jan. 1			
6	WARRINGTON	Away	.....
13	WIGAN	Away	.....
20	WIGAN	Home	.....
27	ROCHDALE H.	Away	.....
Feb. 3	LIVERPOOL CITY	Away	.....
10			
17	LEIGH	Home	.....
24	WIDNES	Away	.....
Mar. 3			
10	LEIGH	Away	.....
17	ST. HELENS	Home	.....
24	HULL	Away	.....
31	LIVERPOOL CITY	Home	
Apr. 7	HUNSLET	Home	
14			
20	SWINTON	Away	
21	BLACKPOOL B.	Home	
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Second Round R.L. Challenge Cup

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Once again those who remain in the Challenge Cup competition are today blazing the trail to Wembley. The further the competition goes the more difficult the matches and the more excitement, the larger the gates and more money for the players. However the luck of the draw favours the home team, but the odd away win invariably appears, such is the uncertainty of a knock out competition. However, all are optimistic, and that is good for the game. Our opponents today are the Workington Club and we extend a welcome to Watersheddings.

Many will remember the league match played on our ground on Oct. 7th last, when we just managed to win by 14 points to 12 points, in the last minute with a converted try from an up and under kick by our captain Frank Pitchford. That day we scored 4 tries to our opponents 2 tries.

Here are pen pictures of our opponents :-

Syd Lowdon, car salesman; hobbies, rugby league and speed, plays the game hard and drives sports cars at fantastic speeds. Previous service with Whitehaven and Salford, product of Cumberland Schools football. Just as good at soccer, cricket and tennis.

Ike Southward, fitter, world record price tag holder, when he went to Oldham, but you will know all about him.

John O'Neill, moulder; taken out of junior football in Cumberland and put right into the first team, has held his place ever since. Six foot one and a half inch of good centre play, Lewis Jones's recommendation for an England side.

Eddie Brennan, short stocky sort of centre who is a skillful type. A native of Kells that prolific Cumberland nursery of rugby league. Apprentice plumber who spends his spare cash on nice cars, and his spare time getting a beautiful tan, usually in Majorca.

Piet Pretorius, male nurse, native of South Africa, in his first season with the club. Has taken to the game like a duck takes to water, and has been likened to fellow South African, Van Vollenhoven.

Harry Archer, baker and confectioner in the family business. Came to the club from the Zebras, the local rugby union side, and has been a grand servant. Toured with the last Australian side, son of a fine Cumberland half back.

Sol. Roper, smallest man in the side, but he says "you don't get diamonds as big as kerbstones". Has a grand partnership with Harry Archer, the pair being known on most grounds in the game. Truck driver on the steelworks, life and soul of any party.

Norman Herbert, labourer, came to the club from Belle Vue Rangers when they broke up. He was nineteen then, has been here eight years, one of the greatest props in the game today. Played in the last Test against Australia, was chosen for the Test at Wigan in February, had to cry off through injury, has been chosen to play in the return game in France on March 10th.

Terry Ackerley, fitter; in his first season with the club. Played rugby league as a junior for the county, came to the club via Netherall Old Boys, and has improved with every match. Brother of Alvin Ackerley, Workington Halifax, Hull K. R., Cumberland and Great Britain hooker.

Bill Martin, steelworks labourer; came to the front through the Town B and A teams. Has been knocking on the door for honours for some time now, and is in the shadow side on March 10th. Six foot, sixteen and a half stones.

Brian Edgar, Test and Tourist forward, for whom the club could have had a world record fee not so long ago. Colliery surveyor, another product of the Zebras, whom the club signed in the face of fierce competition from several other Rugby League clubs. Married, recently became the father of a son.

Matt. McLeod, at the Atomic Energy plant at Sellafield, where he builds up his energy for Saturday afternoons. Another from the Kells nursery, has had two seasons with the club, although only just over twenty years of age. A fine foraging type of forward who has been spoken of as another Duggie Clark of the future.

Frank Foster, fitter; in his first season as a regular in the first team. Has been playing in the A team in such a manner that time alone could compel him a place in the seniors. Not as big as most, but has a good heart, and what he lacks in stature he makes up for in know how.

Eric Bell, industrial chemist; product of Cumberland junior rugby league. Played for Broughton Moor, when one of three brothers in the side, all of whom were good at the game. A hard fish to land, but a good one, looked upon as one of the best backs that the county has produced for years.

Danny Gardner, draughtsman; came to the club from Millom where he lives still. Six foot one, has been in all forward positions except hooker. The club did well to acquire his services from a club on the Barrow doorstep. 22 years of age.

WEMBLEY AND 'CURTAIN RAISERS'

Wembley authorities have continually said "no" when the suggestion has been put forward about playing a "curtain raiser" before the challenge cup final. —(writes CYRIL BRIGGS)

Apparently the Wembley officials consider that an extra match might interfere with the smooth working of the final, and therefore they have steadfastly refused to accede to any idea of any change from the general pattern. Even "mascots" are taboo at the Empire Stadium as far as final teams are concerned.

A junior or schoolboy game between the best in Lancashire, Yorkshire or Cumberland has been at the back of the minds of those people who wish to make Wembley a greater day than ever, and if the youngsters do show something extraordinary, and perhaps put the senior game to shame, what of it? It just shows that the game can be very attractive even if played by amateurs.

Well, the Wembley curtain raiser idea is out. But why don't the R.L. officials do something extra about the league championship final? Here the match is played on a R.L. ground—the F.A. have stated "no more Maine Roads or Huddersfield Town venues in future for R.L. fixtures".

I see no reason whatsoever why the R.L. could not put on an inter-county match for amateurs before the league final.

TELEVISION ARRANGEMENTS

From a very reliable source, I understand that the League final is due for television and this time the Independent Company has decided to enter the field and screen extracts. It may be that the whole of the final will be shown. The final has been televised before, but it is usually "sound" which takes over having competed with the T.V. cameras at Wembley.

On numerous occasions it has been rightly claimed that the league play off has been more attractive from a footballing viewpoint than the challenge cup final, and therefore the Wembley showpiece has not been just that. Whether it is "nerves" or there is so much at stake which affects the players, I cannot say, but we have seen some wonderful spectacles in the championship finals.

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Perhaps the I.T.V. would not agree to the screening of all the amateur match on championship Saturday, but extracts would be appreciated by the thousands of viewers. On the other hand it could be argued that few folk would be prepared to sit through 160 minutes of Rugby football even if it was by the fireside. However there's no satisfying some viewers!

There would be no better propaganda for R.L. than to screen a boys' match. The lads play to the very letter of the rules. They have not as yet learnt anything about sharp-practices, and therefore as purists can supply methods which are in keeping with the general tone of the code.

THE YOUNG IDEA

I'm all for encouraging the young idea, that's why I'm delighted to hear that more and more clubs are allowing their pitches to be used for these schoolboy matches. What better sight is there to see than two teams of youngsters giving of their best for the love of the game?

However, not all R.L. clubs are co-operative and therefore school-teachers are under a handicap. Playing on a professional pitch has its advantages. Apart from the better dressing accommodation and washing facilities, playing before a crowd certainly benefits the youngsters and gives them added experience.

But I do feel that the R.L. should push the Wembley idea still further. Even if there is more opposition, couldn't the R.L. have a special day set aside for the lads themselves? The Schools F.A. have a big day at Wembley and its quite an event. R.L. could emulate this important occasion. The match need not be a financial success, but look at the prestige gained, especially if there were TV extracts during the proceedings.

SECOND ROUND CUP DRAW

The draw for the second round of the Challenge Cup and the matches played today are as follows :-

Wigan v. Dewsbury
St. Helens v. Huddersfield
Leigh v. Leeds
Oldham v. Workington
Castleford v. Hunslet
Blackpool Borough v. Wakefield
Hull Kingston v. Barrow
Featherstone Rovers v. Doncaster

The half time scores of the above matches will be put on the score board immediately as received after half time.

MALCOLM PRICE

The injury sustained at Widnes by our centre Malcolm Price is not as serious as was first thought, although serious enough for the club and player. Without doubt he will remember his first visit to Widnes. The length of his absense from the game is at present unpredictable, but he is receiving the best of attention and nature now must help him to a speedy recovery.

In more ways than one it is most unfortunate that this accident should happen as Malcolm was due to commence work during the next week or so. He has, however, fixed himself up with a house and is going to reside

TWO DIVISIONS

No doubt all are aware that two divisions will operate in the Rugby League next Season, the first division comprising of sixteen clubs and the second division fourteen clubs.

Many anxious moments are being spent by clubs who are on the border line and at least 10 clubs at present can be certain to be in the to be in the first division next season, for others it is going to be a keen atmosphere as to how best to avoid dropping into division two. As for ourselves we have lost 10 matches out of 25, but of the remaining 11 league matches to be played, we have 8 matches at home and three matches away, which is evidently in our favour.

Our re-arranged matches which are not scheduled in our fixture list are as follows.

Monday, 2nd April, Salford at Oldham kick-off 6-30 p.m.

Saturday, 14th April, Widnes at Oldham, kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Saturday, 28th April, Swinton at Oldham, kick-off 3-0 p.m.

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Player	App.	T.	G	Player	App.	T.	G
Noon	24	18	13	Morgan	1		
Sims	25	8	89	Parker T	1		
Patterson	19	3		Robinson	16	5	
Holden	19	9		Nestor	16	8	
Davies	3			Bird	14	11	
Kenny	4	2	3	Smethurst	15	2	
Kellett	25	10		Pycroft	2		
Pitchford	27	7		Goddard, P.	14	3	
Payne	21			Mumberson	4		
McIntyre	23	4		Lord	8	9	
Winslade	11			Lloyd	2		
Dufty	11	3		Price	2	2	
Rae	19	6					
Parker, D.	24	3					

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

(Up to and including Saturday last)

	Barrow	Blackpool	Huddersfield	Leigh	Liverpool	OLDHAM	Rochdale	Salford	St. Helens	Swinton	Warrington	Whitehaven	Widnes	Wigan	Workington
Barrow	.....	20-10	9-5	14-19	33-0	11-5		7-13	2-34				5-10		8-12
Blackpool	18-10	.....	2-23	13-7	23-0	5-20	20-4				6-18	9-5		8-33	5-22
Huddersfield		33-12	.....	15-5		16-7				7-2		34-10			
Leigh		19-5		.....			4-7	33-10							23-12
Liverpool				5-9	.....	7-13		11-22		4-34				0-39	5-28
OLDHAM	40-0					.....	53-9				35-5	45-10		2-7	14-12
Rochdale		15-15	0-10			7-17	.....	8-6	2-14			6-6		8-28	4-14
Salford	16-15		9-26		8-5	4-50	28-10	.....	7-24		16-0				
St. Helens	30-6		32-5						.....			44-0			16-7
Swinton			11-9						15-6	.....		17-5	16-2	4-7	
Warrington		31-8	7-7		27-2	12-15		32-11	11-7	18-12	.....	25-4	15-10		
Whitehaven			5-5	5-15		7-25	17-3		3-10	0-24		.....	4-8	6-26	
Widnes		28-10	8-18	12-0					13-12	4-3		.....			8-16
Wigan	39-3	31-5		25-6	45-0	16-13	22-5			6-13		31-11		25-8	
Workington	24-10	25-5	30-5			17-5		52-0	23-7		11-2		26-5	10-16	

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