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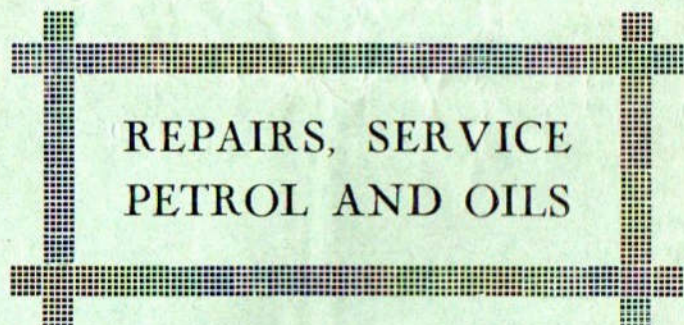
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NOTES AND COMMENTS

To-day we Raise the Curtain on a season which for the second time in the games history provides first and second division football, and unfortunately the latter is our lot at the Recreation Ground because of our many inept displays last season.

We do not however, intend to remain a second grade competitor for very long and with your help we shall build a team not only to fight its way to first division status but which will also be a credit to the town of Whitehaven.

To do this we need your support to the full. We have the foundation of a good side as you well know and come hell or high water we mean to make it one of the best.

The season opens with the Western Championship, and today it is our pleasure to welcome the men from Oldham whom we also play in the first round of the Lancashire Cup. There has been a great deal of activity Watershedding's way in recent weeks in an all out effort to bring the side up to the strength of four or five years ago.

That was when such as Ganley, Etty, Cracknell, Davies, Stirrup, Jackson, Little and Turner were the backbone of the team and at least one trophy a season rested on the boardroom sideboard. The acquisition of Simms from Rochdale and the sensational signing of Champion "shot putter" Arthur Rowe is only the beginning of an all out effort to restore that lost power and glory. Big question is, will Rowe make the grade or will he be another McDonald Bailey—Leigh's one-day wonder. There is a big difference in ages. Rowe is 25, Mc Bailey was 33.

Rowe is more physically and mentally suited for the game, furthermore he was quite a useful soccer player and has a fair turn of speed.

I hope for the games sake as well as for those responsible for his introduction to professional rugby that he turns out to be a big success.

Rugby League football was never so short of personalities as at this moment, that is one good reason why we at Whitehaven are looking far beyond the borders of the twin Counties for talent. We have several players under close observation and hope to announce another capture soon.

On your behalf we extend to Alex Cassie a most cordial welcome to the Recreation Ground. The first Melrose player to take the professional ticket, Alex was a hot tip for a Scottish Cap this season. His form in Tuesday's trial game—his first taste of R.L. football—pleased the fans very much. They went home convinced he will make the grade and be a big asset to the club.

A feature of the trial game was the good form of Les Lowther, signed from Barrow last season.

There is much about his play to remind Oldham fans of old favourite John Etty. There is no harder tackler, and perhaps none more difficult to stop than Les.

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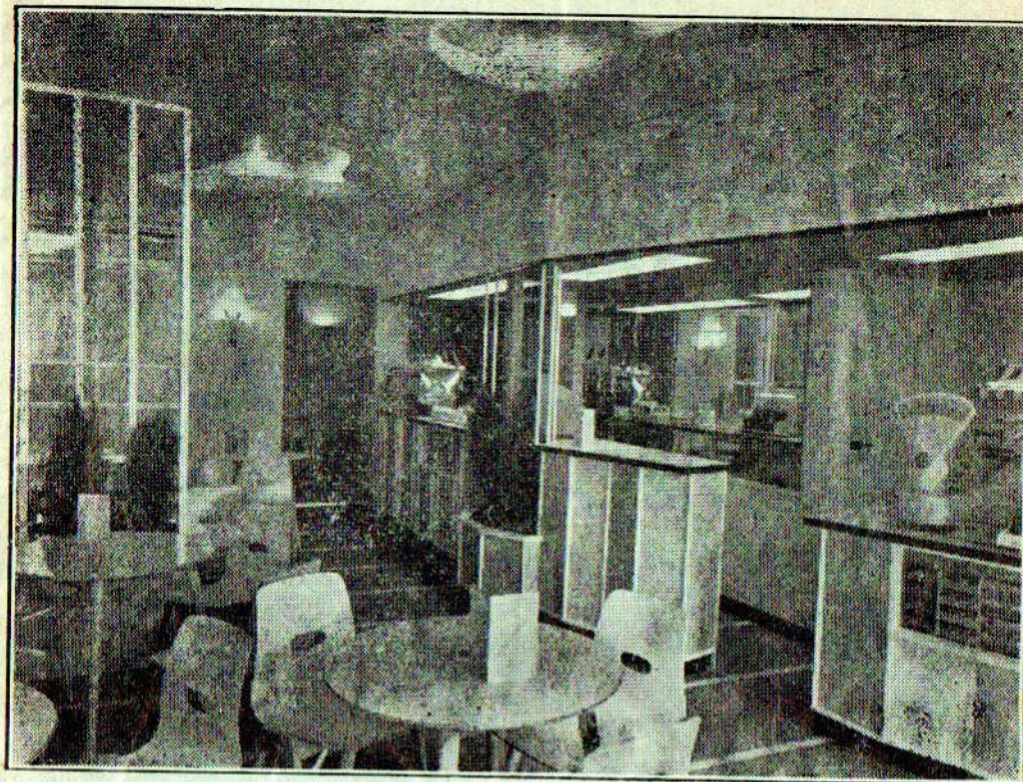
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2—LOWTHER	Right Wing	2—LORD
3—HUGHES	Right Centre	3—HOLDEN
4—COLLOBY	Left Centre	4—PRICE
5—MOSSOP or HAWKINS	Left Wing	5—SIMMS T.
6—HAZELDON	Stand Off Half	6—NOON
7—SHILLINGLAW	Scrum Half	7—PITCHFORD
8—HUBBOLD	Prop Forward	8—ROBINSON
9—HILL	Hooker	9—McINTYRE
10—DONALDSON	Front Row Forward	10—GODDARD
11—BURNS	Second Row Forward	11—BOTT
12—HOLLIDAY	Second Row Forward	12—PARKER
14—SHORT	Loose Forward	13—SMETHURST

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WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIP

August For A'st
18—Oldham H
20—Warrington A
25—Widnes A
29—Wigan H
31—Oldham A

September.
7—Oldham L.C. H
15—Warrington H
22—Wigan A
29—Widnes H

SECOND DIVISION

October
6—York A
13—Doncaster H

20—Dewsbury A
27—Liverpool H

November
3—Rochdale A
10—York H
17—Doncaster A
24—Dewsbury H

December.
1—Liverpool A
8—Rochdale H
15—Salford A
22—Keighley H
29—Leigh H

January—1963.

5—Salford H
12—Barrow A
19—Hunslet H
26—Blackpool A

N.R.F. LEAGUE

February.

2—Batley A
9—Cup 1st Round
16—Leigh A
23—Bradford H

March.

2—Cup 2nd Round.
9—Hunslet A
16—Cup 3rd Round.
23—Batley H
30—Bradford A

April.

6— —
13—Barrow H
15—Keighley A
20— —
27—Blackpool H