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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

On Saturday last the unexpected happened and our true form also had to be revealed. After our recent experiences in Division 1 and from our critics we had not a ghost of a chance to win at Wakefield, but a re-organised team imbued with the spirit and will to win achieved a great victory. Every man played his part and it was a great treat to see our players backing one another up so that they had the Wakefield players constantly baffled. We cannot individualise on such a splendid performance and we were somewhat unlucky in having two tries disallowed by the referee which we thought were perfectly legitimate, but the referee said no, and he is the person who is in charge and the sole arbitrator on such matters. But there it goes and we look forward to better things to come now that we have got the spirit in the players that they can win matches. It is amazing that when you are down and everything goes against you the spirit of the team depreciates greatly, but encouragement and a win can work wonders.

There is no doubt that there is the talent at Watersheddings, but it requires blending and organizing to perfect the machine. However we look forward to better things to come and a lift up in the League Table.

OUR VISITORS

Today we give a special welcome to our friends from Wigan and their players require no introduction to followers of our game. Wherever Wigan visit they are always an attraction and the major portion of clubs look forward to replenishing their financial position from the visit of this great Club.

Our players will have to produce their Wakefield form if they are to overcome these powerful opponents, but we have every confidence in the selected team to show that our previous victory was no flash in the pan.

We hope today's match is worthy of the name of Rugby League and that at the final whistle everybody will say they have had their monies worth.

INJURED PLAYERS

Malcolm Price is still making satisfactory although very slow progress, and is now taking a fortnight's holiday, and will resume his civil employment on December 31st. When that time arrives he will be allowed to do light training and has to see our Consultant for a check up in February next. Report states that under no consideration will he be allowed to play football this season.

Better news also of Dave Parker after his mystery complaint of losing the use of one leg. Consultants could not definitely diagnose the cause of this, but it could possibly be nerve trouble. After considerable tests and expert medical examination, Dave has been given permission to do light training. In the words of the player he is feeling fine and is anxious to get back in the game.

Alan Kellett is also anxious to resume playing and is getting a little short of patience such is his spirit to go into action. Alan has been training for some weeks, and when our medico men say go, he will be like a dog let loose. We can utilise this talented player to no end of purpose.

John Rae after a severe shoulder injury has now resumed employment so we can expect his return to the fray at an early date.

Peter Mills, our 'A' team forward is still suffering from a damaged knee and he is having a very severe testing time for the diagnose of cartilage trouble.

SPECIAL NOTICE — XMAS DRAW

Will all members who have received Christmas Draw books please return same immediately or better still return the counterfoils of sold books. The draw will take place on Tuesday next in the Pavilion at 8 p.m. All members who have sold tickets will be notified of the winners.

JACKPOT SCHEME

Have you tried a shilling's worth at our new Jackpot scheme which is held at every first team home match. Splendid cash prizes are given and the winners announced at half time. Have you tried your luck at this scheme today? Don't forget the old adage "Never speculate never accumulate". Tickets can be purchased from the kiosks in various parts of the ground and from sellers operating in the ground.

IS RUGBY LEAGUE BECOMING TOO EXPENSIVE ?

Complaints that Rugby League football is too costly to watch come from quite a number of people who at one time would not miss a match even if the weather threatened almost every known disease in the medical book. —(writes CYRIL BRIGGS)

I have carried out a most careful survey into these protests and have found some points in favour of those who have made them. Town planning by various local authorities has caused housing estates to be built quite a distance from the centre of the town, and consequently extra bus fares have to be paid by the supporters.

In some instances I discovered that bus facilities are not adequate, and therefore means a loss of support for certain clubs.

The curtailment of services on British Railways' branch lines has been serious, and some old timers are now debarred the privilege of watching the game they have followed for several decades.

MEAGRE INCOME

I know one particular case of an old stalwart who was a follower of a Lancashire club for 40 years or more. He is an old age pensioner who finds it impossible to travel to home matches because the bus facilities and consequent changing of routes make it too expensive for his meagre income.

Some official programmes are now up to fourpence; the maximum gate fee is half a crown; and then supporters are expected to contribute to the weekly pools, "jackpots," plus collections for this or that object.

Here's what one staunch Rugby League man says: "In the old days we could enjoy a good afternoon's sport for less than two shillings. Now I'm lucky if I get away with three times that amount. It's all very well saying that our wages have gone up. So have the players fees, but they are not giving us double the amount of entertainment!"

'MONEY MAD'

A Welshman who played quite a lot of representative Rugby between the wars thinks that present-day players (with few exceptions) are "money mad". He warns club directors that if they don't call a halt soon, they will be in the same category as speedway racing where the riders, by requesting so much cash, more or less killed the sport.

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- 3—ASHTON
- 4—DAVIES
- 5—CARLTON
- 6—McLEOD
- 7—PITCHFORD
- 8—BARTON
- 9—GREGORY
- 10—McTIGUE
- 11—COLLIER
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- 13—EVANS

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE

There are signs everywhere that the pools are less attractive than they were. This is shown in the latest balance sheets and the lessening of the prize money. In other places, club treasurers have a moan.

These officials say that far too much money is going out and too few people are worried about the dropping incomes. If Rugby League is to be progressive then one wonders whether a reduction in entrance as well as Stand fees, would bring more people to the grounds.

GATE CHARGE

There has got to be a solution, although I feel that the separation of the strong from the weak was a right step. Attractive play is not always the answer, but I feel that with so many counter-attractions Rugby League would not lose caste if the gate charge could be cut by sixpence or even more?

There is adequate accommodation on EVERY Rugby League ground to admit schoolboys without charge, although in many towns free tickets are doled out in the fervent hope that someday these compliments will result in support from adults.

Returning to player payments, one has to agree that players deserve a good return for their efforts, but the fashionable clubs are able to pay such handsome winning fees that members of other teams are bound to become restless or even jealous.

MORE LOYALTY ?

One old rugby player thinks that standardisation of wages with the proviso that there should be a share out if a club has been successful during the season, should be instituted. This may result in less transfers and more loyalty by players.

After all, we find that reserve team football holds little attraction for anyone these days. Men who have played for the senior 13 for some time think that it is below their dignity to figure in the reserves. It's about time clubs put a special clause in contracts concerning 'A' team football.

Attendances at reserve team games have fallen considerably since the war, and every little incentive to make these games an attraction should be followed up. However, directors and committeemen must remember this business of Mr. Everymans pocket. Value for money is urged all round. Unless it is offered, then we cannot expect the return of five figure gates at many venues.

NOTE. These are my own personal views and not necessarily those of Oldham officials.

ADDITIONAL PLAYERS

Two junior Rugby League players have been signed professionally this week, in Edward Hill, age 22 years, weight 16st 9lbs., height 5ft. 8 ins. an open or blind side prop forward and John Hill, age 23 years, weight 15st., height 5ft. 10ins. Both these players are from the junior club, Orford Tannery, (Warrington).

The players had trials with our 'A' team and the form shown warranted signing them on professional forms.

THE OLDEST

The Dewsbury Club boast of the oldest member for 60 years and still a supporter. This member recently celebrated his 95th birthday by watching Dewsbury play at home. Have we got a person amongst our ranks that can beat this record, if so we shall be pleased to hear of him.

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(Including all Matches to date)

Player	App.	T.	G.	Player	App.	T.	G.
Sims, G.	16	3	31	Kellett	2		
Lord	20	6		Pycroft	5		
Holden	11	5		Patterson	11	3	6
Price	5	1		Jones	5		1
Simms, T.	20	9		Lloyd	1		
Noon	13	6		Rae	2		
Pitchford	5			Gaskell	5	1	
Robinson, G.	18	1		Platt	3		
McIntyre	19	2		Crowther	1		
Goddard, P.	16			Wood	1		
Bott	20	1		Johnson	1		
Parker, D.	10	2		Fisher	4		
Smethurst	14	1		Elliott	4		
Mumberson	15	3		Ogden	3		
Nestor	10	1					

FIXTURES AND RESULTS — SEASON 1962/63

OLDHAM'S SCORE GIVEN FIRST

Date	Opponents	Grd.	Rslt.	Date	Opponents	Grd.	Rslt.
Aug. 18	WHITEHAVEN	Away	8-18	26	SWINTON	Home	
21	BARROW	Home	17-0	29	WARRINGTON	Home	
25	LEIGH	Home	16-10	Jan. 5	ST. HELENS	Away	
28	ROCHDALE	Away	2-10	12	HALIFAX	Home	
Sept. 1	WHITEHAVEN	Home	40-9	19	FEATHERSTONE R.	Away	
8	Lancs. County Cup Competition			26	HULL K. R.	Home	
15	BARROW	Away	15-13	Feb. 2	WIDNES	Away	
22	ROCHDALE H.	Home	22-7	9	R.L. Challenge Cup 1st Round		
29	LEIGH	Away	17-24	16	HULL	Away	
Oct. 6	WORKINGTON T.	Away	15-44	23	ST. HELENS	Home	
13	HUDDERSFIELD	Home	9-8	Mar. 2	R.L. Challenge Cup 2nd Round		
20	LEEDS	Away	5-23	9	FEATHERSTONE R.	Home	
27	WAKEFIELD T.	Home	3-15	16	WARRINGTON	Away	
Nov. 3	WIGAN	Away	14-14	23	HULL K. R.	Away	
10	WORKINGTON T.	Home	Post.	30	WIDNES	Home	
17	HUDDERSFIELD	Away	5-6	Apr. 6	BRAMLEY	Home	
24	LEEDS	Home	8-10	12	SWINTON	Away	
Dec. 1	WAKEFIELD T.	Away	19-12	15	HULL	Home	
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15	CASTLEFORD	Home		27	CASTLEFORD	Away	
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