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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

We have now arrived at what we term the half way stage of the Rugby League season and it would be as well to take stock of our achievements and of what the future holds for us. We have called upon 27 first team players for the 23 matches played, which is slightly above the average of past seasons.

In the second division we have played 15 matches and at present are the league leaders, winning 13, drawing 1 and losing 1, points scored, 315 for against 97. Our only defeat in the league was surprisingly at Bramley, when we were beaten by nine points to nil. In the Regional League we have played 3, won 2 and lost 1. In the Lancashire Cup competition first round we had the pleasure of playing a first division team at Watersheddings, and after a hard and interesting game, we emerged the victors, by 10 points to 5 points. The second round brought us another home tie, this time against Whitehaven, and we had a run-away victory by 35 points to 4 points. Having reached the semi-final our luck deserted us and we had to travel to Leigh, where we must admit we were well beaten by 10 points to nil. This ended our advancement in the Lancashire Cup for this season. The annual Charity match was played at Watersheddings this season, and we defeated the Hornets by 29 points to 13. For our match against the Australian Tourists we were granted a Saturday fixture, October 15th, and though we lost by 12 points to 4, considering that we were up against an international side and the cream of Australian Rugby, this was a creditable performance by our team.

We now face the future with confidence and team spirit is at a high level. Excluding the Bradford fixture, we have five second division matches at home and four away, to complete, so with a little luck and steadiness, we should achieve our object, that of returning to division one next term.

Talking of two divisions, this is a problem, and from observations and casual talk amongst club officials, this may probably be the last season of two divisions. In fact, a questionnaire has been issued by the Rugby League asking clubs for their opinions, as to advisability of continuing with the present system, and a special meeting of all clubs will have to take place very shortly with reference to this, as it is essential for fixtures for 1964-65. Of course, there must be no let up by our team to finish at the top this season, but we are definitely against two divisions, although we were in favour of same at the start. It is proving a very dear experience for us, and with all due respect to our opponents of this season, we need much bigger attractions at Watersheddings, both from a financial and playing point of view. This club simply cannot carry on with second division gate receipts such as we are receiving.

Our old friends from Swinton are missing the traditional meetings of the two clubs and are optimistic that we shall be doing battle next term, both clubs having made provisional arrangements for fixtures. Yes, two divisions is on its way out, otherwise we are of the opinion that we shall have more clubs like the unfortunate Bradford Northern, going into oblivion, we cannot afford to lose any clubs in our game. In the second

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- 10—WILSON
- 11—MAJOR
- 12—ROBINSON
- 13—PARKER

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- 2—BEVAN/BAGSHAW
- 3—GIVVONS
- 4—BERRY
- 5—WISEMAN
- 6—PHILLIPS
- 7—BISHOP
- 8—HOPWOOD
- 9—HALL
- 10—CLAYTON
- 11—PAYNE
- 12—WHITWORTH
- 13—NORMINGTON

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division the Bradford Club only played five Yorkshire Clubs, the rest were Lancashire, and there is no doubt that these Lancashire clubs would not take many supporters to Bradford. Local derby matches might have been the salvation of the club, if they had been playing say Wakefield, Leeds, Castleford, Featherstone, Huddersfield, or Halifax, all within a radius of a few miles of Bradford. What the outcome of the club will be is still in abeyance.

MALCOLM PRICE

We are more than delighted that Malcolm Price came through his first team ordeal without any complaints. The longer the game went, the more confidence he got, but after being out of the game for so long a period, he found the pace rather 'hot' but managed to stay the course. A few more games and we shall see the real Malcolm in action.

OUR VISITORS

Today we welcome the Blackpool club in a regional league match. In this league we played at Blackpool on September 17th and won by 24 points to 10. We hope to continue our run of success, but our opponents will be all out to create a surprise, so it is up to the boys not to take matters for granted. Let us have a good game of Rugby League and some satisfied customers.

MEMBERS CHRISTMAS DRAW

We regret the following were omitted from the list of prize contributors to the Christmas Draw, and we apologise for this oversight.

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NEWS FROM THE MACKESON RUGBY LEAGUE CONTEST

Leading positions after matches played on Saturday, 28th December

PERIOD 3 — NOVEMBER 25th to JANUARY 11th

CLUB	Played	Pts. F.	Average	Pts. A.
1—Leigh	4	100	25.00	19
2—Wakefield	4	89	22.25	32
3—York	2	43	21.50	10
4—Hunslet	4	59	14.75	7
5—Castleford	4	54	13.50	7
6—Wigan	4	54	13.50	51
7—Oldham	3	38	12.67	24

MAIN CONTEST

CLUB	Played	Pts. F.	Average	Pts. A.
1—Wigan	20	407	20.35	197
2—Oldham	21	406	19.33	145
3—Leigh	22	392	17.82	174
4—Wakefield	20	335	16.75	211
5—Barrow	19	314	16.53	233
6—Hull K. R.	21	339	16.14	242
7—Featherstone	22	346	15.73	278

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

Up to and including Saturday, 28th December, 1963

Player	A	G	T	P	Player	A	G	T	P
Dyson	20	69	2	144	Rae	6		4	12
Lord	22		6	18	Donovan	3			
Noon	11	6	6	30	Simms T.	16		15	45
Nestor	21		6	18	Smethurst	20		11	33
Elliott	9		5	15	Cheshire	1			
Davies	1				Wilson	14		1	3
Pycroft	22		10	30	Sims G.	8	4	5	23
Lloyd	1				Major	17			
McIntyre	20		5	15	Platt	6			
Robinson	23		4	12	Crowther	6		3	9
Bott	23		2	6	Taylor	2			
Parker	22		6	18	Whitehead	1			
Patterson	2		1	3	Gaskell	1			
Price	1		1	3					

SECOND DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

Up to and including Saturday, 28th December, 1963

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Oldham	15	13	1	1	315	97	27
Leigh	15	12	1	2	318	117	25
Dewsbury	16	11	1	4	173	162	23
Barrow	15	11	0	4	247	159	22
Batley	18	8	0	10	175	216	16
Bramley	12	7	0	5	166	141	14
Blackpool	14	7	0	7	197	181	14
Doncaster	15	6	1	8	155	184	13
Liverpool	16	6	0	10	150	192	12
Rochdale	15	6	0	9	145	202	12
York	15	5	0	10	169	173	10
Salford	15	5	0	10	127	216	10
Whitehaven	14	4	0	10	79	201	8
Bradford	13	1	0	12	109	284	2

FIXTURES & SCORES SEASON 1963/64

Date	Club	Grd.	Time	F. A.	Date	Club	Grd.	Time	F. A.
Aug. 17	Rochdale (Charity)	home	3.0	29-13	Dec. 7	Bramley (2)	away	2.30	0-9
24	Rochdale (2)	away	3.0	20-7	14	Bradford (2)	home	2.30	
27	Leigh (2) (Tue.)	home	7.0	6-6	21	Rochdale (R)	away	2.30	
31	Batley (2)	home	3.0	44-7	26	Leigh (2)	away	2.30	
Sept. 2	Liverpool (2)	away	6.30	20-9	28	Dewsbury (2)	home	2.30	29-0
7	Widnes (L. C.)	home	6.30	10-5	Jan. 4	Blackpool (R)	home	2.30	
14	York (2)	away	3.0	7-4	11	Bradford (2)	away	2.30	
16	Blackpool (R)	away	6.0	24-10	18	Whitehaven (2)	home	2.30	
18	Whitehaven	home	6.30	35-4	25	Salford (2)	home	3.0	
21	Barrow (2)	home	3.0	35-8	Feb. 1	Dewsbury (2)	away	3.0	
28	Blackpool (2)	away	3.0	22-6	8	(1st Rd. R.L. Cup)			
30	Leigh	away	7.0	0-10	15	Leigh (R)	away	3.0	
Oct. 5	Australia	home	3.0	4-12	22	Blackpool (2)	home	3.0	
12	Doncaster (2)	home	3.0	45-13	29	(2nd Rd. R.L. Cup)			
19	Barrow (2)	away	3.0	21-15	Mar. 7	Batley (2)	away	3.0	
26	Rochdale (R)	home	3.0	13-4	14	(3rd Rd. R.L. Cup)			
Nov. 2	Doncaster (2)	away	3.0	12-6	21	Barrow (R)	home	3.0	
9	York (2)	home	2.30	15-0	27	Liverpool (2)	home	3.0	
16	Whitehaven (2)	away	2.30	19-0	28	Leigh (R)	home	3.0	
23	Rochdale (2)	home	2.30	18-7	30	Salford (2)	away	3.0	
30	Barrow (R)	away	2.30	9-15	Apr. 11	Bramley (2)	home	3.0	