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DRAWS - ALL THE WAY

There can be no denying the fact that this season's Rugby League Challenge Cup Competition has already produced a heap of surprises. In the First Round there were four draws and in several other instances a few points could have produced further games which would have finished all square.

As far as we are concerned, the drawn game of two points each at Hilton Park last Saturday was a satisfactory decision in view of all the events. We have heard it said that the game was a disappointment. It may have been to those who demand open football all the time.

But if you get open football in big doses, then some players are not doing the amount of tackling they ought to do or have slipped here and there.

The tackling in last Saturday's game reached a high level and all try movements were snuffed out. Of course, we cannot have it all ways. If the tackling gives no loop-hole, then naturally there will be no try movements. Widnes and Leigh teams stopped all the attacking ideas before they had time to really develop.

THE REPLAY

The second re-play between Leigh and Widnes for the right to enter Round Two of the Rugby League Challenge Cup Com-

petition will take place at the St. Helens ground at Knowsley Road on Monday afternoon at 3-30 p.m.

Stand tickets for the game are now obtainable at the main office. There is a reasonable supply.

It should be mentioned that there is a three-way cut as St. Helens, who are staging the game, have to have their share of tickets.

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GRAND SHOW

But in the replay both teams were constantly throwing the ball about and Naughton Park saw a rare cup battle which caused one newspaper - the "Daily Express" - to give us a four star billing. That we did not come away with victory was not the fault of the Leigh players.

They put up a grand show and all the luck seemed to be against them. To be seven clear points down and then fight back to be in the lead 11-9 with only three minutes to go was indeed a fine accomplishment and reflected credit on all concerned.

The changes made in the team may have been criticised in some quarters, but they paid off. The first try by Mick Collins was certainly worth the admission money alone. Bev Risman's astute kick had Widnes in a tangle, and that effort showed that the Widnes defence was not invincible on this occasion.

Then we made speed tell again and Tony Leadbetter finished off a fine movement. Although at this stage we had scored two tries to one by Widnes - that was a good one too - we could not get the goals, although the efforts were not at all poor ones.

Then, when the Widnes pack were tiring, Bev Risman swept in twice. On the first time he was held by Whitfield, but the second occasion saw the Leigh stand-off haring for the line by reason of a smart acceleration. With that try and Colin Tyrer's goal Leigh were ahead, for in between the scores there had been a third penalty goal from Randall for Widnes.

ALMOST IN

Then with Leigh making attack after attack and Terry Entwistle almost over, and Gordon Evans making a grand effort not far from the flag, it looked as if we would upset the calculations of the critics. A scrum saw Widnes hook and then Mr. E. Clay signalled offside by two of our forwards. Randall took the kick - it was a straight penalty - and to the relief of the home crowd he sent the ball well and truly between the posts.

The general opinion was that the Leigh team were most unlucky not to win, and in fact one high-ranking Widnes official expressed the same view after what was a grand cup-tie - and a fine show by Leigh.

In the first match the crowd was about 10,000 and these figures were again reached on Wednesday afternoon.

Here and there we have heard complaints that there would have been a bigger "gate" had the match been put on for Thursday afternoon. This would have prev-

ented "half-dayers" in Leigh from seeing the game, but no doubt the attractive tie between Swinton and Wigan was a counter attraction.

Of course, the Wednesday tie suited our supporters, but one should remember that Thursday is half-day closing in Widnes. St. Helens, Warrington and Earlestown. There would have been quite a lot of people who had visited Swinton on Wednesday who most likely would have wanted to see the Widnes-Leigh clash had it been arranged for another day.

It should be stated that Thursday matches are very close to Saturday fixtures, and therefore players have not had much time to recover from their exertions. This seems to be the reason why Wednesday was arranged on this occasion.

The financial returns have been quite good, and then of course, there should be a good gate at St. Helens on Monday afternoon when the second re-play takes place. The kick-off has been arranged for 3-30 p.m. On this occasion there will be extra time, if it is necessary.

We should point out that last season Widnes and Swinton were engaged in two draws and then on the third occasion at Hilton Park, Widnes won in the most dramatic fashion imaginable.

With the departure of Wakefield Trinity, the holders, Wigan, Halifax, St. Helens and Warrington, some of the fancied teams have been eliminated, so the Cup tournament is now an open one.

It is definitely on the cards that a new face will be seen at Wembley on May 9th. Incidentally, this is the time to think

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about tickets for the final, although we are not predicting what will happen on Monday.

The winners of the game on Monday afternoon will have a home tie in the next round against Liverpool City. It may be thought that this is an easy game, but last season Liverpool made Wakefield Trinity go all the way even at the Belle Vue ground. There were only a few points in it at the end, and Liverpool had many unlucky breaks.

Here is the revised second round draw (games to be played on February 29th at 3 p.m.)

Batley v. Hunslet.
Oldham v. Featherstone.
Blackpool B. v. Thames Board Mills.

Whitehaven v. Castleford.
Workington v. Swinton.
York v. Hull K. R.
Leigh or Widnes v. Liverpool C.
Salford v. Barrow.

TODAY'S MATCH

Now for this afternoon's game. We welcome once again the strong Oldham side in a West Regional game. Both Oldham and Leigh clubs have their eyes set on promotion, and even if this is a

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regional game, there is bound to be a great deal of keenness about the encounter.

Oldham, who also have Wembley aspirations, have many stars in their outfit. Although he is now in the veteran stage, Frank Dyson, the full-back, and player coach is still able to win any game by goal-kicking. He holds several records with his former team, Huddersfield.

Trevor Simms is probably the only R.L. three-quarter who sports a skull cap. Trevor is a lively winger, who was at one time with Rochdale Hornets. He has played for Lancashire on a number of occasions. Geoff Sims, who is not unknown in these parts, is another grand back who will have to be carefully watched.

Scrum-half Pycroft, is small and chunky and a most dangerous attacker, while in the pack are sturdy men like Geoff. Robinson, Parker, Major and Co., with that smart hooker McIntyre usually doing well in the scrums and the loose.

Everything points to a grand game, and there should be a good gate to see these attractive teams in action. The kick-off has been advanced. This is to enable the

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- 12—HARRIS
- 13—FLETCHER

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THE FRENCH ARE HERE AGAIN

On Wednesday night, March 18th, kick-off 7 p.m. at Leigh, under floodlights, the French International Team will be playing Great Britain. Seating tickets at 10/-, 7/6 and 5/- can now be obtained from the Secretary, Leigh Rugby League Football Club, Hilton Park, Leigh. Each application for tickets should be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.

There will be extra interest in these games because France is busy preparing to send its fourth Touring Team to Australia and New Zealand, leaving France in mid-May.

FIRST TEAM SCORERS

	G.	T.	Pt.
B. RISMAN	40	4	92
C. TYRER	41	3	91
M. COLLINS	—	16	48
A. LEADBETTER	—	14	42
A. RHODES	13	5	41
M. MARTYN	—	13	39
G. LEWIS	—	13	39
D. HURT	—	10	30
T. GRAINEY	2	3	13
T. ENTWISTLE	—	2	6
M. MURPHY	—	2	6
D. BRIDGEWATER	—	1	3
K. LARGE	—	1	3
I. HODGKISS	—	1	3
S. OWEN	—	1	3
R. TICKLE	—	1	3
J. EVANS	—	1	3

(all friendlies included and also Wednesday's cup re-play)

"A" TEAM SCORERS

	G.	T.	Pt.
HOSKING	18	1	39
TICKLE	—	10	30
RISMAN	8	—	16
EVANS	—	5	15
GRAINEY	4	2	14
JONES	4	1	11
HALL	2	2	10
FOSTER	—	3	9
NEWALL	—	3	9
GREGORY	—	3	9
BISHOP	4	—	8
TYRER	3	—	6
HOFFMAN	—	2	6
FLETCHER	—	2	6
SMITH	—	2	6
HARRIS	—	2	6
HODGKISS	—	2	6
FOX	—	2	6
SULLIVAN	—	1	3
HIGGS	—	1	3
OTHERS	—	3	9

(all friendlies included)

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Swinton	2	2	0	0	36	7	4
Wigan	4	2	0	2	132	58	4
Warrington	4	2	0	2	67	51	4
Barrow	4	2	0	2	63	53	4
LEIGH	4	2	0	2	38	39	4
Workington T.	4	1	2	1	32	33	4
Whitehaven	4	1	2	1	38	43	4
Rochdale H.	4	1	1	2	41	68	3
Blackpool B.	4	1	0	3	46	128	2
Salford	2	0	0	2	23	37	0
Liverpool	3	0	0	3	13	61	0

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1963 FIRST TEAM F A

August—

17 Widnes (A. & B. Cup)	H 13-21
24 Doncaster	H 13-2
27 Oldham	A 6-6
31 York	A 25-7

September—

7 Rochdale (1st Rd. LC)	A 19-7
11 Dewsbury (K.O. 7 p.m.)	H 14-8
14 Bramley	H 44-17
18 Wigan (2nd Rd. R.L.C.)	A 7-5
21 Batley	A 21-9
28 Bradford N.	H 43-0
30 Oldham L.C. Semi-final	H 10-0

October—

5 Widnes (W. Div.)	A 0-20
9 Australia (K.O. 7 p.m.)	H 7-33
12 Salford	H 25-9
19 Bramley	A 9-17
26 St. Helens (L.C. Final)	A 4-15
29 Widnes (West. Div.)	H 14-3

November—

9 Dewsbury	A 2-12
19 Liverpool City	H 16-13
23 Blackpool B.	A 20-5
30 Wigan (West. Div.)	H 20-7

December—

7 Bradford	A 33-5
14 Whitehaven	H 22-7
21 Wigan (W)	A Postponed
26 Oldham	H Postponed
28 Rochdale	H 25-0

1964

January—

1 Salford	A 6-9
4 Swinton (W)	H 4-9
11 Doncaster	A 12-0
18 Blackpool B.	H
25 York	H 12-7

February—

1 Rochdale H.	A 8-4
8 Widnes (R.L.C.)	H 2-2
12 Widnes (Replay)	A 11-11
15 Oldham (West. Div.)	H
17 Widnes (Replay at St. Helens)	H
22 Batley	H
29 2nd Rd. R.L. Chall. Cup	

21 Swinton (West. Div.) ...A

28 Oldham (West. Div.) ...A

30 Barrow (Easter M'nday) H

April—

4 Barrow ...A

11 Whitehaven ...A

1963— 'A' TEAM F A

August—

16 Widnes (Farrell Cup) 8-19

30 St. Helens H 2-11

September—

2 Warrington H 0-13

7 Rochdale (L.C.C.S.) H 29-3

14 Salford A 2-5

18 CANCELLED

21 Whitehaven H 20-8

28 POSTPONED

October—

5 Widnes H 11-22

12

19 Salford H 15-5

November—

9 Wigan H 6-11

16 Liverpool City A 18-11

23 Blackpool B. H 9-5

30 Wigan A 10-40

December—

7 Leigh Amateur League ...H 41-0

14 Whitehaven (Postponed)

21 Workington ...H (Postponed)

28 Rochdale ...A (Postponed)

1964

January—

4 Swinton A 3-21

11 Widnes (F) H 5-3

18 Blackpool B. A

25 Widnes A 7-6

February—

1 Rochdale H 24-21

8 Warrington A 7-14

15 Oldham A

29 2nd. Rd. Challenge Cup

March—

7 Liverpool C. H

14 Barrow A

21 Swinton H

28 Oldham H

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