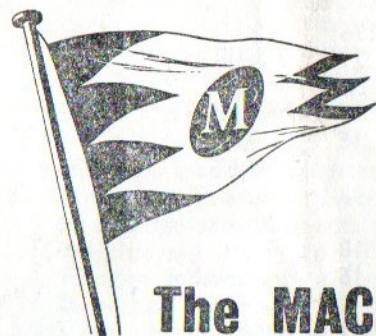




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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

What a glorious victory was recorded on Saturday last in the 3rd round of the Rugby League Challenge Cup. We were considered the rank outsiders by all the press, for we were up against the favourites for the Cup on their own ground, and we were short of a player for seventy minutes of the game. In spite of these barriers to victory our team turned in a magnificent performance, and fully deserved to take the honours. Our supporters must have been delighted with the result after making the journey on such a cold and wet day. Our depleted pack of forwards have never played better, even when Stuart Whitehead was withdrawn to play on the right wing (a job which he tackled with complete efficiency) they still more than held their own. Many may have been the critics in the past as regards to the methods of our player-coach, but one must give credit where it is due, for we consider that a fitter team never took the field than our's last Saturday. John Noon received a very severe gash over the left temple and was promptly rushed to Leeds Infirmary to have several stitches in the wound. Nobody appears to know how this happened, but he had recovered somewhat to take part in the evening meal for the players. To revert to the game, every man played his part, and we retired the victors, and worthy entrants for the semi-final. Yes, only one match away from Wembley, and we have been trying to get there since 1929. We hope that this is our year and our players are confident it is. Good luck to them.

OUR VISITORS

Today we welcome the Barrow team to Watersheddings in a Regional League match. This will be our fourth match against them this season, having won the two second division games and lost the regional at Barrow on November 13th by 15 point to 9. The Barrow team made their exit from the Challenge Cup against our opponents in the semi-final—Hull Kingston Rovers—but injuries compelled them to play 11 men in the second half of the match, which they lost by 38 points to 4. However, today's game is important inasmuch that we are desirous of finishing in the first four of the Regional League, which is played off with the top club playing the fourth at home, and the second club playing the third at home, then the final is played on a neutral ground.

CONGRATULATIONS

We must congratulate Dave Parker on playing in his second international match, at Leigh on Wednesday last. Dave is now entitled to receive an international cap. Without doubt this honour has been well earned.

NEXT SEASON'S FIXTURES

It will be very interesting to see what kind of formula the Northern Rugby Football League will adopt when compiling next season's fixtures. The present ruling is mixed with complications. The rule states that clubs in membership shall play home and away matches with each Club in their own County League and with four other clubs (this will mean four Yorkshire clubs). Clubs located in Cumberland and one from Yorkshire shall play in the Lancashire League. At present there are 15 Yorkshire and

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- 2—BURGESS
- 3—CHALLINOR
- 4—WHITEHEAD
- 5—WEAR
- 6—MATTHEWS
- 7—BLACK
- 8—KELLAND
- 9—REDHEAD
- 10—DUCIE
- 11—IRVING
- 12—SANDERSON
- 13—BACKHOUSE

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We sincerely hope that the forgotten players of the Rugby League, the 'A' team players, will have a fair crack of the whip. We contend that every club which the senior team meets, so should the 'A' team also, as far as League matches are concerned. The present system of 'A' team fixtures in Lancashire is lamentable. The great majority of Lancashire 'A' team are only half occupied during the season, this is not much encouragement for players who report each week for training, only to find out they have no match for possibly two or three weeks. One must always remember that these boys are professionals and they are in the game for payment, but to be continually on 'short time' is not conducive for a supply line to the first team. Inactivity must create stalemate and it is time the authorities that be realised the fact, for the betterment of our game and players, and also the people who support it.

NEWS FROM THE MACKESON RUGBY LEAGUE CONTEST

PERIOD 5 — March 9th to End of Season

Position after matches played on Saturday, 14th March, 1964

CLUB	Played	Pts. F.	Average	Pts. A.
1—Hull K. R.	1	38	38.00	4
2—Castleford	1	25	25.00	4
3—Featherstone ...	1	23	23.00	3
4—Wigan	1	21	21.00	2
5—St. Helens	1	14	14.00	8
6—Workington	1	8	8.00	14
7—Oldham	1	7	7.00	5

MAIN CONTEST

Position after matches played on Saturday, 14th March, 1964

CLUB	Played	Pts. F.	Average	Pts. A.
1—Wigan	32	605	18.91	308
2—Oldham	30	532	17.73	209
3—Hull K. R.	32	533	16.66	368
4—Featherstone	30	477	15.90	348
5—Wakefield T.	29	441	15.21	299
6—Castleford	28	425	15.18	301
7—Leigh	34	510	15.00	264

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

Up to and including Saturday, 14th March, 1964

Player	A	G	T	P	Player	A	G	T	P
Dyson	28	95	2	196	Rae	6		4	12
Lord	23		7	21	Donovan	7			
Noon	14	6	6	30	Simms T.	24		17	51
Nestor	27		6	18	Smethurst	29		12	36
Elliott	9		5	15	Cheshire	1			
Davies	1				Wilson	23		3	9
Pycroft	30		11	33	Sims G.	17	8	9	43
Lloyd	1				Major	24			
McIntyre	29		6	18	Platt	6			
Robinson	30		5	15	Crowther	9		4	12
Bott	32		3	9	Taylor	2			
Parker	29		7	21	Whitehead	7		3	9
Patterson	3		2	6	Gaskell	1		1	3
Price	3		2	6					

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY LEAGUE — COMBINATION TABLE

Up to and including Saturday, 7th March, 1964

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Wigan	21	16	1	4	461	172	33
Warrington	19	16	0	3	302	155	32
St. Helens	17	12	0	5	297	166	24
Swinton	18	12	0	6	275	132	24
Widnes	18	12	0	6	221	136	24
Barrow	21	10	2	9	318	209	22
Blackpool B.	20	9	0	11	266	236	18
Oldham	17	7	0	10	185	257	14
Workington T.	17	7	0	10	132	203	14
Leigh	17	7	0	10	153	238	12
Liverpool C.	17	6	0	11	164	298	12
Salford	19	6	0	13	166	387	12
Rochdale H.	12	0	0	15	164	421	6
Whitehaven	13	1	1	11	70	164	3

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	18-13
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	37-20
21	Barrow (2)	home	3.0	35-8	Feb. 1	Dewsbury (2)	away	3.0	11-4
28	Blackpool (2)	away	3.0	22-6	8	Keighley (R.L. Cup)	away	3.0	11-4
30	Leigh	away	7.0	0-10	15	Leigh (R)	away	3.0	6-2
Oct. 5	Australia	home	3.0	4-12	22	Blackpool (2)	home	3.0	18-5
12	Doncaster (2)	home	3.0	45-13	28	Featherstone (Cup)	home	3.0	9-7
19	Barrow (2)	away	3.0	21-15	Mar. 7	Batley (2)	away	3.0	9-4
26	Rochdale (R)	home	3.0	13-4	14	Hunslet (R.L. Cup)	away	3.0	7-5
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	