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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Once again the football season is now opening at Watersheddings and we extend a welcome to all our members and patrons who come to watch our matches. We trust you will have the satisfaction of being entertained by football of first class quality and appreciate the efforts of our players and opponents alike.

Each coming season sees changes in our teams, the comings and goings of players, some old favourites leaving for other fields, and others taking their places.

Players who have left us are ; John Rea and Brian Lord, to Bradford Northern, and John Noon to Rochdale Hornets. We wish them well in their new environments. John Noon has gone to the Hornets as a player-coach.

The new arrivals are : James McCormack, centre from Wigan ; William Broomhead, from Tenby Rugby Union ; Dennis Maders, from Werneth Juniors ; William Wilkinson, from Lilford Juniors (Leigh) ; Joseph Collins, centre from Ashton Rugby Union ; and Kevin Flanagan, from St. Mary's Juniors, Oldham. We trust that their careers with us will be successful, and they will have every opportunity to make good at Watersheddings under the expert tuition of our coaches and the excellent training facilities we offer.

'A' TEAM FOOTBALL

A perusal of our 'A' team fixture list will show that they have several vacant dates, and we may call them on short time for the season. This is caused by the system that is adopted by the powers that be. It is to be regretted that the Yorkshire Senior Competition and the Lancashire Combination go separate ways. In the Northern Rugby Football League i.e., the first teams—both the Yorkshire and Lancashire—mix and play one another according to a formula. What is beyond us, is why this does not apply to 'A' team fixtures. Where is the progress here and where is the enterprise for the cultivation and extension of our game, when a section of it is on short time.

OUR VISITORS

It is not often that we open the season at Watersheddings with such attractive visitors as Widnes. Challenge Cup winners of 1964 at Wembley, they confounded the critics by defeating Hull Kingston Rovers, and by football of the highest quality, there are people who say that Widnes cannot play open football, but their display at Wembley killed this so called argument for all times. Yes, Widnes can play good football as they proved at Wembley. So this evening we extend a welcome to them.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME

A brief and simple explanation of the changes in the Laws of the Game, which will be brought into operation in season 1964/65, are as follows.

STARTING AND RE-STARTING PLAY

There will be no drop-out from the centre of the field—only a place kick.

There will be no "5 yards scrum". After the dead ball, play starts with either a drop-out from the middle of the '25' or a drop out from between the posts. A '25' drop out is awarded if an attacker last touches the ball before it goes 'dead'. A between-posts drop out is awarded if a defender last touches the ball before it goes 'dead'.

When place kicking from centre, or dropping out, the kicker must kick the ball ten yards or more in a forward direction, otherwise a penalty is awarded against him from where the ball was kicked. He is similarly penalised if he kicks the ball into touch on the full or over the dead ball line on the full.

Offside players will be penalised if they interfere with play. If under this section of the Laws a penalty is awarded within ten yards of a goal line the 'mark' is brought back to the 10 yards line.

PENALTY KICK.

The object of the amendment is to allow the team awarded the penalty kick the advantage of kicking from the 'mark'.

Opponents must retire ten yards, towards their own goal line, from the mark.

If the kicker fails to find touch and the ball does not travel forward ten yards or more, a scrum is formed at the mark.

If one of the kicker's side infringes a scrum is formed at the mark. If one of the opponents infringes, the kick is either re-taken or another penalty is awarded where the offence took place—whichever is to the advantage of the non-offending side.

It should be noted that under this Law, it is not permissible for the kicker to tap the ball over the mark and re-gather it.

SCRUM.

The only change from last year is that the ball must emerge from the scrum between the second row forwards.

So now the Law reads, "between and behind the inner feet of the second row forwards".

Next Match at Watersheddings—

OLDHAM v. SWINTON

—Saturday, 29th August, kick-off 3 p.m.

PLAYING STRENGTH

Player	Birthplace	Player	Birthplace
Bott, C. H.	Thorne (Yorks.)	Nestor, V.	Leigh
Broomhead, W. J.	Nottingham	Noon, J.	Oldham
Crowther, G.	Halifax	Patterson, W.	Oldham
Dransfield, D.	Oldham	Pycroft, J.	Castleford
Donovan J.	St. Helens	Parker, D.	Barrow-in-Furness
Dyson, F.	Huddersfield	Price, M.	Pontypool
Elliott, M.	Blaina (S. Wales)	Robinson, G.	Whitehaven
Flanagan K.	Oldham	Smethurst, P.	Swinton
Gaskell J.	Leigh	Taylor, K.	Oldham
Gaskell, J.	Wigan	Simms, T.	Haydock
Hill, E.	Warrington	Sims, G.	Leigh
Hill, J.	Warrington	Wood, G.	Oldham
Howard, G.	Oldham	Whitehead, S.	Oldham
Howarth, I.	Oldham	Wilkinson, W.	Leigh
Johnson, K.	Manchester	Wilson, K. J.	Colchester
Johns, J. B.	Warrington	Collins, J.	Oldham
Kenny, V.	Swinton	Lloyd, K.	Leigh
McIntyre, L.	Wigan	Platt, D.	Leigh
Mills, P.	Oldham	Morgan, L.	S. Wales
Mitchell, R.	Rochdale	Rowe, A.	Barnsley
Maders, D.	Oldham	Robinson, K.	Huddersfield
Mumberson, A.	Aspatia	Fallon, B.	Leigh
McCormack, J.	Wigan	Davies, E.	Blaina (S. Wales)
Major, H.	Warrington	Cheshire, J.	Blaina (S. Wales)

FIXTURES & RESULTS FOR 1964/65 SEASON

Date	Club	Grd.	Time	F. A.	Date	Club	Grd.	Time	F. A.
Aug. 15	Rochdale (Charity)	away	3.0		19	Liverpool	away	2.30	
22	Dewsbury	away	3.0		26	St. Helens	home	2.30	
25	Widnes (Tues.)	home	7.0		28	Keighley (Mon.)	away	2.30	
29	Swinton	home	3.0		Jan. 2	Hunslet	home	2.30	
Sept. 4	Whitehaven (Cup)	away	6-30		9	Barrow	away	2.30	
12	Liverpool	home	3.0		16	Rochdale H.	away	2.30	
14	Blackpool	away	3.0		23	Salford	home	3.0	
19	Widnes	away	3.0		30	Warrington	away	3.0	
26	Whitehaven	home	3.0		Feb. 6	(1st Rnd. R.L. Cup)			
Oct. 3	Leigh	away	3.0		13	Keighley	home	3.0	
10	Rochdale H.	home	3.0		27	(2nd Rnd. R.L. Cup)			
17	Workington	away	3.0		Mar. 6	Leigh	home	3.0	
24	Warrington	home	3.0		13	Workington	home	3.0	
31	St. Helens	away	3.0		20	Wigan	away	3.0	
Nov. 7	Barrow	home	3.0		27	Huddersfield	home	3.0	
14	Huddersfield	away	2.30		Apr. 3	(Semi-Final R.L. Cup)			
21	Wigan	home	2.30		10	(Semi-Final R.L. Cup)			
28	Salford	away	2.30		16	Swinton (G.F.)	away	3.0	
Dec. 5	Hunslet	away	2.30		17	Whitehaven	away	3.0	
12	Blackpool	home	2.30		19	Dewsbury (E.M.)	home	3.0	