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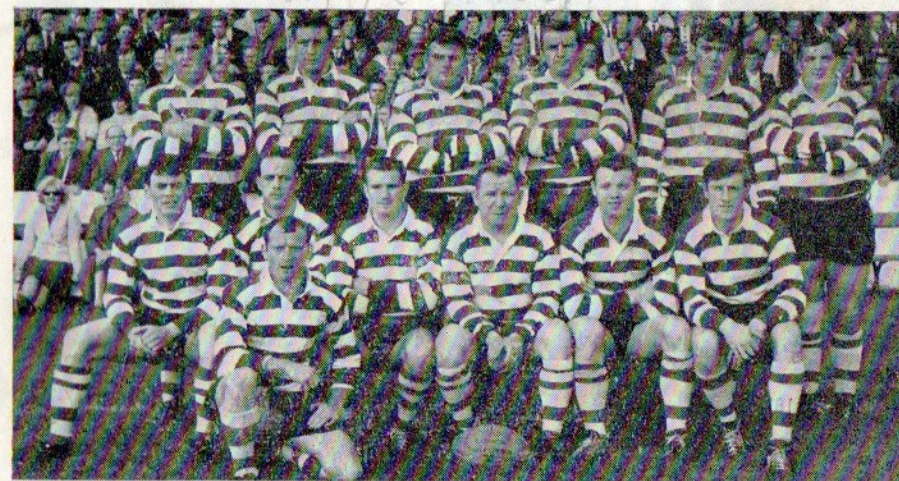
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

What a great disappointment to everybody connected with the Club was our inglorious exit from the Lancashire Senior Cup in the second round. After our splendid opening to the season, and the great victory at Widnes last Saturday, we made the journey to Warrington full of confidence of keeping our unbeaten record intact. On the day we must admit that the Warrington players were the better team and fully merited their victory by 19 points to 4 points. Our team never appeared to settle down to the rhythm which we have come to expect from them this season. Every effort was made to penetrate the Warrington defence, but our opponents tackled like demons and our players could find no loop-hole in their well nigh perfect defence set up. It was obvious that the Warrington Manager, Mr. Ashcroft, was very observant when watching our players against Widnes on the previous Saturday, and the tactics that the Warrington players adopted paid handsome dividends. However, great as the disappointment was, our players are not despondent and look forward to the future with optimism. Without doubt, some of our players seem to be having too much football of late. Playing Saturdays, mid-week and County games appears to be taking its toll of the spirit and stamina of some of them, and an occasional rest would not be out of place for some.

OUR VISITORS

Today, we give a welcome to visitors from Whitehaven who up to the present are not enjoying the best of luck, having still to win their first match of the season. In league games they have played 6 and lost 6, scoring 43 points against 120. They are showing considerable improvement in recent games and last Saturday lost at home to Swinton by 10 points to 8, but were very unfortunate to lose. Although we beat them at Whitehaven in the first round of the Lancashire Cup by 31 points to 10 we cannot take anything for granted in the match today, for their luck is sure to turn sometime, so it is up to our boys to be at the best.

PEN PICTURES — Alf Mumberson

A Cumbrian from Aspatria, who first saw the light of day on April 9th, 1936. Played for under 16 years of age for Broughton Moor R.F.L., later joined Aspatria Rugby Union Club, then on the Army Service joining the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, played for the depot team at Rugby Union. Played for Cumberland County Rugby Union under 18s. Played for Cumberland v Yorkshire at Otley in 1956-57 and v Cheshire at Workington in the same season. Played for Cumberland Rugby League v Lancashire, at Blackpool on September 16th, 1964.

Joined Oldham as professional in May, 1959.

Married, with no family, and is a joiner by civil occupation.

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AMENITIES OF GROUNDS

As one who has always been advocating for better amenities of grounds and especially Rugby League's, I am delighted that 'Fidelio', a well informed writer in the 'Rugby Leaguer', has taken the matter up very vigorously regarding the poverty stricken grounds that one can find in the game. At several grounds, the sanitary accommodation borders on the stone age, and it is not conducive to ask people to attend such grounds where this problem abounds. One wonders if the Public Health Authorities have not the power to alleviate this deplorable state of affairs. Once again we say that people who pay to be entertained, and we say professionally, should have the best of accommodation and under cover, seats that are a credit to sit on, and clean, without, as one sees, people taking newspapers to matches to sit on. The question of refreshments must also receive priority, one must admit that all the people cannot be served who attend matches, this would be an impossibility, but it must and can be a possibility of taking the mountain to Mohammed, you must take the refreshments to the people, tea or beer in containers, cigarettes, sweet cakes, etc. It is one of the many ways of attracting people to our game. First give value for money by a first class exhibition of Rugby League, refreshments taken to the sitting customer and also the man or woman standing in the crowd. This would be one way of an attempt to bring the crowds back, never let it be said in this modern age that the club's responsibility ends when they collect the money at the turnstiles, it has a further duty to the patrons by seeing that they are comfortable and well protected from many wind-swept grounds during the winter months. Some people may say that those who live in glass houses should not throw stones and this may apply to our ground at Watersheddings. Quite rightly our ground is not a perfect specimen of what we advocate and is open for many improvements which the Committee must take action for the modernization of the future and the new outlook that the present generation has. The grand old men which we call the Old Age Pensioners, of whom we have 550 who pay 10/- each for a privilege ticket, and we are very proud to give this privilege, should have seating accommodation, fancy living to over 65 years of age, some on borrowed time and having to stand, say two hours, what a hardy race we must have been.

May we advocate the modernization of the dressing accommodation on our ground, we still have the same system as when the ground was opened in 1889, this might have been all right at that period, the Ruby Union days, when admiring spectators would walk from the Pavilion to the ground with the players admiring them. Modern dressing rooms must and can be made under the stands, with up to date hygienic bathing rooms and modern physiotherapist rooms that lend themselves to cleanliness that is desirable. All these matters take money but they must be tackled as soon as possible to bring ourselves up to date in a world that is always changing, or may we say the people in their habits and living.

1965 WEMBLEY FINAL

Reservations for tickets for the 1965 Wembley Final are now being made by the Secretary of the Oldham Football Club.

As the allocation is limited, earley application is desirable. So don't delay, write today !

APPEARANCES AND SCORERS (All Matches)

Up to and including Monday last

Player	A	G	T	P	Player	A	G	T	P
Dyson	9	43	2	92	Major	6½			
Sims	9		4	12	Parker	9		3	9
McCormack	9		1	3	Bott	8		2	6
Nestor	6½		4	12	Price	8		9	27
Patterson	2		1	3	Robinson	1		1	3
Donovan	6		2	6	Noon	½			
Pycroft	9		2	6	Smethurst	3½		1	3
Mumberson	9		1	3	Gaskell	2			
McIntyre	9		5	15	Collins	2½		1	3
Wilson	5½				Howarth	3			

Appearances ½ indicates where a player has only played half the game
The Substitute Rule operating

NEWS FROM THE MACKESON RUGBY LEAGUE CONTEST

PERIOD 1 — August 22nd to September 26th

Position after matches played on September 19th

CLUB	Played	Pts. F.	Average	Pts. A.
1—St. Helens	8	208	26.00	54
2—Wigan	8	189	23.63	54
3—Oldham	7	150	21.43	27
4—Hull K. R.	7	140	20.00	73
5—Warrington	8	159	19.88	97
6—Halifax	8	156	19.50	84
7—Wakefield T.	8	154	19.20	68
8—Hull	9	170	18.89	76

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	39-7	19	Liverpool	away 2.30	
22	Dewsbury	away 3.0	17-4	26	St. Helens	home 2.30	
25	Widnes (Tues.)	home 7.0	23-2	28	Keighley (Mon.)	away 2.30	
29	Swinton	home 3.0	13-2	Jan. 2	Hunslet	home 2.30	
Sept. 4	Whitehaven (Cup)	away 6.30	31-10	9	Barrow	away 2.30	
12	Liverpool	home 3.0	42-5	16	Rochdale H.	away 2.30	
14	Blackpool	away 6.0	13-2	23	Salford	home 3.0	
19	Widnes	away 3.0	21-2	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	