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WEMBLEY

Once again we have failed in our efforts for a Wembley visit, another big disappointment for our members and supporters, culminated in our defeat at Hunslet last Saturday. After beating the Hunslet team twice already this season, both at home and away, our players were fully confident of recording another victory, though realising also that a cup-tie is somewhat different to a league game, but this was not to be. The Hunslet forwards had the game of their lives, and outplayed us in the loose. Although we had the worst of the bad knocks (Parker and Wilson receiving injuries which impaired their efficiency), we had to admit defeat however unpleasant it was to face. Our display was just not good enough, and we must now wait another 12 months to again have the chance of reaching our goal.

OUR VISITORS

We welcome today visitors from over the border, in Keighley, rather infrequent visitors to Watersheddings, who like ourselves had to be content with a first round knock-out from the Cup. We must both now concentrate our efforts on improving our positions in the league. We hope that today's game will give the crowd their money's worth, and give us the satisfaction of a home win.

FINANCE AND PUBLICITY

Much has been reported during the past week about the financial position of this club, and the players' demand for increased cup-tie pay. Although we are losing money each week, it is a proud distinction to state that this club is NOT in what they call "red". Thanks for this are due to our Pools Organisation for the once substantial reserve that had accumulated, but which has had to be drawn upon. There are but a few clubs in the Rugby League today who are NOT hopelessly behind financially. Any nit-wit can lose money especially other people's money by reckless expenditure and lack of financial stability. A successful business must look to its overhead charges and act accordingly otherwise there must only be one end and that is extinction.

THE R.L. SEVEN

May we offer our good wishes to the seven R.L. Council members who are elected to go into the whys and wherefores of the decline of our game. Having done this, it is to be hoped that the full Council will take note of their deliberations, otherwise they will have been wasting their time.

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OUR GAME

Much has been written and said decrying our game of Rugby League football, but the writer who has been in the game a few moons will state that there is nothing wrong with our game. There is an old saying, that the world is alright and it is the people who are in it that make it what it is, and so it is with any organisation, they make it what it is. What is the remedy for the apathy that exists in our game today? The destiny of every club must lie in its own management. Some clubs are better managed than others, and there must always be one team at the top and one at the bottom. No set of rules are perfect and there are always evil doers who are prepared to break them with monotony, such breakers of rules should be seen off, whether they are players or officials or directors. We consider that 95% of our rules that we play under are very good, but to keep chopping and changing them, possibly to suit the players, leads one nowhere and becomes confusing to the man in the street, not that the man in the street is lacking intelligence, far from it, one can learn from some of the arguments of the man on the terraces.

Attendances at all sports are on the decline. What effort is being made to stop this decline and re-kindle the interest once shown? One may ask if the quality of the 'show' has declined, if so, it is up to all managements to insist on their 'performers' giving a 'show' that is well worthy of the money the public pays to see it. Remember, they are professionals and all are well paid, possibly too well paid, and they must give of their best, otherwise they should be seen off and replacements tried who will do so.

Let us stop going to the wailing wall, let us climb it and we will see on the horizon a brightness, that can only be achieved by honesty of purpose and a sense of duty to the organisation one represents.

One has only to cast one's memory back to our own game against Hunslet on January 2nd, what was wrong with that game? Although the match attracted only just over 4,000 spectators (weather conditions being adverse), every person was well satisfied with the show of Rugby League given by our team. Let us all stop running our game down, it is a great game if played according to the rules. Many times one hears we have the finest game in the world, and so it is, let the knockers go somewhere else to give vent to their feelings, as there is no room for them in Rugby League football.

PEN PICTURE

Our pen picture this week is on Tom Warburton, one of the new up and coming stars we have signed this season.

He joined us in November 1964, from Tyldesley Rugby Union Club. Nineteen-year-old Tom lives in Leigh. He has been a prolific scorer for Tyldesley, and last season notched 260 points, including 26 tries from the out-half position. This season he has scored 10 tries and kicked 33 goals in Rugby Union.

As a schoolboy, Tom played for Leigh St. Mary's, and the Leigh Schoolboys Rugby League Team. He then joined Tyldesley and gained a place in the first team in the 1962-63 season.

Several other Rugby League clubs had been watching him and had invited to play trials, but refused. Tom is an apprentice fitter with the British Crane and Excavator Corporation at Glazebury.

APPEARANCES AND SCORERS (All Matches)

Up to and including Saturday last

Player	A	G	T	P	Player	A	G	T	P
Dyson	18	67	5	149	Price	12		9	27
Sims	23	16	6	50	Robinson	5		1	3
McCormack	21		2	6	Smethurst	18		3	9
Nestor	15		4	12	Gaskell	7		1	3
Patterson	3½		2	6	Collins	7½		2	6
Donovan	18		5	15	Howarth	4			
Pycroft	18		4	12	Crowther	2			
Mumberson	13½		1	3	Hill	2			
McIntyre	17½		5	15	Whitehead	6½			
Wilson	18½				Tomlinson	½	1		2
Simms	½		1	3	Broomhead	½			
Wilkinson	1				Taylor	6		1	3
Major	13		1	3	Elliott	9		2	6
Parker	18		4	12	McLeod	8		5	15
Bott	21		2	6	Delooze	1½			
					Kenny	½			

Appearances ½ indicates where a player has only played half the game
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NEWS FROM THE MACKESON RUGBY LEAGUE CONTEST

MAIN CONTEST — Position after matches played on February 6th

CLUB	Played	Pts. F.	Average	Pts. A.
1—St. Helens	24	544	22.67	172
2—Wigan	27	507	18.78	193
3—Hull K. R.	24	420	17.50	235
4—Halifax	27	454	16.81	280
5—Leeds	29	448	15.45	323
6—Workington	24	355	14.79	265
7—Hunslet	25	360	14.40	327
8—Castleford	26	372	14.31	248
9—Oldham	23	317	13.78	227

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	4-21	Feb. 6	Hunslet	.....	away	3.0
Oct. 3	Leigh	.....	away	3.0	20-10	13	Keighley	.....	home	3.0
10	Rochdale H.	.....	home	3.0	14-5	27	(2nd Rnd. R.L. Cup)			
17	Workington	.....	away	3.0	5-21	Mar. 6	Leigh	.....	home	3.0
24	Warrington	.....	home	3.0	6-15	13	Workington	.....	home	3.0
31	St. Helens	.....	away	3.0	6-22	20	Wigan	.....	away	3.0
Nov. 7	Barrow	.....	home	3.0	21-4	27	Huddersfield	.....	home	3.0
14	Huddersfield	.....	away	2-30	12-10	Apr. 3	(Semi-Final R.L. Cup)			
21	Wigan	.....	home	2.30	9-18	10	(Semi-Final R.L. Cup)			
28	Salford	.....	away	2.30	9-5	16	Swinton (G.F.)	.....	away	3.0
Dec. 5	Hunslet	.....	away	2.30	7-4	17	Whitehaven	.....	away	3.0
12	Blackpool	.....	home	2.30		19	Dewsbury (E.M.)	.....	home	3.0