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OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS AND VIEWS

Owing to the programme printing problem, I am of course having to pen these notes before last Saturday. I cannot therefore comment on the Lancs. Cup match against Rochdale H. — I can only hope that the Boro have continued their winning ways and given us a 2nd round home tie. It is also hoped that there has been a big improvement in the weather, for as I write the rain is pouring down and a near gale blowing.

The gate receipts between now and the end of the 'Lights' are vital to our club, for it is in this period when half the gate money is taken. Our fixture against tonight's opponents, Oldham, has in the last two seasons shown the highest receipts of all, and with both the teams struggling for top place in the R.L. we could, given fair weather, have our first £1000 League gate. And how badly we need it. Due to the success of the team this season, the Boro faced their heaviest wage bill for one week in the history of the club this last week-end, and when you consider that we had only had two previous home gates, with the total receipts amounting to £500 so far this season, from which we have player's wages and expenses for five winning first team games, three 'A' team games, plus players' training expenses, staff wages, new playing equipment, etc., and the signing of Ken Large from Leigh, it does not need a mathematician to realise there must be a terrific drain on the club's finances, and we can safely say that we have staked our faith in future gates. It is often said that success breeds success, and that if the Boro' had a winning team they would get a regular 5,000 gate, well, we have a winning team at the moment, but is the 5,000 gate a pipe dream. It shouldn't be, really, you know, when you realise that in the Blackpool & Fylde area there is a resident population of 250,000, and in that population there are thousands of R.L. supporters who have come to live here from other towns, like myself, but I have never known as many 'armchair' followers in my life. If only they would rouse themselves from their backsides and become regular supporters of the Boro' we could really build up a good team with their extra support. No one can accuse the Boro' Directors or their Supporters Club of lack of enterprise, the fact that you are watching today's game at Borough Park, one of the best grounds in the R.L., is proof of their faith in R.L. football in Blackpool. All we need is more support.

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is only a part-time professional they have their wage problems too. It seems unfortunate that at the commencement of the season, our friends from Oldham hit the headlines with their problems, and players giving ultimatums etc. We are pleased that reason has always prevailed before the season really started, but this sort of publicity is no good for the game.

Players must remember that you can't get a quart out of a pint pot, and it is up to them to put more into it and attract the spectators if they expect to take more out of the game, which, at one time, they all played for the 'love of the game'. We are pleased to say the Boro' players are quite happy with their playing terms, in fact at the present time they have 'never had it so good', simply because they are winning matches. The more they win the more they get. We are not interested in losing pay; in effect, the better a man is at his job the better he gets paid, and in my opinion that is fair.

G. C. L.

TODAY'S VISITORS

As I have written earlier, Oldham have in the past few seasons helped to provide our best gate, and tonight's game should be no exception. For the very first time, last week, we took a point away from them at Watersheddings, which made us level pegging in the League. However, since then they have had a League win against Rochdale, which put them on the top; therefore, if we can lower their colours tonight we shall once again have the leadership with them. We always give our visitors a good game at Borough Park, but tonight will be a test for us to see if at last we can reverse previous results. Last season we lost, 13pts.—2pts., and one of the players to do most damage was their player/coach, Frank Dyson, with his goal-kicking. Frank tells me he has retired from playing, but he has been

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6—FAIRHURST, J.

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7—BOYLAN, J.

Prop
8—CLAYTON, A.

Hooker
9—HALL, G.

Prop
10—DUFTY, R.

Second Row
11—AINSCOUGH, D.

Second Row
12—SEDDON, A.

Loose Forward
14—MILLER, S./HOPE, F.

Substitute
14—PHILLIPS, J.

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15—JACKSON, R.

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3—McLEOD, S.

Left Centre
4—McCORMACK, J. J.

Left Wing
5—SIMMS, T.

Stand Off Half
6—WARBURTON, T.

Scrum Half
7—PYCROFT, J.

Prop
8—MUMBERSON, A.

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9—McINTYRE, L.

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10—BOTT, C. H.

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11—IRVING, R. A.

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retained as coach. However, he has a worthy successor at full-back in South African Winton, who joined them last season from Wigan. A change of clubs seems to have done this player a world of good, and he looks like being one of the leading kickers in the game—so watch out you Boro' players, no needless penalties.

OBSTRUCTION

In the few games which have already been played this season, it has become increasingly obvious that Referees need to be reminded of the official rulings regarding obstruction in tactical moves.

Glaring examples have occurred where players, in attempting an ordinary scissors movement, have been penalised simply because they "sold the dummy". The man with the ball can obviously not obstruct, and the man who thinks he is going to receive the ball is, at the most, guilty of only accidental obstruction. More often than not he does not obstruct at all, and yet invariably the whistle goes because this player, coming up on the burst in anticipation of receiving the ball, cannot come to a sudden stop or, alternatively, disappear into thin air. Referees are instructed to read Section 14 of the Manual of Rugby League Football, with particular reference to the diagram at the end of the Section.

If every "dummy" is going to be penalised, then players will be reluctant to indulge in tactical moves, and play would tend to become more orthodox and, incidentally, more uninteresting.

All concerned should be doing their best to encourage tactical play in order to make the game more attractive to spectators and, of course, to players.

Whatever happens on the field, there will always be a small nucleus of fans who yell that the game should be stopped for some reason or other, especially

when the "other side" have the ball. It is possibly because of a sub-conscious desire to anticipate the reactions of these fans that there is a tendency among Referees to blow their whistles before the shouts commence. This causes unnecessary stoppages and, at times, unfair penalties. If a Referee is to err at all, then it would be far preferable, for the game's sake, to err on the side of continuity of play by keeping the game going as much as is reasonably possible; it becomes a more interesting spectacle and is also more enjoyable to play.

SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

Today the appeal is on behalf of the Development Association. As you will know, this Association has done wonderful work in helping to establish R.L. in Blackpool. But at the moment life is very hard for the organisers and pools agents due to other competition for your money.

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First Team

Date 1965	Opponents	Venue	Result	Date 1966	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 21 (S)	Keighley	Away	W 22-2	Jan. 1 (S)	Widnes	Away	
" 23 (M)	Leigh (K.O. 7 p.m.)	Home	W 19-10	" 8 (S)	Salford	Away	
" 28 (S)	Batley	Home	W 18-4	" 15 (S)	Salford	Away	
Sept. 1 (W)	Huddersfield (K.O. 6.30)	Away	W 14-9	" 22 (S)	Whitehaven	Home	
" 4 (S)	Oldham	Away	D 4-4	" 29 (S)	Swinton	Home	
" 11 (S)	Rochdale Hornets	Home		Feb. 5 (S)	St. Helens	Away	
" 13 (M)	Oldham (1st Round Lancs. Cup)	Home		" 12 (S)	Batley	Away	
" 18 (S)	Rochdale Hornets (K.O. 6.15 p.m.)	Away		" 19 (S)	Liverpool City	Home	
" 25 (S)	Workington Town	Home		" 26 (S)	1st Round R.L. Cup		
" 27 (M)	Huddersfield (K.O. 3 p.m.)	Home		Mar. 12 (S)	Whitehaven	Away	
Oct. 9 (S)	Wigan	Home		" 19 (S)	2nd Round R.L. Cup		
" 16 (S)	Doncaster	Away		" 26 (S)	Workington Town	Away	
" 23 (S)	Warrington	Home		Apr. 2 (S)	Leigh	Away	
" 30 (S)	Wigan	Away		" 9 (S)	Widnes	Home	
Nov. 6 (S)	Doncaster	Home		" 11 (M)	Barrow	Home	
" 13 (S)	Liverpool City	Away					
" 20 (S)	Keighley	Home					
" 27 (S)	Swinton	Away					
Dec. 11 (S)	Warrington	Away					
" 18 (S)	St. Helens	Home					
" 27 (M)	Rochdale Hornets	Home					
" 28 (Tu)	Barrow	Away					

TIMES OF START

August 21st to November 6th 3.00 p.m.
 November 7th to January 23rd 2.30 p.m.
 January 24th to end of Season 3.00 p.m.

"A" Team

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" 28 (S)	Oldham	Away		" 8 (S)	Salford	Away	
Sept. 4 (S)	Oldham	Home		" 15 (S)	Salford	Home	
" 11 (S)	Rochdale Hornets (1st Round Lancs. Shield)	Away		" 22 (S)	Whitehaven	Away	
" 18 (S)	Rochdale Hornets	Home		" 29 (S)	Swinton	Away	
" 25 (S)	Workington	Away		Feb. 5 (S)	St. Helens	Home	
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