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OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS AND VIEWS

This spate of 3 home matches within 7 days must be very tiring on the players, and I can assure you it can be very tiring on the old brain matter of the programme writer, for these programmes have to be compiled several days before the match for which they are intended, the material having to be sent to Leeds, where the programme is printed, and then delivered from there, it must be realised therefore that up to the minute news cannot be given in these notes. For instance, as I write I do not know the outcome of the Lancs. County meeting which will have decided when we can play our 2nd. round Lancs. Cup tie, nor do I know the result of our match last Saturday. After their great triumph against Wigan earlier in the week one hopes that our lads kept up the good work, it will make tonight's game even more interesting. As these notes are also written before last Thursday's training session I am not fully aware of the injury position, it was improving rapidly, but some of the players are having to be rushed back into the first team following injury without having had a try out in the "A" team, but it didn't seem to have done at least 3 of them any harm, for Brian Winstanley, Alan Whitworth and Albert Seddon all came through 2 very hard matches not much the worse for it, Brian Winstanley did get a shoulder injury against Wigan but he refused to stay off and let the substitute take over, he wanted to be in at the kill. One of our most enthusiastic players is Albert Seddon and it was a bitter blow to him when he got injured in a practice match, this kept him out of the first 5 matches, much to his disgust, but it was obvious that he was soon back in form, and his 2 quick thinking tries against Wigan were the turning point in the game, and they really shook the Wigan team. Two more players to make a quicker than usual recovery were Jimmy Gee, and Alf Meakin, who were both injured in the Doncaster match, Jimmy's fractured toe healed sooner than expected, but Alf's injury looked very serious when he was carried off on a stretcher in great pain, however, the expert attention of our massuer, Mel Meek, has worked wonders, and our 'flier' is now rarin' to go, also fit again are Nabou and Bagshaw, but still not available at the time of going to press are Belshaw, Cumberbatch, Ducie, Olsen and Phillips. The position in regard to the Australian player, Bill Cane, is the same, we cannot play him until a decision has been made by the Rugby League Management Committee at their next meeting, which may be held this week. The Boroughs first ever victory against Wigan has set the fans wondering which other teams have yet to be beaten by Boro, I have only been connected with the club 7 years, and there does not appear to have been

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any records kept prior to that, I believe St. Helens are one team who have yet to be beaten, although we did draw with them at St. Annes Rd. but there may be others, for such is the peculiar fixture arrangements in the Rugby League that some of the Yorkshire clubs have had very few fixtures against us. I believe, for instance that we have yet to meet Featherstone, I would therefore appreciate it if any one could supply me with the Boroughs records for the first 5 seasons.

Here and There

G.C.L.

OUR VISITORS

Our first away engagement this season was at Watersheddings, the home ground of our visitors, and we came away well and truly beaten, Oldham showed sparkling form that evening, and subsequent results have enhanced the opinion of many that this is going to be Oldham's season. They have many times in previous seasons promised so much, but in the end have achieved so little, but I do sincerely hope that their luck will change this season, it is about time the honours went around. Oldham have always been in the top flight of clubs, and yet they have never appeared at Wembley, they have won the Rugby League Cup 3 times in their long history, but the last occasion was way back in 1927, when none of their present day players were born, so a R.L. Cup final appearance is long overdue, we hope they can achieve it this time. Oldham made a shock early season signing when they paid a reported £5,000 for the Rugby League's leading goal kicker last season, Huddersfield's Brian Curry who, incidentally, was understudy for a long time at Huddersfield to the present Oldham coach, Frank Dyson, no doubt Frank had a lot to do with Brian landing at Oldham. Another of Dyson's protegy's who was snatched from under the noses of his old club is second row forward, Bobby Irving, for whom everyone who has seen this youngster in action, predicts a great future. One of their stars who will be missing tonight is their captain and loose forward Dave Parker, who has received a leg injury, his place may be taken by our former

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favourite, Mick Mooney, whom we transferred to them earlier this year, but such is their playing strength he cannot command a regular place. Previous games between our clubs at Borough Park have all gone in favour of Oldham, all we have got out of them has been a good gate, and a good game, we want the latter again tonight, but can we also have a win for the Boro for a change.

RULE EXPERIMENTS

The Rugby League game is going through a phase of "new Rules" and experiments this season, the 'Play the Ball' and the 'Penalty Kick' rules are already established facts, but now we have a new 'Play the ball' experiment which is going to be tried out in the B.B.C. T.V. Floodlight Comp. matches, which have now started, the following is briefly what it is all about, we shall have to wait and see if it is an improvement.

Basically the "new" rule is to allow one team three play the balls after which if the ball has not been "played" by the opposition a scrum is formed. The term "played" in this context means "intentionally handled or kicked." A rebound or ricochet of the ball from an opponent does not count as being "played." When the scrum is formed after three play the balls the side which was not in possession of the ball shall put the ball in and have the loose head.

This rule will be played in the Floodlit Competition (to be televised on B.B.C. 2.) the Preliminary Rounds of which have already commenced. The rule is compulsory as from the date of the first televised game on Tuesday evening October 4th, but clubs may by mutual agreement operate it in the remaining Preliminary Round games.

Clubs and referees are requested to submit reports on the operation of this rule. Unforeseen "teething troubles" may develop and no doubt will be quickly remedied. Any minor quibbles can surely be ignored if a major advantage is gained by re-introducing variety in play.

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STOP PRESS

2nd Round Lanes. Cup, Blackpool B. v. Widnes, Wed., Sept. 14th, k.o. 5.45 p.m. all pay.

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Date 1966	Opponents	Venue	Result	Date 1967	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 13	(S) York	Home	L 20-21	Jan. 7	(S) Batley	Home	
" 17	(W) Warrington	Home	W 18-4	" 14	(S) York	Away	
" 20	(S) Doncaster	Home	D 5-5	" 18	(Tu) Leigh	Away	
" 23	(Tu) Oldham	Away	L 9-40	" 28	(S) Rochdale H.	Home	
" 27	(S) Whitehaven	Away	L 7-20	Feb. 4	(S) (1)		
Sept. 3	(S) Whitehaven	Away	W 5-2	" 11	(S) Batley	Away	
" 6	(Tu) Wigan	Home	W 20-10	" 18	(S) Doncaster	Away	
" 10	(S) Leigh	Home		" 25	(S) (2)		
" 12	(M) Oldham	Home		Mar. 4	(S) Liverpool C.	Home	
" 14	(W) Widnes (5.45 p.m.)	Home		" 11	(S) Wigan	Away	
" 17	(S) St. Helens	Home		" 18	(S) Rochdale H.	Away	
" 24	(S) Huddersfield	Home		" 24	(F) Salford	Home	
" 30	(F) Warrington	Away		" 25	(S) Huddersfield	Away	
Oct. 8	(S) St. Helens	Away		" 27	(M) Widnes	Home	
" 12	(M) Salford	Away					
" 15	(S) Workington Town	Home					
" 22	(S) Swinton	Home					
Nov. 5	(S) Workington Town	Away					
" 12	(S) Swinton	Away					
" 19	(S) Whitehaven	Home					
" 26	(S) Liverpool C.	Away					
Dec. 26	(M) Barrow	Home					
" 27	(Tu) Barrow	Away					
" 30	(F) Widnes	Away					

TIMES OF START

August 13th to November 5th 3.00 p.m.

November 6th to January 28th 2.30 p.m.

January 29th to end of Season 3.00 p.m.

"A" Team

Date 1966	Opponents	Venue	Result	Date 1967	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 27	(S) Barrow	Home	L 19-26	Jan. 7	(S) Leigh	Home	
Sept. 6	(Tu) Wigan	Away	p'poned	" 21	(S) Rochdale	Away	
" 10	(S) Leigh	Away		" 28	(S) Liverpool City	Away	
" 17	(S) St. Helens	Home		Mar. 4	(S) Rochdale Hornets	Home	
Oct. 1	(S) Warrington	Home		" 18	(S) Oldham	Home	
" 7	(F) St. Helens	Away		" 25	(S) Widnes	Away	
" 15	(S) Workington	Home		Apl. 1	(S) Salford	Away	
" 22	(S) Oldham	Away		" 8	(S) Barrow	Away	
" 29	(S) Swinton	Away		" 15	(S) Barrow	Away	
Nov. 5	(S) Workington	Away					
" 12	(S) Swinton	Home					
" 26	(S) Liverpool City	Home					
Dec. 3	(S) Wigan	Home					
" 10	(S) Salford	Home					
" 17	(S) Warrington	Away					
" 30	(F) Widnes	Home					

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