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OUR HUMBERSIDE FRIENDS

Our visitors from Hull this afternoon will be out to pull off a 'double' victory, for on August 26th they defeated us after a tremendous struggle 29-20 at the Boulevard.

The teams that day were as follows:—**Oldham**: Curry, Dolly, McCormack, Donovan, Wilkinson, Canning, Broomhead, Ogden, Taylor, Bamford, Irving, Mooney, Flanagan; substitutes Holroyd and Hill substituted for Wilkinson and Flanagan respectively. **Hull**: Keegan, Stocks, Doyle-Davidson, Maloney, Sullivan, Hancock, Davidson, Harrison, McGlone, Broom, Neale, Booth and Sykes. The referee for the game was Joe Manley, of Warrington.

Hull possess some fine players and Arthur Keegan is a recent tourist and also is at present holding the No. 1 role in the present Test Series.

Maloney is a good centre and a very good goal kicker, while his centre Doyle-Davidson is also a good player.

Hull have recently put on the transfer list scrum-half Ken Foulkes at £1,000 at his own request.

The Hull pack is a strong and mobile unit with prop-forward Harrison, hooker McGlone and loose-forward Sykes all strong men.

CLUB VIEWS

At present we are having one of our leanest ever post war periods, having won only one of our last nine matches, that was against Blackpool on October 28th.

We shall have to hit top form if we are to return to winning ways this afternoon. Hull are a fine side and were only narrowly defeated recently in the Yorkshire Cup Final by near neighbours Hull Kingston Rovers.

Our first half performance at Widnes last Friday week promised a great deal but in the end it achieved very little. At half-time in this match our players walked

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off the Naughton Park turf smelling a victory which had eluded them for so long. Three tries were on the board against two scored by the home side.

On the resumption, however, Widnes scored two very quick tries and from then on it was comparatively one way traffic. Don't misunderstand me, Widnes turned in one of their better performances but even so the tackling of our team, particularly the forwards, left a lot to be desired.

Anyone who studied the scoreline will notice that Widnes scored five tries against our four, a difference of only three points but the "Chemics" managed to kick nine goals against one.

Tommy Warburton who had the kicking role again did not have the same kicking chances as did Dutton the Widnes No. 1. Most of Duttons' goals came from penalties within easy reach of our posts.

Moving back to the tries we scored at Widnes, the National press the morning after the match reported that our tries were scored by Buckley, Murphy, Mooney and Taylor. As a matter of fact Mooney and Taylor did notch a try each, the other two, however, coming from centre Jim McCormack. No doubt the mist which covered the ground contributed a great deal to the confusion.

On the injury front, it is pleasing to note that no injuries have been sustained to any player in the last three games. Charlie McCourt who was injured at St. Helens in the B.B.C.2 Floodlit Competition is likely to return today. It could be that Tommy Canning, recovered from a leg injury, may also make his comeback today.

Alan Ogden who had a similar injury to Canning will be out another couple of weeks or so. He is now back in light training but will make absolutely sure of his fitness before he returns to senior football.

Geoff Shelton should have returned in the 'A' Team match against Widnes 'A' last Saturday but following a ground inspection the match was postponed shortly before the kick-off. The 'A' Team have no match this afternoon.

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Geoff Fletcher has cleared his three match suspension and will probably return to "skipper" the side.

A lot of controversy has surrounded Geoff's suspension and the Rugby League were called in for a ruling. Fletcher was originally suspended for three matches but altogether he has missed four games, viz: v. Salford 'A' on Friday, November 10th; v Australia on Saturday, November 11th; v Salford on Monday, November 13th; and v Widnes on Friday, November 17th. The Rugby League quoted an extract from the Official Guide: Disciplinary Rules Section 7 last paragraph "Where first and second team games would normally be played on the same day (Salford 'A' and Australia in this case) but arrangements are made to play them on separate days the two games shall not count separately towards a players suspension but shall count as one."

B.B.C.2 FLOODLIT COMPETITION

The following arrangements have been agreed by the Management Committee :

Tuesday, 5th December, 1967, Semi-Final — Wigan v Leigh, at St. Helens.

Tuesday, 12th December, 1967, Semi-final — Warrington v Castleford or Leeds, at Headingley if Leeds are not involved; at Wakefield if Leeds are involved.

The final will be on Tuesday, 19th December, on a neutral ground (either Wakefield, Leeds, Wigan or St. Helens.

If either semi-final is cancelled, it must be replayed on or before Thursday, 14th December, 1967.

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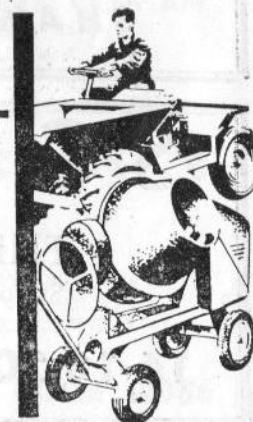
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TODAY'S REFEREE

G. F. Lindop

Fred Lindop, at 29 years old, is the youngest referee on the Senior list.

It was at the end of last season that Fred was promoted to Grade One and in this, his first full season, he has handled the drawn Lancashire Cup final and the two Test matches already played between Great Britain and Australia. Mr. Lindop has also been appointed official for the third and final Test to be played at Swinton on December 9th.

Mr. Lindop, before turning to refereeing, was a hooker in the Wakefield Junior League, playing for local club, Eastmoor.

He works in Leeds as a salesman.

PLAYERS' No. 6 AWARD SCHEME

Today sees another stage in the Player's No. 6 Award Scheme. You, the public, are asked to judge your 'man of the match' by completing the voting slip in today's programme and placing it in one of the boxes provided at all exits from the ground. The latest league table can be seen elsewhere in this programme.

Mr. Edgar Brooks, the former England and Oldham hooker, is here this afternoon to judge the 'man of the match' for the separate £6 award. The player who Mr. Brooks chooses will be presented with his £6 award by the 'Player's No. 6 Personality Girl' in the Social Club after the match.

The judges' choice for the Player's No. 6 Player of the Match last week were :

- 13/11/67 Hull v Dewsbury—T. Devonshire (Hull), 7 pts.
Oldham v Salford—Martin Murphy (Oldham), 6 pts.
- 17/11/67 Castleford v Warrington—K. Hepworth (Castleford), 7 pts.
Hull K.R. v Leeds—P. Lowe (Hull K.R.), 6 pts.
Widnes v Oldham—J. Boylan (Widnes), R. French (Widnes), 8 pts.
Salford v Halifax—P. Smethurst (Salford), 8 pts.
- 18/11/67 Huddersfield v Wakefield Trinity—R. Wallace (Huddersfield), 6 pts.
Bradford N. v Hunslet—G. Ambrum (Bradford), G. Gunney (Hunslet), 4 pts.
York v Featherstone—C. Dooler (Featherstone), 7 pts.
Doncaster v Keighley—E. Palmer (Keighley), 7 pts.
Bramley v Wigan—J. Wolford (Bramley), 7 pts.
Leigh v St. Helens—T. Bishop (St. Helens), 8 pts.
Blackpool Borough v Barrow—G. Mathews (Blackpool), 8 pts.
Dewsbury v Hull—C. Davidson (Hull), S. Stephenson (Dewsbury), 8 pts.
Liverpool City v Batley—E. Forber (Liverpool City).

Leading players in the Player's No. 6 Player of the Year Awards, in which each supporter sends in one vote for one player at each of the Senior Rugby League games, as follows: 1, Charlie Renilson (Halifax), 18 pts.; 2 (joint), Alex Murphy (Leigh), Dave Horn (Bramley), 13 pts.; 4 (joint), Keith Hepworth (Castleford), C. Davidson (Hull), 12 pts.; 6 (joint), John Mantle (St. Helens), Martin Murphy (Oldham), Bobby Fleet (Swinton), 11 pts.

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1967					1968				
Date	Opponents	Venue	Result		Date	Opponents	Venue	Result	
Aug. 15	(Tu) Liverpool City	Home	L 12-13		.. 30	(S) Barrow	Home		
.. 19	(S) Leigh (Lancs Cup - 1)	Home	W 17-11		Jan. 1	(M) Workington T.	Away		
.. 23	(W) Bradford Northern	Away	L 10-28		.. 6	(S) Batley	Away		
.. 26	(S) Hull	Away	L 20-29		.. 13	(S) Wigan	Away		
Sept. 2	(S) Whitehaven	Home	W 34-14		.. 20	(S) St. Helens	Home		
.. 4	(M) Blackpool Borough	Away	L 19-15		.. 27	(S) Barrow	Away		
.. 7	(Th) Swinton (Lancs C - 2)	Away	L 8-11		Feb. 3	(S) (1)			
.. 9	(S) Warrington	Away	L 2-28		.. 10	(S) Batley	Home		
.. 16	(S) Rochdale H.	Home	W 13-12		.. 17	(S) Widnes	Home		
.. 23	(S) Whitehaven	Away	W 24-12		.. 24	(S) (2)			
.. 30	(S) Wigan	Home	L 13-17		Mar. 1	(F) Rochdale H.	Away		
Oct. 3	(Tu) Hull K.R.	Home	L 7-9		.. 9	(S) Workington T.	Home		
.. 14	(S) Bradford Northern	Home	L 14-25		.. 23	(S) Leigh	Home		
.. 20	(F) Salford	Away	L 6-12		Apr. 12	(F) Swinton	Home		
.. 28	(S) Blackpool Boro'	Home	W 13-4		.. 15	(M) Hull K.R.	Away		
Nov. 4	(S) Leigh	Away	L 2-29						
.. 11	(S) Australia	Home	L 8-18						
.. 13	(M) Salford	Home							
.. 17	(F) Widnes	Away							
.. 25	(S) Hull	Home							
Dec. 2	(S) Liverpool C.	Away							
.. 8	(F) Warrington	Home							
.. 16	(S) St. Helens	Away							
.. 26	(Tu) Swinton	Away							

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