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Date	Opponents	Venue	Date	Opponents	Venue
Aug. 10—Rochdale H.	Away		Dec. 7—		
(Charity Match)			14—Liverpool	Away	
17—Halifax	Home	3-0	21—Whitehaven	Home	2-30
22—Barrow (Thurs.)	Away		25—Swinton (Wed.)	Home	2-30
24—Wakefield	Away		26—Hull (Thurs.)	Away	
26—St. Helens (Mon.)	Home	7-0	28—Warrington	Away	
31—Barrow (L.C.)	Home	3-0	Jan. 4—Leeds	Home	2-30
Sept. 2—Huddersfield (Mon.)	Away		11—Barrow	Home	2-30
7—Halifax	Away		18—Widnes	Away	
14—Warrington	Home	3-0	25—Workington	Home	3-0
21—Leigh	Home	3-0	Feb. 1—Wigan	Away	
28—Workington	Away		8—R.L. Cup		
Oct. 5—Hunslet	Home	3-0	15—St. Helens	Away	
12—Rochdale	Away		22—R.L. Cup		
19—Hull	Home	3-0	Mar. 1—Blackpool	Home	3-0
26—Blackpool	Away		8—Widnes	Home	3-0
Nov. 2—Wakefield	Home	3-0	15—Whitehaven	Away	
9—Salford	Away		22—Rochdale	Home	3-0
16—Liverpool	Home	2-30	29—R.L. Cup semi-final		
23—Leigh	Away		Apl. 4—Swinton (G.F.)	Away	
30—Salford	Home	2-30	5—Wigan	Home	3-0
			7—Huddersfield (E.M.)	Home	7-0
			12—Hunslet	Away	
			19—Leeds	Away	

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OLDHAM v. WARRINGTON**WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS & VIEWS**

Another tough match last Tuesday evening and we successfully entered into the semi-final of the Lancashire Senior Cup—but not without great effort. We must give credit to our opponents, Warrington, as being a sound team and we can thank Bernard Ganley for his splendid goal-kicking which ensured that we finished on the right side. If visiting players infringe the rules of the game, then they must pay the penalty—especially if Bernard is about.

The game was watched by 14,500 spectators, which is a good attendance considering the time of kick-off and the uncertainty of the weather.

Although we won the match, one must admit that the standard of play was well below expectations. Of course, our opponents have always a say in this, but our team, although showing occasional signs of brilliance, does not appear to have reached the standard of football they had last season. We must take into consideration that on Tuesday we had our last season's regular centres missing, but again, the players who came in, Nestor and Noon, proved that they are capable centres, and what club is better placed than us for centres when all are assembled—Davies, Ayres, Nestor and Noon—quite a formidable array.

Tuesday's game will be remembered for the number of mishandlings when an acceptance would have resulted in a certain try. But mistakes will always be made, but they can be of vital importance in matches where the going is close.

The Warrington team has improved since last season and are a big, capable team playing the open type football and with a little luck will be somewhere around the honours list at the end of the season. Our friend—although always a menace to us—Brian Bevan, did not score his usual blinding try this time, but he is still a great player and a credit to the game.

After a space of four days we once again entertain the Warrington club in a Northern Rugby League match and we can expect a dour struggle in which we hope to record another victory over these worthy opponents. We only hope that the game as a spectacle will live up to its highest standards. Cup-tie football can be entirely different to a league

Headlines in "The Times" — Times are really changing!

by **WATCHER** "Warrington Guardian Series"

When a colleague passed over a clipping from the "London Times" concerning Rugby League and Rugby Union, I simply couldn't believe my eyes because "The Times" caters in the main for those dear old chaps who make their livings at the Stock Exchange, and in other places where the cap and muffler boys of Lancashire, Yorkshire and Cumberland are really fearful of treading.

This is no sneer campaign, it is just to say we are astounded that during an honourable career "The Times" should suddenly condescend to print nearly a column about the merits of Rugby Union and the alleged merits of Rugby League. "The Times" correspondent in Cape Town, in an "enlightening article" refrains from making any reference to the R.L. and R.U. game here, but starts quoting even so, early in his big piece, the attendances at three R.L. exhibition games in South Africa.

Those Crowds

I'm quoting the attendance figures of this special correspondent. They are: 13,000 at Benoni; 9,000 in Durban, and 5,000 in East London. Round figures and no odds makes those figures somewhat unusual. However, what our dear chappie from Cape Town doesn't tell us are the populations of those centres, and whether or not the coloured folk are allowed to attend even this "relaxed game".

We could not obtain a ground in the Johannesburg district and "The Times" correspondent dismisses that point by stating that the League were unable to hire a suitable ground. He adds that more Transvaalers were prevented from seeing the professional because of this "unable to hire" point.

We were unable to hire grounds in Johannesburg simply because the Rugby Union authorities set out to hinder the hiring process. If South Africa was not impressed with R.L. we too are not impressed with the Rugby Union's ideas of repression!

About the attendances; if some of our professional clubs like Liverpool City and Doncaster could get gates of the Benoni, Durban and East London proportions, they would be delighted. And so would a few hundred Rugby Union clubs in the North — and not very far from Watersheddings either!

One wonders if "The Times" in its very first issue to a newly born reading public in the last century touched a 13,000 sale! If it did, then it did well. We in this country are not grumbling about those South African attendances, because there was a £5,000 profit, thank you. R.L. was apparently as strange to the sports loving public of South Africa (those who ignored the threats of becoming outcasts if they attended the game) as the stocks and shares page in "The Times" is to the working classes of the North of England!

One of the reasons — and the correspondent was most fair in this part of his story — for the lack of ruggedness in R.L. play was because of the hectic short term in Australasia. Yes, like "The Times" stated, the World Championship was punishing, so much so, that one noted player — Ray Price — will not play again. And Alan Davies is still out of the game.

Our Hard Season

And we have to remember that all the players who took part in the hectic World Cup Series had only a few weeks respite after a long and hard season in English Rugby. The Rugby League season often consists of upwards of 40 games and maybe more. R.U. folk please note.

Could one expect ruggedness in view of all these circumstances? And don't forget there was a new season coming up when everyone taking part in the World Series had to keep up his English form or else he would not be considered for the 1958 tour of Australia.

The correspondent also quotes a leading South African official as stating that "R.L. was not Rugby". But — and I quote verbatim "The Times" correspondent's own comments:—

"There were some aspects of the Rugby League game which evoked admiration. These included crisp passing and sure handling with clever scissors movements through the exploitation of the reverse pass; straight, incisive running with elusive swerves and side-steps to beat an opponent; the speed and continuity of the play; and some magnificent goal-kicking by B. L. Jones, who was freely billed as the star turn of the proceedings.

"Jones indeed, fully lived up to his reputation. In Benoni he contributed 34 of England's 61 points with four tries and 11 conversions. In the three matches his personal tally was 70 points, including 29 goals, and it was generally agreed that the amateur game has no goal-kicker anywhere to equal him in this art. O. Geffin, South Africa's greatest place-kicker of recent years, described Jones's accuracy as 'wonderful'.

"Individually, too, such players as Ashton, Sullivan, Stevenson, Prescott, and Whiteley (England) and Merquoy, Voron, Jiminez, and Benausse (France) impressed all good judges."

About Boston

R.L. may not have set the South African fields on fire, but what can you expect when prominent people in the Union are against loaning us grounds and won't let our star players even land on their shores? Billy Boston would have shown the South African people some ruggedness!

Still, we may make further visits to South Africa. The Aussies and New Zealanders too may get a look in. South African Rugby Union was not established on three matches. So why try to kill our game in its infancy? South Africa is a young country as far as comparisons go. Are they to be criticised because they cannot equal all the attainments of older nations? Of course not.

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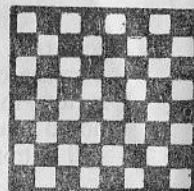
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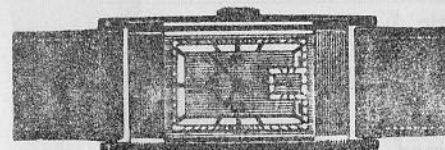
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That if a player grounds the ball at the base of one of the goalposts in the field of play that it is no try. Recently, I saw an incident like this and thought that the referee was wrong in disallowing a try. However, the International Board only a few months ago ruled that it is no try when the player grounds the ball at the foot of the post. Australia and New Zealand have always awarded a try under these circumstances but they will now have to conform with the ruling of the International Board.

List of Appearances and Performances—First Team only

Up to and including Tuesday, 10th September, 1957

Player	A.	G.	T.	Player	A.	G.	T.
Ganley	8	47	1	Little	7		4
Cracknell	8		5	Duffy	2		
Ayres	2		1	Turner	8		4
Nestor	8		3	Stirrup	2		
Etty	8		4	Jarman	5		1
Moat	4			Daley	3		
Pitchford	8		2	Noon	6		4
Jackson	7		1	Rowbottom	1		
Keith	6			Carruthers	2		
Vines	5			Winslade	4		

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

Up to and including Tuesday, 10th September, 1957

	Barrow	Blackpool	Leeds	Leigh	Liverpool	OLDHAM	Rochdale	Salford	St. Helens	Swinton	Warrington	Whitehaven	Widnes	Wigan	Workington
Barrow	—					10-27									
Blackpool		—		9-15		12-17									
Leeds	52-12	68-6	—						23-5						
Leigh				—											
Liverpool					—						5-18				
OLDHAM						—			7-21						
Rochdale							—					15-8			
Salford							15-4	—						5-16	
St. Helens									—						
Swinton										—					5-28
Warrington					36-6						—				
Whitehaven							16-13					—			
Widnes									13-22				—		
Wigan														—	35-11
Workington	15-0														—

Home Team on left. Away Team on top. Home Team's score given first.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY LEAGUE TABLE

Up to and including Tuesday, 10th September, 1957

Team	Home				Away				F.	A.	Pts.
	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	W.	D.	L.			
Leeds	3	3	0	0	—	—	—	—	143	23	6
Warrington	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	54	11	4
Wigan	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	63	16	4
St. Helens	3	—	—	—	2	0	1	1	48	46	4
Rochdale	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	36	35	4
Leigh	1	—	—	—	1	0	0	0	15	9	2
Oldham	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	34	31	2
Widnes	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	29	27	2
Whitehaven	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	24	28	2
Salford	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	32	36	2
Workington	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	26	35	2
Swinton	1	0	0	1	—	—	—	—	5	28	0
Liverpool	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	11	54	0
Barrow	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	22	94	0
Blackpool	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	27	98	0

fixture. It's the glamour of the cup which tends to take the polish off the game. I often wonder if the incentive of a larger bonus for the winning team has any effect on the play? Maybe, maybe not.

However, on with the game and let us enjoy ourselves with a rousing game and in the anticipation of yet another victory.

THE IMPORTANCE OF MISTAKES

Most matches are won or lost through mistakes. The team making the least mistakes invariably wins its matches. Mistakes in handling often lead to tries, but often a mistake leads indirectly to points being scored. In other words, scores are made because mistakes have been long before committed. "To err is human." This, of course, is true, but only to often do we drive this adage a little too far.

"A" TEAM FOOTBALL

Our "A" team have not commenced the season with glory, having lost their first two matches, both at home. Warrington "A" were worthy victors, 20-7; and Swinton "A" pocketed a nice win, 18-8.

This is not a very encouraging start, especially for a club of our standing, and matters must be improved. By a slight re-organisation of our first team players who are surplus when all are fit, we hope to rectify this position in the "A" team and we can look forward to some improvement in the near future. The committee is, of course, alive to the fact that no team is completely built up, and are always on the look out for suitable talent.

The junior of to-day is the star of tomorrow, and the search for players must never stop—no matter what position one holds in the sporting world. Still more and more players, of the standard required, must be the motto. Some people may ask, "where are they?" That is up to the Management Committee of the organisation. It is what they are put there for. Good players seldom come to you, they require finding and the search must be continuous.

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