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16—Halifax	Home	3-0	26—Hunslet	Away	
19—Blackpool	Away		27—St. He'ens	Away	
23—Wakefield	Away		1959		
30—Whitehaven (L.C.)	Home	3-0	Jan. 3—Leigh	Home	2-30
Sept. 2—Workington	Home	6-15	10—Barrow	Away	
6—Halifax	Away		17—St. Helens	Home	2-30
13—Wakefield	Home	3-0	24—Salford	Home	3-0
20—Rochdale H.	Away		31—Leeds	Away	
27—Blackpool	Home	3-0	Feb. 7—Warrington	Home	3-0
Oct. 4—Warrington	Away		14—Leigh	Away	
11—Rochdale H.	Home	3-0	21—R.L. Cup		
18—Liverpool	Away		28—Whitehaven	Away	
25—Hunslet	Home	3-0	Mar. 7—R.L. Cup		
Nov. 1—Featherstone	Away		14—Hull	Away	
8—Featherstone	Home	3-0	21—Barrow	Home	3-0
15—Salford	Away		27—Swinton (G.F.)	Away	
22—Leeds	Home	2-30	28—E.S.		
29—Wigan	Away		30—Hull (E.M.)	Home	3-0
Dec. 6—Widnes	Home	2-30	April 4—Liverpool	Home	3-0
13—Workington	Away		11—Widnes	Away	
20—Wigan	Home	2-30	18—Whitehaven	Home	3-0

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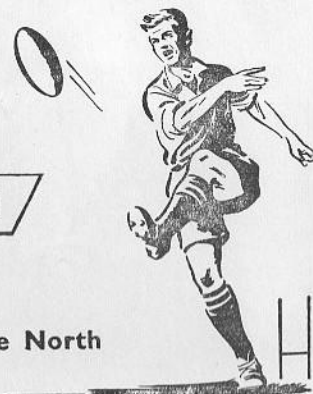
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Our first team appears to be settling down to its usual form now our tourists have returned and injured players reduced to a minimum. Our last three matches against Whitehaven, Workington and Halifax has proved we are on the ascendency and that our scoring machine has come back. In the three matches we have scored 20 goals, 22 tries, 106 points against 4 goals 4 tries, 20 points. Some people remark that our team our slow starters and allow the opposition to control the opening quarter. This may appear so but one must not forget it takes two teams to make a match and a good team always finds the weak spots in its opponents. We know that spectators always expect a score in the opening minutes to put them in good shape of the resultant finish but this cannot always happen, it must vary according to the opposition. In our match against Workington the first half was very close, our opponents created a very stout defence hence the interval lead of 7 points to 4 points, but the second half had a different tale. Our team ran in 23 points without reply. Our match at Halifax on Saturday last although returning as victors by 27 points to 11 points we cannot say that it was a classic match or one that we usually expect from the meeting of Halifax v. Oldham. Too many "incidents" were witnessed and we consider that the referee was lenient in admonishing cautions to several players. Rugby League football can be played without trying to injure a player. Is the head high tackle responsible for ill feeling creeping in during a match? There is no doubt that our team played the better football at Halifax and that our forwards paved the way for the victory ably supported by strong running backs.

BRIEFS

Our young right winger, Geof Sims, who was 19 years of age last month appears to improving every match, experience can only come one way, and that is by playing not watching. We look forward to greatness from this up and coming winger. Geof had his "medical" for the services on his birthday and was rejected on medical grounds.

We have applied to the Rugby League for permission to stage a testimonial or benefit match for Frank Daley who will complete 10 years service with us on January 31st 1959. Frank was signed on transfer from

BILLY STOTT'S GREATEST GOAL!

By Cyril Briggs

The visit of Wakefield Trinity to Watershedings this afternoon nudges our memories of the Rugby League challenge cup final at Wembley the very first season after the second World War was over. Wakefield had been so long out of the final reckoning for the cup, that the supporters at Belle Vue were just wondering if there was some kind of hoodoo at work. Of course, there were not such a lot of them who could remember when the Trinity last won the trophy, in fact those who did remember seeing the cup arrive in Wakefield in 1909 were either grey-beards in 1946, or had just a faint recollection of being held aloft on father's shoulders to see the triumphant procession arrive home after the 17 nil victory over luckless Hull. Luckless Hull? Well, around about that time the Boulevard men had been in the final three times and had finished on the losing end on each occasion.

WIGAN WERE SORE

But back to the 1946 final at Wembley. Wigan, who lost this match, were very sore about having to provide so many tourists who were on their way to Australia and therefore were prevented from playing in this important game. Wakefield won, getting two goals and three tries against four tries. There was only a point in it two minutes from time with Wigan leading. Wiganers, who were there in great numbers, were delighted that the more or less scratch side was going to lift the cup.

Then when Wakefield were making their supreme effort, Billy Stott, that sturdy threequarter in the red and blue jersey had a shot at goal. It was not a difficult position, in fact he had kicked so many from the same angle and distance during his career. But to the groans of the Yorkshire fans, the ball sailed wide of an upright. Gone, so it seemed, was the last chance of Wakefield lifting the trophy after 37 years.

SCIENTIFIC OBSTRUCTION

But Wigan suddenly made a mistake and were promptly penalised for scientific obstruction (the refs did not signal "crossing" as they do to-day). Stott took the shot, but before doing so, took a long while (so it seemed) in preparation. And it was almost on the same tuft or turf where he had shot wide a very short while earlier. Some Wakefield

spectators who were seeing the Stadium for the first time, closed their eyes as Stott made his run up. Others turned away, but kept their fingers crossed.

But the brave ones took it all in their hearts beating in real excitement Wiganers hoped against hope that Stott would fail again. Came boot to ball and away soared the shot to the end of the ground where the players usually make their initial appearance.

It looked a goal, and it was a goal! Trinity had won the cup and the name Stott was ever to be remembered not only in Wakefield, but in R.L. circles as well. It was the goal of goals.

STOTT HAD OWN CUP

Stott carried off the Lance B. Todd Memorial trophy, the cup which is awarded the most skilful and sporting figure at Wembley. The voting for this award is by ballot from sports writers. Stott was the first winner of the trophy, which was an idea thought up by Mr. Harry Sunderland the "Sunday Dispatch" columnist and B.B.C. commentator.

There is another interesting sidelight on that final the closest ever at Wembley. A "Yorkshire Evening News" cameraman who had been doing quite a lot of running about that day, found he had one unused plate remaining in his bag. Well, he thought, there's nothing to be lost by having a last bang. If Stott is having his last fling, so can I, was the thought in the cameraman's mind.

JOY FOR CAMERAMAN

If the photographer had trained a cine-camera on the scene he could not have attained better results. Of course, at the time he did not know that he had snapped a winner. I think that when he did develop the negative there were shouts of delight in the "Yorkshire Evening News" dark room. Everything was on the completed picture, the ball going through the uprights a touch judge holding his flag to the sky, and players showing signs of glee. It was a picture which was one in a million and how the Trinity supporters snapped it up!

I understand that scores of prints were requested by R.L. clubs, for the picture was indeed one for the gallery. It goes to show that players can bring off a spectacular win even if the odds seem all against you. On this famous occasion I think fate was on the photographer's side for his office is situated in **TRINITY** Street, Leeds!

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- 2—CRACKNELL R. 1 TRY
- 3—DAVIES A.
- 4—NOON J. 1 TRY
- 5—ETTY J. 2 TRIES
- 6—KELLETT A. 1 TRY
- 7—~~STREET~~ B HATHERALL
- 8—DUFTY R.
- 9—KEITH J.
- 10—~~WILSON~~ D. Row Bottom
- 11—WINSLADE C.
- 12—McKEOWN D.
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WAKEFIELD

(Red and Blue)

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- 2—SMITH F.
- 3—FOX N. 1 GOAL.
- 4—METCALFE D.
- 5—SMITH S.
- 6—HOLLIDAY K. 1 TRY
- 7—ROLLIN K. 1 TRY
- 8—HARRISON D.
- 9—SHAW J.
- 10—EVANS S.
- 11—CHAMBERLAIN L.
- 12—~~FIRTH~~ A. KELLY
- 14—TRAILL K.

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OUR VISITORS

To-day we give a special welcome to visitors from Wakefield following on so close to our heavy defeat at Wakefield on August 23rd by 23 to 7. We hope to avenge this defeat seeing that the composition of our team is considerably strengthened from the team that played at Wakefield. We must take nothing for granted as our visitors are a very clever and determined team ably led by that old stalwart Ken Traill who is now coaching the Trinity players and there is no doubt that he has welded them into a workmanlike combination. As witnessed at Wakefield they possess plenty of pace on the wings and a very good pair of half-backs who can create openings. They are in the semi-final of the Yorkshire Cup, in the first round drawing at Wakefield with Hunslet and winning the replay at Hunslet. Their best victory was at Hull on Tuesday last in the competition, winning by 17 to 16 denotes that they are a team to be feared. Not many teams go to Hull and win, much to our experience. To-day we look forward to a game of enjoyment and the result being a victory to our team.

FUTURE GAMES AT WATERSHEDDINGS

Tuesday, September 13th, **OLDHAM v. WIGAN**
(2nd Round Lancashire Cup)

Saturday, September 20th, "A" Team **OLDHAM v. HORNETS**

Saturday, September 27th, **OLDHAM v. BLACKPOOL**

LIST OF FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

(Up to and including Saturday last)

Player	A.	G.	T.	Player	A.	G.	T.
Ganley	7	38	1	Winslade	7		3
Cracknell	7		4	Little	4		2
Nestor	3		1	Daley	1		
Ayres	5		1	Noon	2		
Etty	1			Edwards	2		
Kellett	7		3	Vines	5		
Jones	2		2	Turner	6		1
Rowbottom	3		1	Stirrup	4		
Keith	7		4	McKeown	6		2
Lomas	2			Sims	4		3
Davies	3		6				
Pitchford	1						
Duffy	1						

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

(Up to and including Saturday last)

	Barrow	Blackpool	Leeds	Leigh	Liverpool	OLDHAM	Rochdale	Salford	St. Helens	Swinton	Warrington	Whitehaven	Widnes	Wigan	Workington
Barrow	.....														
Blackpool	.....	.....				12-34									
Leeds		32-20	.....									23-20	9-21		
Leigh				.....			21-5								20-15
Liverpool				20-16	.....										
OLDHAM						.....									30-4
Rochdale							.....	16-26	5-15						
Salford								.....							
St. Helens									.....		15-7				
Swinton	13-6									.....				6-0	
Warrington			32-15		23-26						.....				
Whitehaven												.....			24-12
Widnes									25-16		13-17		.....		
Wigan		49-16												.....	
Workington								19-12				17-9			.....

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

Leigh F.C., on the above date. We can honestly say that Frank has been a great club man and a credit to the game and we hope that his testimonial will be worthy of a great hearted player who has always given of his best. Upon sanction from the Rugby League various efforts will be made to supplant his testimonial.

On Tuesday next we have a great match at Watersheddings in the second round of the Lancashire Cup when we meet Wigan. This is not "an all ticket match" and the kick-off is 6-0 p.m. Mr. R. Gelder of Wakefield is the referee in charge.

We are now issuing at our "A" team matches a penny programme giving a list of the teams the officials and a few comments. It is now up to our patrons to support this much wanted programme at the "A" team

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS

Pressure of Programme matter has prevented us from expressing our sincere thanks to all our members and hoping that they will be treated to a feast of football during the coming season.

We are, as always, on the campaign for new and more members. To quote Mr. Howard, president of the Oldham Football Club, it is surprising how few of our regular 10,000 supporters are aware of the Supporters' Club—actually, less than one-quarter.

We of the Committee, along with other representatives of the R.L., believe that the strength of a club is to be found in its Supporters' Club, and we would ask as many people as possible who have O.F.C. at heart to join our ranks. The membership fee is only 1/- per annum.

Supporters may enrol in the Canteen under the stand on the Pavilion Side, or at the Artizan's Rest, Yorkshire Street, Oldham.

Many social events have been organized for the coming season in the shape of Dances and a Sportsman's Evening Out. Fuller details of these and many other events will be brought to your notice through the medium of this Programme and the Oldham Chronicle.

Questions have been asked re "Penny-on-the-Ball." This feature will be resumed as soon as possible. We are unable, at the moment, to get sufficient volunteers to go round with the tickets—Yes sir, you may volunteer! Your services will be gladly, and appreciatively accepted.

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