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Date	Opponents	Venue	Date	Opponents	Venue
Aug. 9—Rochdale Hornets	Away		25—Swinton	Home	2-30
16—Halifax	Home	3-0	26—Hunslet	Away	
19—Blackpool	Away		27—St. Helens	Away	
23—Wakefield	Away				
30—Whitehaven (L.C.)	Home	3-0	1959		
Sept. 2—Workington	Home	6-15	Jan. 3—Leigh	Home	2-30
6—Halifax	Away		10—Barrow	Away	
13—Wakefield	Home	3-0	17—St. Helens	Home	2-30
20—Rochdale H.	Away		24—Salford	Home	3-0
27—Blackpool	Home	3-0	31—Leeds	Away	
Oct. 4—Warrington	Away		Feb. 7—Warrington	Home	3-0
11—Rochdale H.	Home	3-0	14—Leigh	Away	
18—Liverpool	Away		21—R.L. Cup		
25—Hunslet	Home	3-0	23—Whitehaven	Away	
Nov. 1—Featherstone	Away		Mar. 7—R.L. Cup		
8—Featherstone	Home	3-0	14—Hull	Away	
15—Salford	Away		21—Barrow	Home	3-0
22—Leeds	Home	2-30	27—Swinton (G.F.)	Away	
29—Wigan	Away		28—E.S.		
Dec. 6—Widnes	Home	2-30	30—Hull (F.M.)	Home	3-0
13—Workington	Away		Apr. 4—Liverpool	Home	3-0
20—Wigan	Home	2-30	11—Widnes	Away	
			18—Whitehaven	Home	3-0

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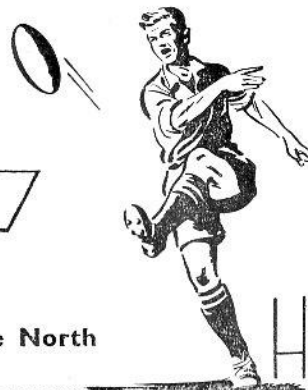


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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS & VIEWS

After three blank Saturdays, our team had a difficult task in tackling on the Leeds team at Headingley on Saturday last. Although we lost the match by eighteen points to fifteen points we consider that we did not deserve to be on the losing side. There is no doubt that the Leeds team adopted themselves to the conditions in the first half and had the best of the game. The second half was a different tale when we altered our tactics and for a long period had the Leeds team on the defensive. Luck was all against us when a bad pass from our centre to the flank was picked up by a Leeds player, it all looked set for a try for us, but this was not to be, and the Leeds winger, Gartside, ran half the length of the field for a try under the post which was converted. This proved our undoing and altered the whole course of the game, just sheer bad luck. Although our team tried hard and fought back again we were just pipped on the post and lost two valuable points not only in the N.R.F.L., but in the Lancashire League. To go to Leeds minus the services of Davies, Jackson, Turner and Ayres and to run the home team to three points is a good performance but it did not satisfy us, we should have won the match but for one mistake.

However much as we like to be on the winning side we can take a lesson from our visit to Leeds. We have confidence in the future with the material at our disposal to make a show of things. Our members and supporters are used to all the good things in Rugby League at Watersheddings and it is up to us to continue to provide the type of football that has been put over this last three or four years, it is the only way to draw the crowds and to keep them.

OUR VISITORS

Today we extend a welcome to the Warrington Club who are always welcome and attractive visitors to Watersheddings. The Warrington Club hold the ninth position in the N.R.F.L. having played 27 matches, won 17, lost 10, points scored for 585 and against 412. They have played 14 matches away, won 8, and lost 6.

One thing we are sure about is that we shall expect a good game as they appear to pull that little extra out when playing on our ground, they have always played attractive football. They still have that evergreen player Brian Bevan in their ranks. Even now it is a treat to watch this player in action, still very good after his long and good service with Warrington.

KEEN RIVALS BUT STILL FIRM FRIENDS

By Cyril Briggs

It can always be said that the visit of Warrington to Watersheddings is an event not to be missed. Warrington have often shattered Oldham's hopes but there was a time in the early years after World War One when Oldham always had the edge on the Wire. Yet there must be many in the crowd who will remember the 1921 Lancashire Cup final when Oldham went in as favourites.

The game was played at the Cliff, Broughton, before 18,000 spectators and much to the surprise of Oldhamers and many of the sports writers, Warrington won, but only by seven points to five. If only Reggie Farrar had kicked that goal from under the posts! Still, Warrington had played for the whole of the second half without the services of Charlie Collins who received a broken collar bone.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

For the information of those who did not see the game (and to remind those who did witness this thrilling game) here are the teams for that day:

Oldham; Knapman; T. Thomas, Finnerty, Davies, Farrar; Tighe, Hall; Brown, Ferguson, Collins, Tomkins, Rees, W. Thomas.

Warrington; Jolley; Bradbury, Collins, Tranter, Cartwright, Prescott, Anderson; Fearnley, Peacock, Cunliffe W., Mather, Cunliffe T., Ogden.

Oldham Scorers: Goal, Farrar. Try, Ferguson

Warrington Scorers: Goals, Jolley 2, Try, Bradbury

Unhappily for R.L., the Cliff is now a Soccer ground—the property of the Manchester United Football Club. In bygone days many important matches were staged at the Cliff, which was the home of Broughton Rangers R.L.C. If only the Rangers had not changed “homes” and sold their ground! They might still be members of the league.

Warrington also put paid to Oldham's hopes in the second round of R.L. Challenge cup in season 1953-4. To this day people will claim that it was Bevan's cup, and I suppose they are right. Oldham were leading until late in the game, in fact everything looked like an Oldham win.

Then came the dramatic Brian Bevan interception and with a try under the posts, Harry Bath could hardly miss the kick. So from 4-2 and with Oldham almost in round three, Warrington switched the game to 7-4. It was the season when Warrington won the R.L. challenge cup after drawing 4-4 at Wembley.

BRIAN BEVAN'S RECORD

Two other cup matches have gone in Warrington's favour since the war. The semi-final of the Lancashire Challenge cup was played at Wilderspool in 1948, Warrington winning by 55 points to nil. But it should be remembered that Oldham lost their scrum half Jones, with a broken ankle. Brian Bevan who got five tries in that match, also repeated the dose a few days later in a league fixture at Oldham.

Ten tries against Oldham requires plenty of skill and speed. I'm afraid no player could do that today against the present Oldham set up. Warrington found it very heavy going in the Lancashire cup semi-final of 1950. At the interval Warrington who were visitors led by a goal kicked by Harold Palin, and it was Bevan who scored the only try of the game in the second half. Five-nil was sufficient to take Warrington into the final. The game was played under bad conditions.

Oldham had their revenge in 1957 when they beat the Wires 18-12 in a grand second round Lancashire Cup game at Watersheddings. Bernard Ganley's six goals were invaluable to Oldham because Warrington also scored two tries.

OLDHAM'S TURN

In recent years Oldham have had the edge on their rivals in the league games. They beat Warrington 20-13 at Wilderspool this season. For quite a time Bryn Day, now a member of the Oldham Committee, was at Wilderspool, and the present Warrington left wing threequarter, Terry O'Grady, is of course the former Oldham No. 5.

We also have vivid memories of the struggle in the mud at Manchester City's ground at Maine Road when a cloudburst two or three hours before the kick off threatened to cause a postponement.

The goal-kicking of Harry Bath and the opportunism of Brian Bevan meant that Warrington again took the Northern championship. The score was 7-3, Frank Pitchford scoring for Oldham. But even some Warringtonians maintain that Roland Barrow scored a fair try for Oldham in the first half.

FOR THE OLD-TIMER

Oldham old-timers, as well as their counterparts in Warrington, will remember with pride the displays of Bobbie Scott, full back, and Jerry Donovan, scrum half, who left Watersheddings for Wilderspool. Then there was the famous Sammy Lees, a native of Oldham who helped the Wire to beat his own town team in the Northern Union cup final of 1907.

Present day Warringtonians recall the many occasions Arthur Tomlinson played for Oldham. Arthur now overseas, was a grand scrummager for the red and whites. If today's game reaches the standard of past seasons, then the crowd should have an exciting afternoon's entertainment.

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- 10—LOMAS H.
- 11—WINSLADE C.
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- 3—CHALLINOR
- 4—FRASER
- 5—O'GRADY
- 6—EDWARDS
- 7—GREENOUGH
- 8—SILCOCK
- 9—HARPER
- 10—BRINDLE
- 11—GILFEDDER
- 12—WHITE
- 13—MAJOR

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THE CUP DRAW

The long awaited for Challenge Cup draw took place Saturday evening last and the long trail to Wembley will commence on Saturday, 21st February. The draw appears to be an even one with seven Lancashire, six Yorkshire and the three Cumberland Clubs at home. Both amateur teams, Kells and Astley have been drawn at home but are likely to switch to their opponents ground which are both Yorkshire teams, in Hunslet and York, and I expect both amateur teams will ask for compensation fee for the privilege of transferring the venues. Here is the draw:

Kell (Cumberland) v. Hunslet	Rochdale v. Halifax
Warrington v. Keighley	Wigan v. Leeds
OLDHAM v. St. Helens	Hull Kingston R. v. Widnes
Leigh v. Batley	Doncaster v. Dewsbury
Whitehaven v. Liverpool	Salford v. Barrow
Workington v. Featherstone	Astley & Tyldesley v. York
Bradford v. Huddersfield	Hull v. Blackpool
Bramley v. Castleford	Wakefield v. Swinton

The referee for our match against St. Helens is Mr. E. Clay, Rothwell

BRIEFS

Bob Pugsley our recent signing from Bridgend R.U. Club is not having the best of health since he came north. Having trouble with a throat complaint our medical officer has now advised him to have his tonsils removed. This will be done at an early date and we hope that his health will improve and get settled in our team and show the form we know he is capable of.

Shaun Quinlan our Irish boy is now settled in the town and has commenced employment with a Manchester biscuit manufacturers as a representative. He will travel certain parts of Lancashire and Yorkshire in search of his livelihood. He appears to be well satisfied with the situation he has secured.

This is Frank Daley's testimonial year and permission has been given by the Rugby League for us to grant him a testimonial. Frank will have completed 10 years service with the club on the 31st January 1959 and has been a very good servant to the club. He deserves a bumper testimonial and various events are now being provisionally made to this end. A dance is provisionally arranged for Saturday 21st February at the Town Hall when all our players will be in attendance. Tickets will be 4/- each and will be in big demand. Further announcements will be made in the local press. So you good people can now book Saturday, 21st February for the dance of the season.

LIST OF FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

(Up to and including Saturday last)

Player	A.	G.	T.	Player	A.	G.	T.
Ganley	27	118	1	Little	20		5
Cracknell	22		13	Daley	1		
Nestor	8		2	Noon	18	14	7
Ayres	11		3	Edwards	2		
Etty	18		6	Turner	22	1	1
Kellett	26	1	12	Stirrup	7		2
Jones	2		2	McKeown	17		2
Rowbottom	20		1	Sims	10		7
Keith	25		10	Hatherall	2		
Lomas	4			Mee	1		
Davies	24		16	Jackson	8		
Pitchford	20		8	Kelly	10		1
Duffy	10		1	Quinlan	3		1
Winslade	28		6	Goddard	2		
				Lloyd	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	.....	13- 9			21-14			28- 8	5- 7				2-7	17-23	25-5
Blackpool	9-17	.....	6-19	8- 7		12-34	10-20		19-26	9-17	21-20	23-20	9-21		
Leeds		32-20	.....		59-20	18-15	12-23		12-11	12-16	17-47			17- 8	
Leigh	27-5	25-26	11-16	.....			21- 5	15-20	6-10	9-22		20-3		15-25	20-15
Liverpool	12-11		16-20	20-16	.....	13-28					8-44	22-16	11-26	18-36	
OLDHAM		44- 3	13-12	19-16		.....	22-18			8- 7			44- 8	21-18	30- 4
Rochdale	7-11			10- 5		13-14	.....	16-26	5-15		5-13		16-15	16-23	
Salford	19-10			12-16	8- 6	14- 9		.....	12-28		16-22	19-15			
St. Helens			38-12			22- 6	42-12		.....	32- 3	15-7	27-3		13- 9	
Swinton	13- 6	27-15				23-11				.....		25-10	6-0	7-22	25-3
Warrington		25-8	32-15	15-13	23-26		19- 0		15-29	5-15	.....				30- 4
Whitehaven			8-0		24-15			19-10	2-25		19-2	.....	2-14	24-12	0- 2
Widnes	17- 8	46- 7	5-16				34-11	35-10	25-16	17-5	13-17		.....		21-15
Wigan	49-16			26-12	45-7	19-7		31-14		24- 8		39-16		.....	
Workington	21-2		16-8	19- 4		0-23		19-12	10-10	9-10	32-15	17-9	14-34		.....

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

TACKLING FROST and SNOW

By Cyril Briggs

Black Saturday, January 10th, 1958. Only one fixture played out of 15. That's not too good and the events at Knowsley Road and Athletic Grounds on this day did not show R.L. up in good light. At St. Helens and Rochdale Hornets grounds there was much disappointment, and one wonders when this annual wangle on whether pitches are fit enough for play, will end. Arctic conditions almost everywhere, but one wonders why only the Leigh v. Whitehaven game was played.

It will be remembered that on Saturday morning most clubs had promised to clear the snow from their pitches. It cost Leigh quite a sum to get their pitch in something like playable order, and at St. Helens an extra £150 had gone to the expense of getting men to remove the snow. At Rochdale too a great deal of extra work had been performed only for the referee (as was the case at St. Helens) to say "not today, thank you."

SALT, STRAW or SAND

Is there any way of beating the frost and snow? There are several ways, but clubs have been warned against the use of straw, salt and sand. The three "S's" point to sheer devilry to the turf, which is already badly cut up everywhere and is in serious danger of complete elimination. That's what some people think.

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Nobody could deny that an ample covering of straw usually kept out the frost. The job of covering and recovering made the task pretty difficult unless there were plenty of volunteers. During the match, the piles of straw were vantage points for youths. Many a player has been thankful of that soft landing when he had been thrown over the touchline.

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