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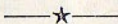
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Date	Opponents	Venue	Date	Opponents	Venue
Aug. 9	Rochdale Hornets	Away	25	Swinton	Home 2-30
16	Halifax	Home 3-0	26	Hunslet	Away
19	Blackpool	Away	27	St. Helens	Away
23	Wakefield	Away	1959		
30	Whitehaven (L. C.)	Home 3-0	Jan. 3	Leigh	Home 2-30
Sept. 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	Apr. 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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## OLDHAM v. ST. HELENS

### WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

To-day, we stage the match of the season at Watersheddings in as far as that a win would ensure us of a position in the first-four of the league and so be in at the play-offs.

The season has had its ups and downs—we have lost matches we ought to have won, and won matches we ought to have lost. Our victory at Barrow on Monday last was without doubt a good win and the most satisfying point of the win was that it kept us in touch with the top four. Once again, we are indebted to the magnificent goal kicking of our captain, Bernard Ganley for the success gained. Our opponents scored four tries to our three and goal-kicking won the day.

In four league matches this season our opponents have scored more tries than we have but goal-kicking has saved the day for us. Yes, and some wonderful goal-kicking at that! Reverting for a moment to the Barrow match, our team appeared to crack up in the last quarter and they allowed Barrow to dictate the play, with the result that we had all our efforts stretched to keep the Barrow boys—no slight meant—out, and we managed to hold on to the final whistle.

In the first-half, we saw flashes of the brilliance we once knew and this put us definitely on top but in the second-half, the Barrow forwards assumed control and our forwards had all their defensive qualities brought out to stop the offensive. However, it was two points well earned.

### OUR VISITORS

We again welcome St. Helens to Watersheddings—the team that put to an end our Challenge Cup bid on 21st February last. To-night's match is more important than the Challenge Cup in so far as we are fighting for a position in the top-four play-offs for the League Championship.

Victory must be assured. We cannot rely on the slip-ups of other contenders for these valuable league positions. We know that we are up against the best team in the league and, as a team, we shall have to give our best. What Featherstone and Swinton can do, surely we can!

However, we hope for a good game and a capacity crowd and that at the end of the match our spectators and members will go home full of satisfaction in having seen a good game well played.

## POOLS AND COPYRIGHT—A WAY OUT

by Cyril Briggs

Whatever the final outcome of the present litigation over the copyright of the Football League Fixtures, Rugby League Clubs must mind their Ps and Qs in future. Most R.L. clubs or rather, their Supporters' Clubs, enjoy the profits from the lotteries which are legalised. But the big point is that the clubs use the Soccer fixtures and naturally, if the bigger pools are called upon to pay a copyright fee, then the R.L. clubs would have to do likewise as they get most of the pools cash.

What I cannot understand is that the R.L. clubs don't formulate some system of their own. There are at least fourteen games per week and such things as highest or lowest scores could be placed on the weekly coupons as well as other combinations to attract the punter. In addition, there are two reserve team leagues—the Lancashire Combination and the Yorkshire Senior Competition. Next season, the Rugby League, which will involve some of the better 'A' teams—the Combination, that is—is to be revived and this will give additional matches.

### HELPING SOCCER

A R.L. pool system may be complicated, but this is better than the thirty Northern League clubs paying out a considerable amount of money in copyright fees and by doing so, help the rival code to pay its way.

If the Football League win this action and any subsequent appeal—each side has a lot to lose if the decision should go against them—let us not forget that the Rugby League itself places a ban on the publication of its fixtures, claiming that the work of Mr. William Fallowfield, the League secretary, is an original act of authorship.

There is no ban however on the Press using the fixtures in whatever form it likes, but people who publish the fixtures for profit, such as the printers of wall-sheets containing advertisements, are called upon to pay £5 to the club whose fixtures have been used. There is, however, a proviso. It is, that the club should remit the fee if it feels that the fixtures have been used to good purpose and are definitely of great help in the way of publicity for game and club.

### AN APPEAL?

I shouldn't be in the least surprised to see an appeal to a higher court in the present case. So much is at stake both financial and general principle angles are involved. So pool promoters within the Rugby League must be au fait with the position.

It seems remarkable to present day thinkers that the Rugby League once set itself against any connection whatsoever with the pools. One bye-law was to the effect that no person holding an R.L. official position could be associated with a pool. It ruled out one or two people who are now "on the inside," although a supporters' organisation which has kept one club's flying, had a tip-top pool chief as its President!

There must be an early gathering of the R.L. clubs running these small legalised lotteries. They must be uniform in their aim and rules, for it is not generally realised that some clubs in the Northern League would be in extreme difficulties if the money from the pools did not come in regularly and at a hefty rate.

New club-rooms have been erected here and there from pools money. One club spent thousands on new stands and some of the big transfer deals have been prompted by help from the lotteries. Wakefield Trinity with a wonderful backing from the supporters, have been the chief spenders this season. They may not have much to show at the end of the season as far as honours are concerned, although they still have a chance of figuring in the "first four" play-off, but enthusiasm has been awakened at Belle Vue. A big future for R.L. at Wakefield is assured.

### MONEY-MAKING EFFORTS

Clubs have, at last, come to realise that money-raising efforts by Supporters' clubs helps to defray a lot of the parent club's expenditure. But it is remarkable how these money-making efforts have been overlooked in the past. There is hardly a R.L. ground on which a goodly sum of cash couldn't be spent. There are not enough stand seats for those who wish to pay for them.

Take the mighty Odsal Stadium at Bradford, for instance. I know that it is owned by the Bradford City Corporation. It is by far the biggest arena in England, Wembley included, but there are not the same facilities at the Yorkshire ground as there are at the famous Middlesex stadium. It would take many thousands of pounds to make Odsal into a perfect stadium, even though it has accommodated 103,000 people on the occasion, in 1954, when Warrington and Halifax battled out the replay of the Challenge Cup, mid-week.

What happened that night? Thousands of people walked into the ground without paying. Hoardings had been pushed down in the rush, the gate-keepers were overwhelmed. People who had purchased tickets could not get into their places, for they had been taken up previously by people who saw empty seats and occupied them.



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- 4—NOON, J.
- 5—CRACKNELL, R.
- 6—KELLETT, A.
- 7—PITCHFORD, F.
- 8—JACKSON, K.
- 9—KEITH, J.
- 10—LITTLE, S. D.
- 11—DUFTY, R.
- 12—WINSLADE, C.
- 13—PUGSLEY, R.

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### ST. HELENS

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- 2—VAN VOLLENHOVEN, T.
- 3—CARLTON, F.
- 4—McGINN, J.
- 5—PRINSLOO, J.
- 6—SMITH, W.
- 7—MURPHY, A.
- 8—TERRY, A.
- 9—BOWDEN, E.
- 10—BRIGGS, B.
- 11—HUDDART, R.
- 12—KARALIUS, D.
- 13—KARALIUS V.

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Thousands of good R.L. men and women—those who support the game week by week—arrived at the ground at half-time owing to the chaos. Thousands didn't even get there at all, being on the road for many hours. The fault didn't lie with the Bradford club or the police, it was just one of those times when it was absolutely impossible to be in control of the crowds.

It was a night when Rugby League was taught a sharp lesson. One happy outcome is that many clubs have not forgotten this lesson. They have tried the best they could to improve their grounds for the occasion when the stands and terraces would be bursting at the seams. The big scheme at Workington, the huge stand at St. Helens which cost £35,000, the tremendous improvements at Widnes, Hunslet and at other Rugby League venues have been helped by this extra cash from the supporters' efforts.

Values of players have shot up since the pools began to pay the clubs better dividends than the participants. That is why I'm appealing to all clubs to guard that goose which lays the golden eggs. It is a timely warning and should not be dismissed with one meeting. It calls for foresight and also much expense in engaging good legal brains. The Rugby League pools must keep going, but it should have second thoughts on the copyright fees.

### SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS

It is really amazing how soon a season slips by and how much water goes under the "bridge" with it. It does not seem many minutes since I wrote a welcoming letter in this programme and now, the time has come to bid you adieu until Saturday, 8th August, when we play Rochdale, at Watersheddings, in our annual pre-season warm-up.

Please let me express the heart-felt appreciation of myself and my committee for the support you have given us during this season. Only by this support have we been able to modernise the canteens, install the new match clock and such-like amenities for your comfort and pleasure.

We have several other improvement plans afoot which you will, no doubt appreciate but that is for the future.

Again, let me thank you sincerely for your support this season.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN McCALLUM, President

### LIST OF FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

(Up to and including Saturday last)

Player	A.	G.	T.	Player	A.	G.	T.
Ganley	40	186	1	Little	29		6
Cracknell	28		20	Daley	2		
Nestor	17		6	Noon	29	16	13
Ayres	12		3	Edwards	2		
Etty	22		6	Turner	22	1	1
Kellett	39	1	18	Stirrup	7		2
Jones	2		2	McKeown	26		2
Rowbottom	21		1	Sims	16		10
Keith	37		12	Hatherall	2		
Lomas	14		2	Mee	1		
Davies	34		19	Jackson	21		1
Pitchford	34		13	Kelly	11		1
Dufty	18		1	Quinlan	3		1
Winslade	37		6	Goddard	3		
McIntyre	1			Lloyd	1		
Pugsley	9		1	Smith	1		
Southward	8		8				

### 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	10-20	15-18	21-14	20-21		28-8	5-7	10-5					
Blackpool	9-17	.....	6-19	8-7	13-6	12-34	10-20	11-10	19-26	9-17	21-20	23-20	9-21	10-15	6-9
Leeds	16-13	32-20	.....		59-20	18-15	12-23	18-19	12-11	12-16	17-47	18-12		17-8	17-10
Leigh	27-5	25-26	11-16	.....		11-7	21-5	15-20	6-10	9-22	4-23	20-3	13-7	15-25	20-15
Liverpool	12-11		16-20	20-16	.....	13-28	17-15	7-18	20-40	7-30	8-44	22-16	11-26	18-36	10-32
OLDHAM	39-13	44-3	13-12	19-16	67-6	.....	22-18	25-10		3-7	19-8	29-19	44-8	21-18	30-4
Rochdale	7-11	20-10	5-21	10-5	19-12	13-14	.....	16-26	5-15		5-13		16-15	16-23	10-18
Salford	19-10			12-16	8-6	14-9	16-4	.....	12-28		16-22	19-15		15-38	19-18
St. Helens	71-15	46-11	38-12			22-6	42-12		.....	32-3	15-7	27-3	38-4	13-9	
Swinton	13-6	27-15	3-26	10-18	35-10	8-19	23-11	11-11	19-11	.....	22-18	25-10	6-0	7-22	25-3
Warrington	26-15	25-8	32-15	15-13	23-26	13-20	19-0		15-29	5-15	.....	42-8	11-7	5-18	30-4
Whitehaven	38-0	43-7	8-0	8-17	24-15	14-3		19-10	2-25	29-17	19-2	.....	2-14	24-12	0-2
Widnes	17-8	46-7	5-16	36-16	37-10	28-6	34-11	35-10	25-16	17-5	13-17	13-23	.....		21-15
Wigan	49-16	29-11	32-3	26-12	45-7	19-7	38-0	31-14	19-14	24-8		39-16	7-11		
Workington	21-2	12-0	16-8	19-4	42-0	0-23	19-0	19-12	10-10	9-10	32-15	17-9	14-34	5-13	.....

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



## PEN PICTURES OF "THE TEAM OF THE SEASON"

### Glynn Moses—Full Back

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### Tom Van Vollenhoven—Right Wing

Standing 5ft. 9in. and weighing 13 stones. After a season and a half in Rugby League he is being talked of as the finest scoring winger ever. He has scored over 50 tries this season and heads the list.

### Frank Carlton—Centre

A wing-threequarter now playing centre. He is a local boy and he toured Australia last summer.

### John McGinn—Centre

One of the players who has come into the first team since the Easter matches. Undoubtedly a man with a future.

### Jan Prinsloo—Left Wing

The second of the Saints' South African wingers, signed only this season. He has played international for the Springboks in both centre and wing positions. He has the fast time of 9.8 secs. for 100 yds., 5ft. 10in. high and weight 13st. 6 lbs.

### William Smith—Out-half

Another local player just in the first team since Easter. Again, a player with a future assured.

### Alex Murphy—Scrum Half

International and County player. Toured Australia this year and the youngest player ever to go on tour. Mercurial Murphy has scored well this season.

### Abe. Terry—Front Row Forward

Australian Tourist weighing 15½ stone. A product of the local Junior Rugby League, a rare handful when in sight of the line.

### Eddie Brown—Hooker

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### Brian Briggs—Front Row Forward

A former tourist signed from Huddersfield last season. Only 25 he is a very experienced player. 15 stone, 6 feet. A great defender.

### Denis Karalius—Second Row Forward

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