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15	Leeds	home 3-0	26	Workington	away 2-30
18	Dewsbury	away 7-0	1960		
22	Salford	away 3-0	Jan. 2	Liverpool	away 2-30
25	Warrington	home 6-30	9	Wakefield	home 2-30
29	Whitehaven	away 3-0	16	Leigh	home 2-30
Sept. 5	Halifax	away 3-0	23	St. Helens	away 3-0
8	Halifax	home 6-30	30	Widnes	away 3-0
12	Hunslet	home 3-0	Feb. 6	Salford	home 3-0
19	Widnes	home 3-0	13	R.L. Cup	
26	Blackpool	away 3-0	20	Wakefield	away 3-0
Oct. 3	AUSTRALIA	home 3-0	27	R.L. Cup	
10	Barrow	away 3-0	Mar. 5	Leeds	away 3-0
17	Workington	home 3-0	12	Wigan	home 3-0
24	Warrington	away 3-0	19	Leigh	away 3-0
31	Barrow	home 3-0	26	Hunslet	away 3-0
Nov. 7	Rochdale	away 3-0	Apr. 2	Liverpool	home 3-0
14	Blackpool	home 2-30	9	St. Helens	home 3-0
21	Whitehaven	away 2-30	15	Swinton G. F.	away 3-0
28	Rochdale	home 2-30	16	E. S.	
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

There is no doubt about it we did the right thing in postponing our match against Hull scheduled for 12th December and which will be played on Monday, 28th December, kick-off 2.30 p.m.

It is obvious that when we have stated previously that television given during the actual progress of a match has become a menace, more especially when the final Test Match, Gt. Britain v. Australia was being shown all over the country. The committee saw the writing on the wall of this great opposition when we were the only Rugby League club to postpone our match on this day.

It is no use clubs lamenting after the event, action is desired before the event, and of course as we did, but the principle of it is all wrong. Clubs that had matches at home on 12th December are now very bitter against television, and rightly so, as the only way to hurt anyone is to touch their pocket as regards income. No club in the league can carry on with gate receipts as evident last Saturday. If this state of affairs continues there will be no need for two divisions of the Rugby League, the final result will be to get enough clubs to form a league at all. There is no doubt the red light is showing that something will have to be done regarding television on the viewing of the match whilst in progress, after a match we should say that it is good publicity, but then once again we emphasise that Rugby League should be played according to the book, play the game which can be a spectacle and a pleasure to watch, and less playing the man instead of the ball.

Rugby League we are sorry to say is taking a downward trend and who is responsible for this. One must admit that the players are in control of the game when once commenced, but a lead should come from club directors and committee's that they should insist on each man playing the game, and cut out the rough stuff. Rugby League players are professionals and are well paid for the job, and the men and women who pay to watch them should be repaid by a game they expect to see, they should have their monies worth, this can also be one of the reasons for the great decline in attendances, one does not expect to have an all in exhibition of brute strength and tackling by the head.

How often does one see the flying tackles round the waist and ankles which is a delight to watch.? What is a greater sight on a rugby field than seeing a wing three-quarter in full flight for the line and brought down by a flying tackle. The game of Rugby League is a good one to watch when played in the right spirit, people today must have entertainment that is worth watching and it is up to those people who control the game from a club point that an improvement can come along and fill the grounds once again and not to empty them. The remedy is in their hands. To win at all costs is bad sportsmanship, better go down losing with honour than a victory that is achieved by means that are un-British.

OUR VISITORS

Today it is a pleasure to entertain visitors from over the border in the Dewsbury Club. Although a Yorkshire Club they are this season transferred to the Lancashire League to equalise the number of clubs in each county. They are a volunteer club in this action and for so doing received a subsidy from the Northern Rugby Football League Levy Fund to the amount of £1,000.

The Dewsbury Club are not enjoying a season that begets a club with a grand record, insomuch they have played 19 league matches and only won 1, losing 18 matches and points against 558 and for 177. They are capable of good football as evidence that on 14th November they only lost at home to St. Helens by 20 points to 15 points and were very unlucky to be on the losing side, St. Helens just gaining the verdict near the final whistle.

However, there is one thing we shall be up against a team of triers and irrespective of their low position in the league we can expect opposition worthy of Rugby League football.

INJURED PLAYERS

Bob Pugsley, our forward from Bridgend R.U., is still on the injured list and his recovery from a slipped disc is taking a long time but is having expert treatment, but football is out of the question for a long time.

David Goddard our recent signing and 17 year old brother of Peter Goddard has soon struck a bad patch with injury, having received a knee injury with suspected cartilage trouble. We now await a specialists examination.

One good piece of news is that Sean Quinlan has now recovered from his back trouble, it was once suspected that he had disc trouble, but happily he has now recovered and is eligible for team selection.

PUTTING A "KICK" INTO THE GAME

by Cyril Briggs

"The sooner the tap penalty goes out the better." That's been said over and over again in many towns and cities where R.L. is played, but how is it that the old rule has lasted so long? And why was the change made in the first place to allow the tap? The tap was often not a tap. Some clever half-backs or hookers bounced the ball, and even got away with it.

Now when the tap goes we will have more scrummaging because the full-back or the fellow who usually takes the goal-kicks will be belting the ball down the field and towards the opposing team's line in the hope of gaining ground. But the disappearance of the tap comes when many players don't just know how to boot a ball!

THE OLD DOGS

Fortunately for the game, there are some who do. Take Bernard Ganley for instance. He knows how to hold the rugby ball and just when to make contact with the foot. He occasionally "skews" the kick, but not so often. The days of the "kicking full backs" went out with the retirement of Tommy Rees, Bobby Scott, Jim Sullivan, Jack Walkington, Ben Jolley and Tommy Clarkson. Only one or two present day players have ever approached then in this kind of play.

Jim Ledgerd is one of the modern players who came close to the full backs who often wore out opposing forwards by correct touch finding. If you watched the Leigh and Dewsbury full back (he is still on Dewsbury's books) in action he made a real job of the booting game. He was not popular with those chaps who tried to make R.L. like hand ball.

Ledgard once booted St. Helens out of the Lancashire Challenge Cup final. It's a fact he chased the defence about so much that when the time came to attack they couldn't find the required energy. Ledgerd, and Ganley have shown so often how easy it is to save their own legs and those of their colleagues. A huge punt down the field has gained ground and extricated their sides from difficult situations.

ASTUTE KICKERS

Finding touch as we knew it before the war is seldom seen. Stan Kielty of Halifax fame, Gerry Helme, of Warrington and to a lesser degree, Frank Whitcomb, the huge Bradford Northern player made ground—and made it often by the astute lob or grubber kick.

Now you will see penalty kickers gaining about a dozen yards with direct kicks to touch. They will not be able to gain length in their punts and their will be a law trajectory.

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Have you watched Lewis Jones in action? He has punched the ball from his own line to over half-way line and the opposing full back or winger has had no answer to the move. Another penalty kick and Leeds have been almost on their opponents line, just by the simple process of two punts. What a change to the repeated batterings and bargings of these days. The latter tactics are not entertaining and, what is more, the amount of ground gained has often been negligible.

NO "MONKEY" STUFF

Now that the tip tap penalty is to go, the hookers will have been warned "no monkey stuff" or we will be back in our own quarters merely because you have tried to hand the ball out of the scrum, or struck before the ball has entered the tunnel.

In the old days, a team with a good touch finder was often chasing the opposition around the field. He was a good catcher in the bargain and when it came to kicking duels between his opposite he was usually on the winning end.

It can be claimed that by relentless kicking a team can lose possession at a vital part in a game. Quite right, but teams must not make kicking mistakes when they have the whole field to work in. To show how the kicking art has left the R.L. code, just answer this question, after putting it to yourself. "How many times is the ball charged down these days?" And how many times do we hear the yell "all on?" Few, very few.

There will be complaints by some people about the "old up and under" coming back." But what of it.? Such a tactic while unattractive is a winning one on occasions and give me anything to wipe out the memory of the negative stuff—the bang and tackle, tackle and bang we have seen by packs since the war.

PITCHFORD MOVE

The kick (and follow up)—the type which goes just a few yards and over the heads of the half backs and at a spot so awkward for the full back to field—is a good move. You have seen Frank Pitchford make use of the dribble through. But there are not many Frank Pichfords in the game today—and that's a pity.

You will probably recall other men who could dribble a rugby ball with soccer skill. But there are hundreds of players in present day rugby who when called upon to punt the ball up field when going at speed would have to slow down to almost a walking pace to complete the act.

One or two wingers can "go hard" and kick a ball without changing pace. They know the value of such a tactic.

Yes, my dear R.L. followers, it is about time we put a kick into the game. True enough, it's the handling game, but let's have more variety. We see so much of it in other sports.

Now club coaches will have to change the training routines, but after all, the ball will be given more air, and the complete footballers will come to the forefront.

The kick will bring about a change in our game, but far too often do we see play confined to one spot. I can see no better method of opening up the game than by an occasional punt. But let us have some judicious stuff and not those shoddy kicks we often see in R.U. matches. After all, why was the direct kick to touch (other than from a penalty) outlawed in professional rugby? The answer is simple—to bring about more expert play.

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Southward	9		8	Robinson	14		2
Ayres	2			Quinlan	3		3
Noon	21	8	13	Stirrup	4	2	1
Sims	16		6	Smith	4		
Kellett	22	1	10	Nestor	13		8
Hatherall	3			Petley	1		
Jackson	15		1	Pitchford	14		2
McIntyre	15		3	McKeown	9		2
Goddard	14		1	Jones	1		1
Winslade	15		2	Pendlebury	2		
Duffy	18		4	Cawthra	1		
Pugsley	5		1				
Keith	14		1				

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Barrow		15-4	40-13		22-29	22-5						10-16			
Blackpool		14-5	15-30		13-29			7-46		5-12	5-11	10-20		15-5	
Dewsbury			9-24	26-15	7-35	14-18			15-20	11-29				7-35	9-30
Leigh	12-12				11-7		25-12	14-14						22-22	
Liverpool					11-9	6-18	20-14	6-45	16-19						14-5
OLDHAM	20-9	24-5			25-3				6-10		24-12				28-2
Rochdale	18-13		10-6		0-45		7-12	4-40	5-8						10-12
Salford	13-5		26-0		12-12				7-15	23-14	23-6				
Swinow		61-7		63-8					9-32						11-12
St. Helens	59-17			40-17				40-11							
Warrington	24-10	30-12	48-12	26-8	27-8						30-2			16-6	
Whitehaven		33-13		5-0	23-9	34-10		12-15							20-4
Widnes	36-0		25-2	24-5		14-3		14-27		22-5					7-8
Wigan				17-6	27-7	8-18		37-6		31-12	16-12				
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