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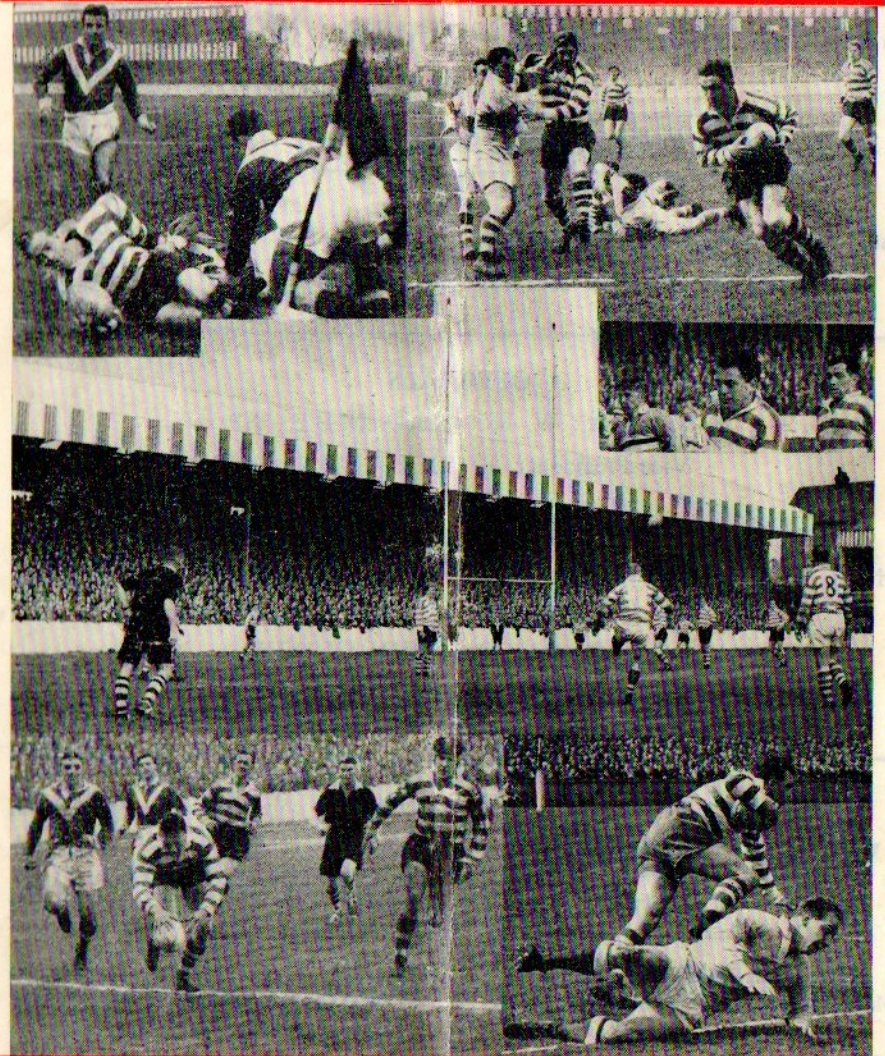
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1959			19	Dewsbury	home 2-30
Aug. 8	Rochdale (Charity)	home 3-0	25	Swinton	home 2-30
15	Leeds	home 3-0	25	Workington	away 2-30
18	Dewsbury	away 7-0	1959		
22	Salford	away 3-0	Jan. 2	Liverpool	away 2-30
25	Warrington	home 6-30	9	Wakefield	home 2-30
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	25	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	15	E. S.	
Dec. 5	Wigan	away 2-30	18	Whitehaven	home 3-0
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Our visit to Leeds on Saturday last proved just a little too much for us seeing that we were minus the services of Alan Davies and Ike Southward. The Leeds team had the major possession of the ball from the set scrums which meant that we had to do the chasing, not that we hadn't chances to win the match, the match could have been won and we could have lost by many more points, chances of scoring by both sides being missed. On the days play the Leeds team deserved their victory. One record we did make last Saturday was that it is the first match this season that we failed to score points.

After ten minutes in the second half we were unfortunate to lose the services of Gordon Haynes as a result of a tackle he received a shoulder injury and was off the field for the remainder of the match. Gordon is out of the game for at least three weeks, the injury being an hairline crack on the shoulder blade, this is bad luck both for the player and the club at this important stage of the season.

As previously stated we were at the wrong end of the stick as regards possession and under the new law it is most essential that we should have equal possession, to do the tackling is hard work and the tackler is always receiving the hard knocks.

It is a godsend to some clubs to possess a first class hooker these days also a full back who possesses a good punt of the ball. Attack is the best defence and whilst you are in possession your opponents cannot score, of course we are all for open play, this is what the crowd wants. Our game must be kept attractive, as to whether it is attractive by the meagre crowds that watch it at some matches is a matter for argument. Some of the attendances at Rugby League matches are very low and clubs could not carry on with such attendances, they are subsidised by a Pools Organisation, this is living on charity, and the problem is, can the Pools last? Will it outlive its welcome? If it does then some clubs will do some serious thinking of how to make ends meet. The problem of having too much money can retard a game and is often the cause of inflation in values such as we witness today, by the transfer fees and bonuses asked for.

OUR VISITORS

Wherever the Wigan team play they are always welcome visitors, the very name of Wigan appears to attract the crowd and there is not another team in the Rugby League with the consistency of form during the last decade.

They have a wonderful playing record and what star players have appeared in the clubs colours and are still doing. It is a record that the public of Wigan should be proud of and is proved so by the crowds that turn up at Central Park, Wigan.

And so it is when they are appearing on opponents grounds, every club looks forward from a visit of the Wigan Club well knowing that the finances of the home club will receive a great uplift.

So today we give a special welcome to Wigan and we hope the team contains all their star players and the game will be worthy of the traditions of both teams.

At this late hour we can announce that todays game is being televised between 2-0 p.m. and 4-30 p.m., by the B.B.C. the length and breadth of the land, and we hope that viewers in the South of England and Wales especially will enjoy a game of Rugby League at its best.

Our game last year against Wigan was televised and we received letters from Oldham exiles as far afield as Penzance, Bournemouth and Bognor Regis of the thrill they had on seeing their old team and viewing the ground which they once used to attend.

Television may have its faults on live sport but it also takes the sport — and we mention Rugby League — into the homes of many people who cannot attend our matches through living far afield and may we regretfully say Rugby League in their area.

WEMBLEY CUP-FINAL TICKETS

All the 25/- seating tickets for the Wembley Cup Final have now been sold. There are, however, limited numbers of seating tickets at 15/-, 12/6 and 7/6, still available, and supporters when placing their orders are requested to give an alternative price in case the tickets of their choice have been sold.

All applications to be made to the Rugby Football League, 180 Chapletown Road, Leeds 7.

THIS BROTHERLY ACT SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED

writes Cyril Briggs

The decision by the St. Helens directorate to allow ex-Tourists, Tom McKinney (hooker) and Glynn Moses (full back) to depart for a matter of a few hundred pounds is a move which is not only considerate to players and other clubs, but a commendable action.

Sure enough both players have past the zenith of their rugby careers, but they could bring about much improvement to other clubs because of their rich experience.

At one time the "loan system" worked very well until there was some haggling over details of a loan, and Wigan, in particular, announced that they would be extremely careful in future transactions because a player on loan didn't seem too anxious to return.

VAN GOES FREE

But Wigan have allowed a number of stars to depart from Central Park and by so doing have given considerable aid to lesser fortunate clubs. Take the case of Van Rooyer for instance. In 1930 he was allowed to go to Naughton Park on a free transfer, although Wigan had parted with a big cheque to Hull K. R. for "The Van."

Widnes soon came to terms with the big South African and he became one of the regulars, so much so that he led the pack brilliantly. Widnes went through the various rounds of the challenge cup, but were given no chance at all in the 1930 final—the second to take place at Wembley—against St. Helens.

Van led the 12 local Widnesians to a great triumph at Wembley, although he wasn't skipper. It was indeed one of the greatest upsets the R.L. game has ever known. But it planted the game firmly on the Merseyside sporting scene and that was the beginning of more triumphs of this Lancashire club.

DONCASTER DID WELL

When Doncaster joined the R.L. they assembled mature players who had made their mark elsewhere. They were players who had seen better days as far as the game was concerned—or at least most of them—but experience told and in the very first game they shook Wakefield Trinity.

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- 2—SOUTHWARD
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- 4—NOON
- 5—NESTOR
- 6—KELLETT
- 7—PITCHFORD *Craig*
- 8—JACKSON
- 9—McINTYRE
- 10—DUFTY
- 11—WINSLADE
- 12—GRAY
- 13—ROBINSON

Referee:

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WIGAN

Red and White

- 1—GRIFFITHS
- 2—BOSTON
- 3—ASHTON
- 4—HOLDEN
- 5—SULLIVAN
- 6—BOLTON
- 7—ENTWISTLE
- 8—BARTON
- 9—SAYER
- 10—COLLIER
- 11—CHERRINGTON
- 12—McTIGUE
- 13—LYON

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Liverpool City have always relied on recognised stars, but these days they have been developing their own talent, although Ike Fishwick, the hooker, has been playing for more than 15 years in first class R.L. Fishwick has taught the City pack many things and quite a number of sides in the top half of the table have fallen down at Knotty Ash.

There are many other instances where men have floated around and been unable to obtain a regular berth until the big opportunity has arisen. But this brother helping brother act will certainly further the game of R.L. In recent seasons Rochdale Hornets have reason to thank several Lancashire Clubs for helping them out of difficult situations.

In one instance a transfer fee was held up simply because the Hornets hadn't the ready cash to pay out. As far as I know the fee has still to be paid, and if the Rochdale club are still hard up at the end of the season, the money may be waived.

SECOND SIGNING-ON FEE

I realise that a player who has been with a club for a number of years doesn't like being placed on the free list because he has no chance of a second signing-on fee. But surely it is better to get playing wages instead of watching from the touch line.

Ted White, the Warrington forward, hung on at Warrington, thinking that he would get a testimonial when his ten years were up. He missed two chances of being transferred with appropriate cuts from the fees. Now he has had to face up to the fact that testimonials are only given at the discretion of the club officials, and are not automatic, even after ten years service.

White goes to Salford and he might easily get a chance of first team football—much better than when he was at Warrington and only played in the reserves. A change has often proved more beneficial than a rest!

FADED STARS

There are however, instances where clubs hang on to faded stars for too long with the result that when the players are eventually released to make way for up and coming lads, they are inclined to get despondent and hang up their boots. In very many cases these are considerable losses to the code, for the services of these veterans could be used in many ways.

There is a shortage of referees for the amateur leagues but the greatest need is for experienced coaches. For a few pounds a season these men could be recruited to the junior movements and by passing on the benefit of their experience, they could produce dozens of very useful players. And by jove we need them in R.L. today.

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Batley	Rochdale
Bramley	York
Castleford	Hull
Halifax	Dewsbury
Hull K. R.	Doncaster
Hunslet	Wakefield
Keighley	Huddersfield
Leigh	Featherstone
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St. Helens	Barrow
Swinton	Blackpool
Warrington	Salford
Whitehaven	Widnes

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Player	A.	G.	T.	Player	A.	G.	T.
Ganley	32	158	1	Davies	30		11
Southward	20		27	Robinson	27		3
Ayres	2			Quinlan	3		3
Noon	34	12	20	Stirrup	4	2	1
Sims	23		8	Smith	5		
Kellett	33	1	15	Nestor	19		13
Hatherall	4			Petley	1		
Jackson	25		1	Pitchford	26		4
McIntyre	25		5	McKeown	10		2
Goddard P.	17		1	Jones	3		1
Winslade	28		5	Pendlebury	3		
Duffy	31		6	Cawthra	1		
Pugsley	5		1	Haynes	11		
Keith	14		1	Mumberson	1		
Lord	3		1	Ogden	1		

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

(Up to and including Saturday last)

	Barrow	Blackpool	Dewsbury	Leigh	Liverpool	OLDHAM	Rochdale	Salford	Swinton	St. Helens	Warrington	Whitehaven	Widnes	Wigan	Workington
Barrow	...		15-4	40-13		22-29	22-5								
Blackpool	11-5	...	14-5	15-30	5-5	13-29	5-9	6-21							
Dewsbury			...	9-24	26-15	7-35	14-18	13-14	8-10	15-20	11-29	2-17		7-35	9-30
Leigh	12-12		37-4	...	22-0		11-7	25-12	14-14	4-12	10-12	12-12		22-22	
Liverpool	5-13	19-8	7-9		...	17-13	11-9	6-18	20-14	6-45	16-19				14-5
OLDHAM	20-9	34-5	46-7	22-0		...	25-3	20-15	35-10		6-10		24-12		28-2
Rochdale	18-13		12-5	10-6	5-8	0-45	...	7-8	7-32	4-40	5-8				10-12
Salford	13-5	2-5	26-0	10-30	19-3	12-12		...	2-2	7-15	23-14	23-6		13-20	
Swinton	5-0		61-7		63-8			12-5	...	9-32	13-5		11-8		32-3
St. Helens		59-17	25-4	14-10	40-17	27-6	26-2	40-11		...	40-6				11-12
Warrington	24-10	30-12	48-12		26-8	27-8	16-0		12-19	16-19	...	30-2	9-9	16-6	
Whitehaven		33-13		20-11	5-0	23-9		34-10	13-5	12-15	7-0	...		7-7	20-4
Widnes	36-0	19-4	25-2	24-5	22-5	0-10	14-3			14-27		22-5	...		7-8
Wigan	43-3	47-3		12-10	17-6	27-7	8-18	37-6	7-19	34-5	3-12	16-12	...		7-11
Workington			28-13	5-12	26-11		12-7		10-18	6-21		0-24	19-2	0-6	...

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