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15	Leeds	home 3-0	26	Workington	away 2-30
18	Dewsbury	away 7-0	1950		
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	15	E. S.	
Dec. 5	Wigan	away 2-30	18	Whitehaven	home 3-0
12	Hull	home 2-30	23	Hull	away 3-0

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Third Round Rugby League Challenge Cup

OLDHAM v. BRAMLEY

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

We cannot let our defeat by Wigan pass without a compliment to our players and also the Wigan players for putting up such a good show of Rugby League football. It is a pity that one side had to lose, but there it is, we were defeated by the odd point, but there is honour in defeat especially in this one.

What a game to remember and what an advertisement for the Rugby League. This match was put over on television on the whole network and letters of appreciation have poured in to us of the wonderful show that was put over and asking for more. One exile in Penzance stated that it was a breath of home to see the match and the crowd, memories of his past attendance at Watersheddings. In fact the viewer could not sit down and stood the whole time viewing.

Over 16,000 paid to see the match which is a compliment to the attraction and television must have attracted, well, we cannot state the millions. What an advertisement for Wembley if we are lucky to meet Wigan there.

Referring to the match, the excitement was intense, and a little more steadiness must have brought us victory. Without our star scrum half Frank Pitchford, who had fallen a victim to flu, his deputy, Brian Hatherall did a good job of work, it being quite an ordeal for him to play against Wigan.

OUR VISITORS

Today is a special day in our activities of season 1959-60 being the third round of the Challenge Cup and a step of our ambition, and of course, all clubs of appearing at the famous stadium at Wembley. Our opponents of today are Bramley to whom we extend a welcome.

Unlike ourselves the Bramley Club have been drawn away in the two previous rounds, the first round at Liverpool when they made a draw of 3 points each and won the replay at Bramley by over thirty points. The second round they had to travel to Rochdale and provided the Hornets with a sensation by winning by four points to nil.

Today our team will have to be on its best form as we shall be facing our opponents as evidence by their performances in the previous rounds, we cannot afford to take matters for granted. Somehow cup-tie football has something a little bit extra from league football. The players realise that something more than two points are at stake, the glory of winning a cup is a wonderful sensation to all players, and what greater ambition is there than playing at Wembley before a capacity crowd.

Victory today will place us in the semi-final and which will be played on a neutral ground.

PEN PICTURES OF BRAMLEY PLAYERS

John Wilson, full back. Completes seven seasons with the Club previous service with Dewsbury. Consistent goal kicker. A New Zealander Recently on the transfer list but removed at own request.

Brian Wrigglesworth, centre. Came to Bramley from Doncaster in December, 1958. Played for Yorkshire this season v. Australians.

Willis Rushton, stand-off half. Captains the side. Completed his National service last year. Five seasons with the Club. Signed from a Pontefract junior club. Reserve for Yorkshire this season.

Andy Quinn, scrum half. Wakefield boy and signed from Huddersfield this season.

Jim Hainsworth, Prop forward. Transferred from Leeds in October 1959. Settled in as a first class Club man. Previously with Batley and Salford.

Jack Rogers. Needs no introduction being ex Salford, Oldham and Hull Kingston. Started career as full back. Now giving good service in the pack.

Derek Kelly, centre. Given long service to the club after signing from local football.

Along with Derek Kelly the side is completed with boys who graduated from local district R.L. football.

Laurie Kennedy, hooker

Colin Noble, wing three-quarter

Both previously at Hunslet before joining Bramley.

Other locals are:

Kevin Murthick, 20 year old wing three-quarter

Tony Marker, second row forward

Roy Barker, loose forward

IT'S WEMBLEY—EVERY TIME

writes Cyril Briggs

Whether Oldham get to Wembley or not, you'll hear lots of people saying that the R.L. Challenge Cup final should be played in the North "where the game was founded and where it has been played with success for more than half a century."

But Wembley has its own special touch of glamour. The players who have figured in any of the finals here, and the most far seeing fan will say, "Keep the final at Wembley."

We have seen finals played at Northern venues—I'll not mention them all—but we have not been satisfied with the arrangements. Apart from the fact that one Lancashire Mayor thought he had been insulted by a Soccer steward, and a team on its way back from a cup final feasted itself on tripe and onions, (despite having lost) there are other features (or lack of them) which puts a Northern City venue final out of the question.

DISAPPOINTMENT

When the final was brought back from Wembley for only one year, the attendance was most disappointing despite the fact that Leeds and Swinton (two top teams at the time, and playing open rugby) clashed at Wigan.

Now where is there a greater hot-bed of rugby than Wigan? The final moved back to Wembley and despite the fact that many writers have told us that the league championship should be played at the Empire Stadium and not the challenge cup final, there have been some stirring struggles at this famous Middlesex venue.

Coming back with the cup from Bradford or Wigan hasn't the same effect on the people. Why, when the Warrington team wended its way through the biggest road chaos ever known over the Pennines, there were few people in Warrington to greet them!

No use saying they were all at Bradford (coming back or stranded) but the handful of folk who cheered the Wires team that night had to be seen to be believed.

AT WEMBLEY

Oldham people have seen the R.L. cup at Watersheddings, and the club has always been prominent in this competition, but Oldhamers have not been given the opportunity of cheering the cherry and whites at Wembley.

Why not this year? You have to have a little bit o' luck in any cup tie, in fact I'm always on the track of the chap who says there's no such thing as cup tie football.

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- 10—ROGERS J.
- 11—MARKER A.
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Of course there is, and we often get more surprised when there is a cup tie atmosphere than in dozens of league games. Oldham's team could go to Wembley. I for one, hope it does. I don't like seeing a monopoly.

And but for Brian Bevan and that stolen pass of 1954, it would most certainly have been Oldham's year. To this very day they talk in Warrington of that cup final as "Brian Bevan's". He almost pinched the cup from under Oldham's noses.

No other player could have done it and was a bad stroke of luck for the Watersheddings men when Bevan got that interception and raced to the line. Bevan will tell you himself that he was lucky to hold the greasy ball. He will also say that he was very lucky to retain his foothold when he went on his long run to the posts.

FATAL BLOW

It was a last despairing effort, and Warrington players were out on their feet at the time, and were being hard pressed when the fatal blow landed. Yes, only a player of Bevan's calibre could have got Warrington out of a tight spot. No wonder it was Bevan's cup.

I know that there are many people who think that Oldham are not the ideal team. But remember they have fought their way into the third round, and with two more hurdles to take (including today's) they will have done the trick.

A day in London, or even a week-end (most R.L. folk have three or four days to see the sights besides going to the game) is well worth the money and if **YOUR** team is playing well it's all the better and all the more exciting.

WHY NOT OLDHAM

No team is perfect—the teams in the third round of today's competition have their own local critics so why not Oldham at Wembley?

And if they get there they have as good a chance of winning the trophy as their opponents. There have been shocks at Wembley, and even the favourites have seen their opponents lift the cup. Late scores, the taking of chances at the right time, has led to the cup being won.

I know that ability is a great thing in any sport: I realise that experience is also very important as well, but if Oldham do get to Wembley, they will have 13 men on the field striving just as hard as the opposition to get the chief prize. Luck plays funny tricks and who knows, this time it may be Oldham's turn to have a big share.

Play the game in the North? Not on your life, why there's not enough room for a huge crowd to see the game in comfort at any of the Northern venues (Soccer grounds included). And apart from the lack of general facilities, Wembley is so near to London and you don't see London's sights every day—or evening. Now do you?

TODAYS RUGBY LEAGUE GUIDE

Third Round Challenge Cup

Hull	12	Wigan	8
Oldham	8	Bramley	2
Swinton	7	Featherstone	11
Whitehaven	10	Wakefield	21

League Matches

Bradford	Warrington
Halifax	St. Helens
Leeds	Batley
Liverpool	Leigh
Rochdale	Castleford
Salford	Workington
York	Huddersfield
Blackpool	Doncaster

Referee Appointments:

- Mar. 26—**Hunslet v. Oldham**, Mr. T. W. Watkinson, Pendlebury
 Apr. 2—**Oldham v. Liverpool**, Mr. H. Pearce, Leeds
 9—**Oldham v. St. Helens**, Mr. E. Clay, Rothwell
 15—**G.F. Swinton v. Oldham**, Mr. G. Wilson, Dewsbury
 16—**Workington v. Oldham**, Mr. H. Pickersgill, Castleford
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Player	A.	G.	T.	Player	A.	G.	T.
Ganley	33	160	1	Davies	31		11
Southward	21		28	Robinson	28		3
Ayres	2			Quinlan	3		3
Noon	34	12	20	Stirrup	4	2	1
Sims	24		8	Smith	5		
Kellett	34	1	15	Nestor	20		13
Hatherall	5			Petley	1		
Jackson	26		1	Pitchford	26		4
McIntyre	26		5	McKeown	10		2
Goddard P.	17		1	Jones	3		1
Winslade	29		6	Pendlebury	3		
Dufty	32		6	Cawthra	1		
Pugsley	5		1	Haynes	11		
Keith	14		1	Mumberson	1		
Lord	3		1	Ogden	1		
				Gray	1		

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	Barrow	Blackpool	Dewsbury	Leigh	Liverpool	OLDHAM	Rochdale	Salford	Swinson	St. Helens	Warrington	Whitehaven	Widnes	Wigan	Workington
Barrow	...		15-4	40-13		22-29	22-5	6-21		8-16		2-15	10-16		2-5
Blackpool	11-5	...	14-5	15-30	5-5	13-29	5-9		7-46	7-26	5-12	5-11	10-20	7-4	15-5
Dewsbury		8-10	...	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	10-11	28-2
Rochdale	18-13		12-5	10-6	5-8	0-45	...	7-8	7-12	4-40	5-8				0-7
Salford	13-5	2-5	26-0	10-30	19-3	12-12		...		2-2	7-15	23-14	23-6	13-20	
Swinson	5-0	23-9	61-7		63-8			12-5	...	9-32	13-5		11-8		32-3
St. Helens	13-12	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	37-5	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	...	10-12	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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