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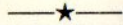


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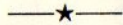
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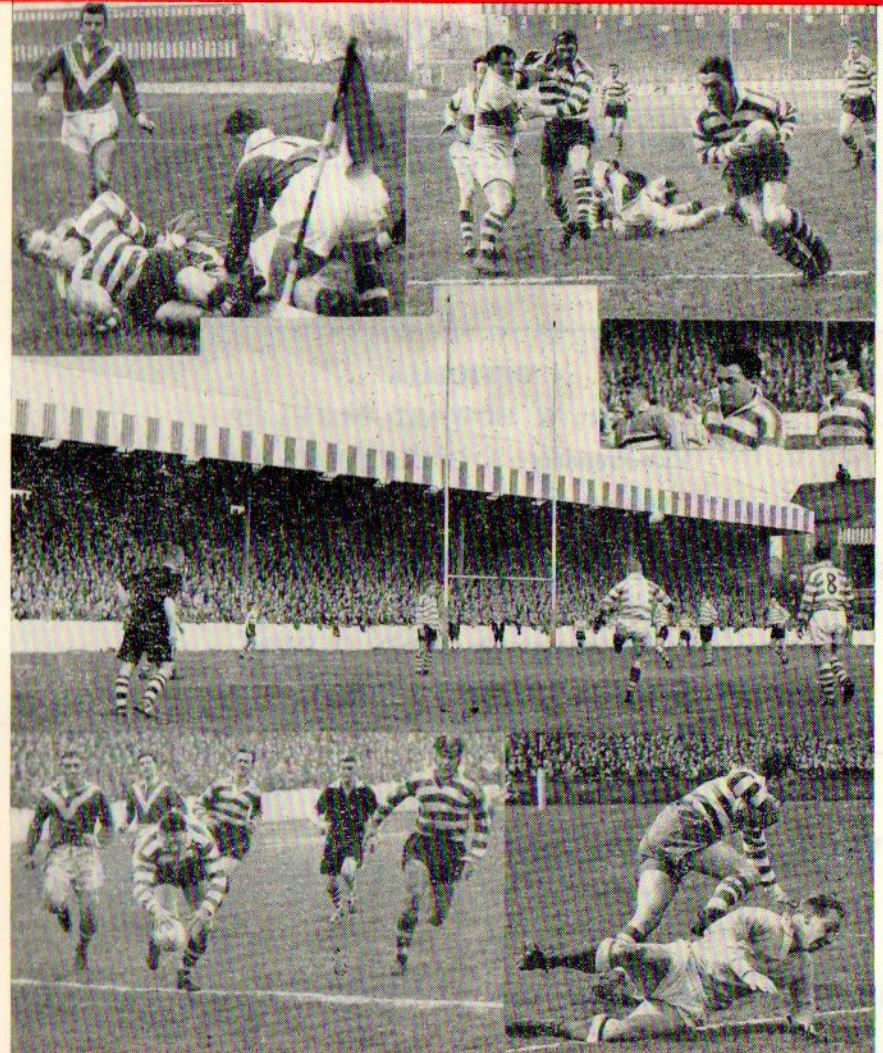
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Aug. 8	Rochdale (Charity)	home 3-0	25	Swinton	home 2-30
15	Leeds	home 3-0	26	Workington	away 2-30
18	Dewsbury	away 7-0			
22	Salford	away 3-0	1959		
25	Warrington	home 6-30	Jan. 2	Liverpool	away 2-30
29	Whitehaven	away 3-0	9	Wakefield	home 2-30
Sept. 5	Halifax	away 3-0	16	Leigh	home 2-30
8	Halifax	home 6-30	23	St. Helens	away 3-0
12	Hunslet	home 3-0	30	Widnes	away 3-0
19	Widnes	home 3-0	Feb. 6	Salford	home 3-0
26	Blackpool	away 3-0	13	R.L. Cup	
Oct. 3	AUSTRALIA	home 3-0	20	Wakefield	away 3-0
10	Barrow	away 3-0	27	R.L. Cup	
17	Workington	home 3-0	Mar. 5	Leeds	away 3-0
24	Warrington	away 3-0	12	Wigan	home 3-0
31	Barrow	home 3-0	19	Leigh	away 3-0
Nov. 7	Rochdale	away 3-0	26	Hunslet	away 3-0
14	Blackpool	home 2-30	Apr. 2	Liverpool	home 3-0
21	Whitehaven	away 2-30	9	St. Helens	home 3-0
28	Rochdale	home 2-30	15	Swinton G. F.	away 3-0
Dec. 5	Wigan	away 2-30	15	E. S.	
12	Hull	home 2-30	18	Whitehaven	home 3-0
			23	Hull	away 3-0

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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Our visit to Hunslet on Saturday, proved one of happy hunting grounds and we played our usual good game and came away victorious by seven points to four points and a very worthy victory indeed.

Our forwards reinforced by William Payne and John Crook were in top form and did a great share in the victory by the magnificent tackling of the Hunslet forwards and also the Hunslet backs. To win at Hunslet is a very good achievement as very few teams come away with victory, in fact they had played 40 matches without home defeat until Wakefield beat them on the 12th of March, by 15 points to 8 points.

Our two new forwards in Payne and Crook (who is on trial from Leigh), shaped very well and had a rare baptism in their debut in our first team against such a formidable pack that was fielded by Hunslet.

The attendances at several matches in the Rugby League on Saturday last were very small indeed, even at Hunslet only 5,500 people paying for admittance, of course one may put the blame on the running of the Grand National which was televised, but even with a late kick-off such as we had at Hunslet at 4-0 p.m., the attendance should have been greater.

Five hundred people watching Liverpool v. Batley, eight hundred and forty people watching Dewsbury v. Barrow, two visiting teams that had travelled long distances, one may ask is the journey worth it with so few people watching. The only way these clubs carry on is by way of a subsidy from Pools Organisation or the transfer of star players. Certain clubs have to do this to live, it is a case of taking one another's washing in.

Clubs find potential stars as a junior, develop him and then comes along a transfer to a wealthier club. All clubs who can afford do this business much as it is against the playing future of certain clubs but then there is no option, money must be got, and away goes the star player.

Although Liverpool City are our good friends, they lost a player of first class ability but their finances are enriched by £3,000, and we hope the money will do them as good as we anticipate our recent capture in William Payne will do us.

OUR VISITORS

Today we give a welcome to Liverpool City who keep the flag of Rugby League flying on Merseyside in face of great soccer opposition. We admire them for the way they carry on year after year in the face of meagre attendances, but what shocks they can administer to visitors to their small appointed ground.

The gave us a shock on January 2nd of this year in their surprise win of 17 points to 13 points. However we are anxious to improve on this result today and hope to record a sounding victory with some good play.

CHALLENGE CUP

Next week at Swinton we shall be playing the game of the season, so far, in the semi-final of the Challenge Cup against Hull and our players are confident that this is our Wembley year.

We know that we are up against dour opponents but what a great incentive apart from the remuneration to appear at Wembley this year. Her Majesty the Queen has promised to attend the match and present the Cup to the winners. This will be the Queen's first Rugby League match. She will be accompanied by Prince Phillip who will be presented to the teams prior to the match.

I am sure that all Oldham will wish our boys success in this coming eventful match, a win will not be out of turn as it is 33 years since we appeared in the Challenge Cup Final. So good luck to the boys in their efforts.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The meetings of the Disciplinary Committee are governed by the fact that a player sent off the field must be dealt with not later than twelve days from his dismissal.

An Oldham player was once dismissed from the field and was not called in the required twelve days, resulting in him not being dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee.

Also, a player who through want of a quorum of the Disciplinary Committee, was cleared without suspension.

KEEPING POSSESSION FROM THE PENALTY KICK

writes Cyril Briggs

I thought it would happen sooner or later—a way around the new penalty law. Before this season the R.L. team awarded a penalty kick would generally adopt the tip-tap tactic. So the opposition had little chance of getting possession from this move. That rule plus the unsporty play-the-ball law meant that teams could retain possession for 20 minutes on end, and as a spectacle the game was suffering.

The introduction of the instruction that the tackled player and “dummy” half back **MUST** pass or incur a scrummage, has livened up the game, and it looked as if the new rule about penalties would give both sides a chance of getting the ball.

AGAINST THE WIND

I realise that there are occasions when a non-offending side gets little or no benefit when receiving a penalty kick. For instance the wind may be so strong that the award is almost useless.

Trust a Welshman to find a loop-hole and I'm not blaming him in the least. Wily Billy Banks made legislators sit up in their seats in a recent game when he found a way of retaining possession even though he had kicked the ball. Most, if not all teams, who are penalised put their big men on the mark simply because they have a better chance of defending their posts against a kicker.

Rather than lunge the ball to touch and gain ground, Billy decided to punt the ball against the back of the man or men standing the mark, and as it was more or less a charge down in reverse, the Huddersfield—Whitehaven—Salford scrum half back was in order. The ball came back to him, but he had to be mighty nippy to get in a pass to a colleague.

“UP AND UNDER” IDEA

Several teams are going to try this out and it means something of a variety from the usual kick to the side-line or the old up-and-under idea. I'm afraid that the new penalty rule has caught many teams and coaches on the wrong leg.

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Players who have had a long association with the handling code, or who have been "baptised" into the R.L. doctrine when soon out of their swaddling clothes, are those who are able to operate the "up and under" kick successfully.

Others slice the kick or loft it badly thus giving their own players a poor chance to advance in a solid mass—a tactic which should strike fear in the hearts of the defenders.

Recently I saw Alan Prescott taking the kicks for St. Helens, and what a good job he was making of it. He either gained ground, made the defence quake with the high punt, or took the opposition by surprise with the swift kick past the mark. It was taking us back to the pre-war era when players could handle the ball as accurately as they could kick it.

NOTHING WRONG

Billy Banks may find he has a few critics by his charge down idea, but I don't find anything in the laws to prevent an opponent facing the man taking the penalty shot, so long as he doesn't interfere with the kick or kicker.

The element of surprise has long been lacking in the R.L. game. The quick witted players seem to have departed instead of the subterfuge there are far too many orthodox movements. I don't like sharp practices, neither do I like the player who finds some unfair way of getting around the rules. But slick methods can often hoodwink a slow thinking defence.

If we had trickier players we would cause a bigger and lasting impression on the schoolboys, who seem to be fast learners.

The old play-the-ball rule, which brought in its wake the bang and batter brigade, caused the youngsters to follow suit. Now things are changing.

Quite recently I saw Mr. Bill Fallowfield at work with chalk and blackboard teaching a group of school masters a few of the finer points of the game.

The course, which was held at a noted Lancashire ground, soon had its effect for the boys I have seen in action—and all ages at that—seem to have grasped the right idea. One up for Mr. Fallowfield. We want our juniors brought up the right way, don't we?

TODAYS RUGBY LEAGUE GUIDE

Blackpool	Castleford
Bradford	Leeds
Dewsbury	Halifax
Doncaster	Batley
Featherstone	Workington
Huddersfield	Hull
Hull K. R.	Leigh
Hunslet	Keighley
Oldham	Liverpool
Salford	Rochdale
St. Helens	Swinton
Whitehaven	Barrow
Widnes	Wigan
York	Wakefield

Referee Appointments:

- 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
 18—**Oldham v. Whitehaven**, Mr. R. Gelder, Wilmslow
 23—**Hull v. Oldham**, Mr. T. W. Watkinson, Pendlebury

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Player	A.	G.	T.	Player	A.	G.	T.
Ganley	35	163	1	Davies	33		11
Southward	22		28	Robinson	30		3
Ayres	2			Quinlan	3		3
Noon	36	12	20	Stirrup	4	2	1
Sims	25		8	Smith	6		
Kellett	36	1	15	Nestor	22		15
Hatherall	5			Petley	1		
Jackson	26		1	Pitchford	28		4
McIntyre	28		5	McKeown	10		2
Goddard P.	17		1	Jones	3		1
Winslade	31		7	Pendlebury	3		
Duffy	34		6	Cawthra	1		
Pugsley	5		1	Haynes	11		
Keith	14		1	Mumberson	1		
Lord	3		1	Ogden	1		
Payne	1			Gray	2		
Crook	1						

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE
(Up to and including Saturday last)

	Barnold	Blackpool	Dewsbury	Leigh	Liverpool	OLDHAM	Rochdale	Belford	Swinton	St. Helens	Warrington	Whitehaven	Widnes	Wigan	Workington
Barnold	...		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	14-14	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	2-8	...	17-15	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	44-9	12-5	10-6	5-8	0-45	...	7-8	7-12	4-40	5-8			0-7	10-12
Belford	13-5	2-5	26-0	10-30	19-3	12-12	...		2-2	7-15	23-14	23-6	13-20		31-5
Swinton	5-0	23-9	61-7	26-5	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	31-12	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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