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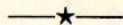
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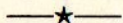


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1959			19	Dewsbury	home 2-30
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15	Leeds	home 3-0	25	Workington	away 2-30
18	Dewsbury	away 7-0	1950		
22	Salford	away 3-0	Jan. 2	Liverpool	away 2-30
25	Warrington	home 6-30	9	Wakefield	home 2-30
29	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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#### WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

In recent matches we have slipped from grace and position in the Northern Rugby League table as a result of our none too happy Easter holiday matches. A slight resume of our matches would not be out of place.

On Good Friday for the match at Swinton which was lost by 10 points to 7 points we had to take the field minus the services of our full back, Ganley and scrumhalf Pitchford and although our deputies put up a very good show our display as a whole was disappointing in a match that could have been won and which should have been won.

After the match the team travelled to Workington for the match on Easter Saturday and difficulty was experienced in placing a full fit team in the field. Alan Kellett although not fit for football volunteered to play full back in an emergency and we had Hatherall and Jones as half backs. Here again we fully expected victory but the critics at Workington stated that the Workington team had played their best football of the season and we lost the match by 17 points to 8 points after receiving the worst of the bad knocks that were roaming about.

Ike Southward was injured early in the game, Dufty had pulled a calf muscle, Goddard had received an ankle injury and McKeown had wo large blisters on his instep possibly as a result of the hard ground. Nestor also had a bad shoulder injury which necessitated him taking matters with precaution.

So the loss at Workington is soon explained by the match injuries we had received, received in the ordinary run of the game and not by foul play, in fact this game was played in a most sporting way and one cannot realise any player being cautioned, and this is how it should be.

On Easter Monday our game against Whitehaven at home was played by teams consisting of players promoted from the "A" teams from both sides and we ran out winners by 36 points to 8points. Our promoted players displayed good form even taking into consideration our opponents depleted forces and which must be a happy omen for the future.

## OUR VISITORS

This being our last 1st team match at Watersheddings for the season 1959/60 what greater opponents could we have as a wind-up as the St. Helens Club with their team of stars.

It is a pity that we cannot field a team of full strength but we can rest assured that the deputies will do the club good service.

The St. Helens Club are sure of a home game in the play-offs of the League. Their play this season has been one of consistency and they fully deserve their position as one of the leading clubs in our game.

We hope to have a great game this evening a good crowd and we hope for victory as a finale to our home programme for a season that has been an eventful one in the history of the Club.

## THE WORLD CUP

Venues for the World Cup Competition are drawn up for next season and Odsal Stadium, Bradford, will get three of the seven R.L. World Cup fixtures under a new schedule drawn up by the International Committee.

Previous plans were upset by the Football League ban on the use of soccer grounds at Leeds and Hull.

The following are the dates:

Saturday, Sept. 24th—**Gt. Britain v. New Zealand**, Odsal

Saturday, Sept. 24th—**Australia v. France**, Wigan

Saturday, 1st October—**Australia v. New Zealand**, Leeds

Saturday, 1st October—**Gt. Britain v. France**, Swinton

Saturday, 8th October—**Australia v. Gt. Britain**, Odsal

Saturday, 8th October—**New Zealand v. France**, Wigan

Monday, October 10th—**Winners v. Rest**, Odsal

On the above three Saturdays there will be no Northern Rugby League matches played and we advise all our members and supporters to go along to the match of their choice. The R.L. are committed to a large amount of money as guarantee for the colossal expense of bringing the teams from Australia, New Zealand and France to this country so it is up to all Rugby League supporters to rally round and make this World Cup series a success.

## TACKLERS—"GO LOW—GO LOW"

writes Cyril Briggs

Next season you may see more low tackling in the R.L. game than for several seasons. In previous articles, I have commented about head-tackling and have been a strong opponent of such tactics.

The R.L. laid it down quite recently, after complaints that a new kind of stiff arm tackle was being attempted, that referees and club officials should stamp out the "head hunting".

My congratulations to referee Eric Clay of Leeds for his prompt action in a recent match. He saw a player grab at an opponent's face when the man with ball was in full flight for the line. The culprit was spoken to very severely and from the resultant penalty a goal was kicked.

Still, the team which had offended had not learnt its lesson and again it was penalised for the same offence. Once more a goal was conceded. These were vital points and the offending side lost the game.

## FINAL FAVOURITE

I hope that all referees whether in the professional ranks or controlling amateur games, will follow the example of Mr. Clay, who looks like being one of the favourites for the Wembley Cup final. "No nonsense" should be the instruction from the referees to the teams, and therefore we are likely to see more text book tackles from now on.

Rarely a match goes by without a foul tackle. The law lays it down quite clearly that the man who has effected the tackle must not use any part of his opponents' body to help him regain his (the tackler's) feet. As I have said on previous occasions, it would be better if the tackler rolled away from his opponent and not on him.

This sort of "push him down" attitude by the tackler often leads to a show of temper by the man who has been downed, for in muddy and muggy weather all kinds of tricks are tried on the man who is trying so desperately hard to retain possession.

## OLD TRICK

The old trick of robbing the man in possession has broken out afresh and some definite law needs to be passed to stop such a practice. I think it would be better for all concerned if one would-be "robber" was told in plain language that he could steal the ball when affecting the tackle, but not afterwards.

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- 5—NEEDHAM
- 6—KELLETT
- 7—HATHERALL
- 8—PAYNE
- 9—McINTYRE
- 10—MUMBERSON
- 11—DUFTY
- 12—McKEOWN
- 13—PARKER

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### ST. HELENS

Red and White

- 1—RHODES A.
- 2—VAN VOLLENHOVEN T.
- 3—LARGE K.
- 4—McGINN J.
- 5—PRINSLOO A.
- 6—MURPHY A.
- 7—BRIERS A.
- 8—TERRY A.
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When two players are engaged in a tackle on an opponent, I think it is distinctly unfair if the ball is taken from the man in possession, or is knocked unfairly from his grasp. It should be a case of man for man, and nothing else.

Mind you I don't blame any player for attempting to get possession from a play-the-ball, so long as he doesn't dive around the tackled man too soon. Neither do I like this hoofing at the ball when it is to be played. Some players are not too fussy where they plant their boot!

Referee Clay was hooted loud and long for other technical points. But he was right when he ordered a penalty (not a free kick as many R.L. people say) as a player slid to earth. Voluntary tackles too are "out", but there are times when they are not easily detected.

### HEELING DEEP

I also admired the referee for his quick decisions about the "dummy" half back at play-the-ball. In certain instances when the ball was heeled "deep", the man accepting the ball ran for quite a way before being tackled. The hooting crowd forget that whoever, whenever and at what place the ball is received, the acting half back concedes a scrum unless he parts with the ball before being grassed.

We have seen the man who "dummies" when playing the ball rightfully penalised, but the acting half back who is slow in delivery often makes it appear that the opposition forwards are lying offside. Mr. Clay spotted this one too, and allowed play to continue.

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### INJURED PLAYERS

Not for a long time have we had so many players on the injured list and much difficulty is experienced in selecting two teams. The following players are on the injured list:

- Ike Southward, damaged foot
- W. B. Ganley, Knee ligaments
- P. Goddard, Ankle injury
- K. Jackson, Knee injury
- H. Lomas, Broken Ankle
- B. Lord, Knee ligaments damaged
- V. Nestor, Shoulder injury
- R. Pugsley, slipped disc
- S. Quinlan, Muscle trouble and damaged back.
- G. Robinson, Thigh injury
- C. Winslade, Thigh injury
- R. Smith, damaged fingers
- F. Pitchford, Health after effects of mumps.

Our physiotherapist is having a very busy time in giving treatment to the above and much time is taken up by making appointments for consultants for period examination. It makes one wonder how a hoodoo come over the club with all these injuries coming especially at this time of the season when arrears of matches have to be completed and every club is fighting for a good position in its own County League as the fixtures for the season 1960/61 are compiled from positions in the respective County Leagues.

**Editors' Note:** Since Cyril Briggs wrote his article "Tacklers—Go Low—Go Low", Mr. Eric Clay has been appointed to take charge of the Wembley Cup Final.

### AN APPRECIATION

As this match is the last of the present season, the Committee and Players of the Oldham Football Club, wish to thank all their supporters for their support and look forward to it being continued in season 1960-61. Thank you.

**LIST OF FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS**

Player	A.	G.	T.	Player	A.	G.	T.
Ganley	36	166	1	Davies	37		11
Southward	26		32	Robinson	35		4
Ayres	2			Quinlan	3		3
Noon	41	27	22	Stirrup	5	2	2
Sims	27		8	Smith	8		
Kellett	41	1	18	Nestor	26		17
Hatherall	8			Petley	1		
Jackson	26		1	Pitchford	29		4
McIntyre	33		6	McKeown	13		2
Goddard P.	19		1	Jones	7		1
Winslade	33		7	Pendlebury	3		
Duffy	38		6	Cawthra	1		
Pugsley	5		1	Haynes	11		
Keith	14		1	Mumberson	1		
Lord	3		1	Ogden	1		
Payne	5			Gray	3		
Crook	2			Needham	1		
Parker	1						

**LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

(Up to and including Saturday last)

	Barrow	Blackpool	Dewsbury	Letch	Liverpool	OLDHAM	Rochdale	Salford	Swinson	St. Helens	Warrington	Whitehaven	Widnes	Wigan	Workington
Barrow	...	15-11	15-4	40-13	21-14	22-29	22-5	6-21		8-16	13-17	2-15	10-16		2-5
Blackpool	11-5	...	14-5	15-30	5-5	13-29	5-9	17-8	7-46	<b>7-26</b>	5-12	5-11	10-20		15-5
Dewsbury	14-15	19-23	...	9-24	26-15	7-35	14-18	13-14	8-10	15-20	11-29	2-17		7-35	9-30
Letch	12-12		37-4	...	22-0		11-7	25-12	14-14	4-12	10-12	12-12	13-17	22-22	16-0
Liverpool	5-13	19-8	7-9	2-8	...	17-15	11-9	6-18	20-14	6-45	16-19	36-8	2-34	20-39	14-5
OLDHAM	20-9	34-5	46-7	22-0	33-9	...	25-3	20-15	35-10		<b>6-10</b>		<b>24-12</b>	10-11	28-2
Rochdale	18-13	44-9	12-5	10-6	5-8	0-45	...	7-8	7-11	4-40	5-8		10-17	0-7	10-12
Salford	13-5	2-5	26-0	10-30	19-3	12-12	13-6	...	5-25	2-2	7-15	23-14	23-6	13-20	31-5
Swinson	5-0	23-9	61-7	26-5	63-8	10-7	4-3	12-5	...	9-32	13-5		<b>11-8</b>		32-3
St. Helens	13-12	59-17	25-4	14-10	40-17	27-6	26-2	40-11	46-10	...	40-6	41-5		12-4	11-12
Warrington	24-10	30-12	<b>48-12</b>	10-12	26-8	27-8	16-0	37-5	12-19	16-19	...	30-2	9-9	16-6	
Whitehaven	6-19	33-13	15-6	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	15-13	22-5	...	9-42	7-8
Wigan	43-3	47-3	58-6	12-10	17-6	27-7	8-18	38-13	37-6	<b>7-19</b>	<b>34-5</b>	31-12	<b>16-12</b>	...	7-11
Workington	27-2	17-8	28-13	5-12	26-11	17-8	12-7		10-18	6-21		0-24	19-2	0-6	...

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