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## OFFICIAL NOTES...

We continued our fine start to the season last week-end with victories over Hull and Whitehaven, and we now top the Northern League table having scored 124 points against 29 in four matches. Our play at Hull was simply superb, and our forwards simply overpowered the redoubtable Boulevard pack. The team had to be completely reshuffled owing to injuries to Ashton and Bolton, and we played the unfamiliar three-quarter line of Fenton, Holden, Boston and Sullivan, with Halliwell at stand-off. The back line followed the great lead of the forwards and almost throughout the game we were well on top. We could very easily have scored forty or fifty points if we had taken all our chances, but in any event some of our tries were beauties, and although the Hull spectators were naturally disappointed they gave credit to our team for what was a really memorable display. Again a magnificent crowd of over 17,000 people turned up to see Wigan, and in our four League games so far this season we have never been watched by less than 17,000 spectators.

On Monday evening Whitehaven proved themselves strong and determined opponents, and held the lead up to half-time. We again had to make several changes as Scrivens sustained a bruised shoulder at Hull, and it was felt wiser to rest Lyon after two really hard matches at Leigh and Hull. It turned out something of an anti-climax after the very hard matches at Leigh and Hull, but we must

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remember that it was our third game in five days, and after two tremendous efforts it must be hard to pull everything out again so quickly. Luckily, our friend Boston was again in irrespressible form, and scored three superb tries, making his total into ten in four League matches. Truly a most remarkable start to the season. Griffiths kicked another five goals, and has already kicked twenty-six in four League matches. We again had a wonderful crowd of 19,694 who paid £1,697, which is marvellous support, particularly for a Monday evening match.

#### OUR VISITORS

Oldham are always one of our most attractive visitors, and they are doubly welcome in a Cup-tie such as to-day's. Although they are not the force they were a few years ago, it appears they may be on the verge of a revival under the new managership of Gus Risman, and apart from a heavy defeat at Warrington they have got off to a good start with wins against St. Helens (home) and Leeds (away). Apparently they were a little lucky to win at Headingley, but the way Leeds have started this season any win there is a good one, and Oldham have every right to feel pleased with themselves about it.

The back division are still very strong, but the pack has not yet recovered from the loss of such players as Vines and Turner, not to mention Little. Alan Davies is captain this time and with such

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#### BRIAN McTIGUE

Brian McTigue's Testimonial Fund started last season is now drawing to a close, but to mark the occasion the Sub-Committee which has been dealing with various efforts has decided to publish a booklet about Brian. This contains details of Brian's outstanding career, and many action photographs, and should be on sale to the public from to-day. The price of this memorable souvenir is 1/-.

#### ITALIAN VISIT

We were delighted to welcome Toni Rossi and his team from Padua to Central Park last Monday, and we know they are very much enjoying their stay in Wigan. On Monday evening the Wigan football public will have the opportunity to see them in action when they play Triangle Valve at Central Park, kick-off 6-45 p.m. Toni Rossi will definitely play, and admission is 1/6d.

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### WORLD CUP COMPETITION

The 1960 World Cup Competition is now very nearly with us, and speculation is rife as to the selection of the Great Britain team: The Rugby League International Selection Committee have been very busy running the rule over possible candidates, and on Monday week, 5th September they get together to choose two sides to play a trial match at St. Helens on Monday, 12th September. This will be no easy task at such an early stage of the season, and no doubt there will be one or two surprises. It has been said that the Selection Committee are to be guided mostly by current form and surely this is very wise. All players have their bad patches, even the best, and if a player is not doing well at this stage it is hardly likely that he will improve in time for the Competition. The Great Britain selectors will eventually have to pick a squad of 18 men, from whom the team for all World Cup matches must be chosen, and so with so little scope it is vital that no mistakes should be made in the original selection. Of our own players several are making strong bids for a place. Our "regular" internationals, Ashton, Bolton, Sullivan and McTigue will all be in the running again, although Ashton and Bolton have been somewhat hampered by injury. Among the others Billy Boston is showing really superb form and must surely be in, while John Barton, Bill Sayer

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and Frank Collier must also come into the reckoning. It is quite possible for us to have six, seven or even eight players in the Trial Match at St. Helens.

### BARROW AWAY FIXTURE

The away League match at Barrow has now been moved from 12th September to next Thursday, 1st September, Kick-off 6-30 p.m.

### WORLD CUP MATCHES TO BE PLAYED AT WIGAN

We have again been honoured by the Rugby League in that our ground has been selected as the venue for two of the forthcoming World Cup games. On Saturday, 24th September, Australia meet France here, and on Saturday, 8th October, France play New Zealand. The kick-off time in both cases will be 3 p.m. We now have stand and ringside tickets available for these two matches and prices are as follows:

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### ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS TEAMS

Supporters will no doubt wish to look up old friends in the teams from overseas which are shortly to take part in the World Cup Competition. For their information the Australians arrive at London Airport at 9-10 a.m. on Thursday, 15th September and will stay at the Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, until Sunday, the 18th September, when they will travel by motor coach to the Midland Hotel, Bradford, arriving at approximately 5-0 p.m.

The New Zealand team will arrive at London Airport at 2-30 a.m. on Wednesday, 14th September and will travel to Ringway Airport on the same day. They will be accommodated in the Trevelyan Hotel, Bradford.

The French team will arrive at Ringway Airport on Wednesday, 21st September and will be accommodated at the Grand Hotel, Wigan.

The French team, earlier this month, concluded a tour of Australia and New Zealand. They were beaten by New Zealand in the two Tests played but evened the series with one win and one draw in the three match rubber against Australia. Receipts in New Zealand were a record for any touring team.

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Barrow	H												17-9		5-26
Blackpool	H														
Halifax	H														22-12
Leigh	H														9-25
Liverpool	H		9-31												
Oldham	H						16-4								
Rochdale	H														
Salford	H		4-17												
St. Helens	H			17-9											
Swinton	H											21-5			
Warrington	H					25-9									
Whitehaven	H	12-13													
Widnes	H					23-14									
Wigan	H	44-0									25-11				
Workington	H						18-2								

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## FIRST TEAM

### APPEARANCES AND TRIES SCORED

(up to and including 22nd August, 1960)

	Appear- ances	TRIES		Appear- ances	TRIES
Ashton, E. ....	3	3	Griffiths, W. F. ....	5	2
Barton, J. T. ....	5	—	Halliwell, F. ....	4	2
Bolton, D. R. ....	3	3	Holden, C. K. ....	5	2
Boston, W. J. ....	4	10	Lyon, G. ....	4	2
Cherrington, N. ....	2	1	McTigue, B. ....	5	1
Collier, F. ....	5	1	Sayer, W. ....	5	—
Entwistle, T. ....	1	—	Scrivens, B. D. ....	4	—
Evans, R. ....	3	1	Smales, T. ....	1	—
Fenton S. J. ....	2	—	Sullivan, M. ....	4	1

Total Number of Tries : 29

### GOALS SCORED

Griffiths, W. F. .... 34

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Aug.	6—	Warrington (W. Cup) A	31- 8		Warrington (Friendly) H	7-15
	13—	Barrow .....	H 44- 0		Barrow .....	A 8-13
	17—	Leigh (7-0) .....	A 25- 9			
	20—	Hull .....	A 30- 9		Leigh .....	H 7- 7
	22—	Whitehaven .....	H 25-11			
	27—	Oldham (L. Cup 1st) H			Rochdale (Lancs Shd.) A	
Sept.	1—	Barrow (6-30) .....	A		Whitehaven .....	H
	3—	Blackpool Borough .....	A		York .....	A
	10—	Hunslet .....	H			
	17—	Whitehaven .....	A			
	19—	Rochdale Hornets (6-0) H				
	24—	<b>World Cup Matches</b>			Whitehaven .....	A
		Australia v. France ...H				
Oct.	1—	<b>World Cup Matches</b>			Rochdale Hornets .....	A
	8—	<b>World Cup Matches</b>			Salford .....	A
		New Zealand v. France H				
	15—	Leigh .....	H		Keighley .....	A
	22—	St. Helens .....	A		Keighley .....	H
	29—	Workington T. ....	H		Workington T. ....	A
Nov.	5—	Hunslet .....	A		Barrow .....	H
	12—	Wakefield Trinity .....	A		Leeds .....	H
	19—	Blackpool Borough ...H			Blackpool Borough ...A	
	26—	Widnes .....	A		Widnes .....	H
Dec.	3—	Hull .....	H			
	10—	Oldham .....	H		Oldham .....	A
	17—	Swinton .....	H		Swinton .....	A
	24—	Workington T. ....	A		York .....	H
	26—	Salford .....	H			
	31—				Blackpool Borough ...H	
1961						
Jan.	2—	Warrington .....	H		Swinton .....	H
	7—	Swinton .....	A		Liverpool City .....	H
	14—	Liverpool City .....	A		Leigh .....	A
	21—	Hull K. R. ....	H		Oldham .....	H
	28—	Oldham .....	A		Liverpool City .....	A
Feb.	4—	Liverpool City .....	H			
	11—	<b>R.L. Cup—1st Round</b>				
	18—	Halifax .....	A			
	25—	<b>R.L. Cup—2nd Round</b>			Leeds .....	A
Mar.	4—	Widnes .....	H		Widnes .....	A
	11—	Rochdale Hornets .....	A		Rochdale Hornets .....	H
	18—	Wakefield Trinity .....	H			
	25—				Workington Town ...H	
	31—	St. Helens .....	H			
April	1—	Warrington .....	A		Warrington .....	H
	3—	Salford .....	A		Warrington .....	A
	8—	Halifax .....	H		St. Helens .....	A
	15—	<b>R.L. Cup—Semi-Finals</b>			Salford .....	H
	22—	Hull K. R. ....	A			
	29—				St. Helens .....	H