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17	ST. HELENS	away	
20	FEATHERSTONE R.	home	
24	WORLD CUP		
27	BLACKPOOL B.	away	
Oct. 1	WORLD CUP		
8	WORLD CUP		
15	HULL K. R.	away	
22	WIDNES	home	
29	ROCHDALE H.	away	
Nov. 5	LIVERPOOL C.	home	
12	KEIGHLEY	away	
19	SALFORD	home	
26	WHITEHAVEN	away	
Dec. 3	LEEDS	home	
10	WIGAN	away	

Date	CLUB	Grd.	F. A.
1961			
17	BLACKPOOL B.	home	
24	LEIGH	away	
26	SWINTON	home	
31	BARROW	away	
Jan. 2	WORKINGTON	away	
7	HALIFAX	away	
14	WARRINGTON	home	
21	LIVERPOOL CITY	away	
28	WIGAN	home	
Feb. 4	BARROW	home	
11	R. L. CHALLENGE CUP 1st RD.		
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11	WIDNES	away	
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Another fine away victory was recorded at Keighley on Saturday last when we won by 30 points to 2. The first half of the game did not inspire the confidence we expected. Some teams are proverbially slow in getting off the mark and I am afraid our team come into this category, but when they have got into their best form during the game they are almost unbeatable and the spirit to win is most plain to see.

A good start always gives a runner a better chance in the race and an early score against one does not forebode failure or defeat, the spirit to fight back is evident in our team and they do not appear to worry about early failures.

However we continue on our way after a heavy opening of the season and are quite satisfied with our position in the first four of the Northern League table.

OUR GAME

An informal meeting of representatives of clubs will be held at Leeds on 1st December in order to obtain the feelings of clubs on matters affecting their interests and with a view to framing future policy. There are several important items on the agenda. It will be a meeting where representatives can express their views for the betterment of the game in general and nothing but good can come from this exchange of views.

We may mention one item and that is deliberate offside by players which is now far too prevalent and which must be cut down to a minimum. One must accept that the referee is the man in sole charge of the game and to carry out the rules according to the book, but a continual holding up of the game is not good from a view point. There are plenty of good referees in our game and there are others not quite as good.

Referees are always under the most critical eyes of the most exacting critics who know everything and are only too anxious to shout their criticisms and instructions. Referees can never satisfy spectators, and one hates to say it, do they receive sufficient assistance from touch judges, although continual running on the field by a touch judge can be a source of annoyance, but is it obvious that touch judges can see something that the referee might be unsighted.

Anyhow this matter will be thrashed out on the 1st December and we hope that something will be done to eliminate this deliberate standing offside and holding up the game.

OUR VISITORS

Today it is our pleasure to welcome the Salford team to Watersheddings. In the league the Salford Club are on the half way mark having played 14 matches and won 7 and lost 7, scoring 177 points against 227. Our visitors last week defeated Workington at Salford by 20 points to 8 which on the face is a very good victory.

So today we cannot take any chances, it is no use leaving matters until the final quarter as at Keighley last week. From the start we must treat our opponents with respect and play the game as we know we can.

Many are the great games we have had against the Salford of old and before a capacity crowd. Let us hope that today will prove no exception and that we have a game worthy of the name of R.L. and that after the match our members and patrons will endorse "well played both teams."

DAVID GODDARD

It is with regret that we have to report upon the serious injury that our reserve hooker, David Goddard, has received. A serious neck injury was received whilst playing against Liverpool on Saturday, 5th November.

This injury was quite an accident caused through the pack collapsing and David finishing up at the bottom. David was immediately conveyed to Broadgreen Hospital, Liverpool and the following day was transferred to the Promenade Hospital, Southport, which is a hospital for paralysis and is still there. David is very cheerful and possesses a wonderful fighting spirit but still in a serious condition.

He sends his best wishes to his pals and all at Watersheddings. We all wish him well for a complete recovery.

THE WOLFENDEN REPORT

No doubt many have heard of the Wolfenden Report which has taken two and half years to complete by the Committee that were appointed by the Government as a monetary consideration for the furtherance of amateur sport.

The result of this Committee has now been published whereby it is proposed to ask the Government for ten million pounds. Amateur sport abounds and covers all fields but one does not find the name of R.L. as amateurs. Some people decry the game of Rugby League, abhor it, snub it and completely ignore the people that take part in it, in other words they create social distinction.

For your information, there are approximately 1,600 playing R.L. as professionals and more than 8,000 playing our game as amateurs. One wonders if these amateurs will come into the favoured to receive a grant out of the great sum of ten million pounds given each year by the Government. What of the sham amateurism and no one has yet stated what a true amateur is.

Anyhow we are proud of the R.L. and all connected with it, professional or amateur. Our game is not a caste game, it is open for all to play and we bar no colour or creed. The outcome of the Wolfenden distribution will be interesting.

Let us not forget that the professional and amateur played R.U. together during the war, but then this was not achieved without an effort and was actually championed in Parliament by a certain M.P., with the result that the three fighting forces of the Crown whilst fighting together were allowed to play together, and as it should be.

LIST OF FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

(League and Cup Matches only—including Law Cup)

Player	A.	T.	G.	Player	A.	T.	G.
Southward	15	12		Kellett	14	9	1
Noon	14	6	4	Mumberson	5	1	
Davies	12	2		Winslade	13		
Quinlan	6	3		Goddard D.	4		
Nestor	8	1		Parker T.	3		
Pitchford	14	3		Sims	2		1
Payne	16			Goddard P.	3		
McIntyre	13	4		Patterson	8	7	
Dufty	16	3		Hatherall	2		
Warburton	5	1		Lerd	2		
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writes Cyril Briggs

Any week-end from now to the end of the season the R.U. convert will have forgotten all about line outs, rucking in scrummages, and all such matters and things which pass R.L. men's understanding.

In other words he will be playing under the R.L. banner instead of the R.U. No doubt he will have proved himself a little raw and strange for he is now playing for money instead of playing to accumulate money for his club.

But there is something of a handicap for this player. He's playing hundreds of miles away from home. What circumstances to make your debut in any game!

Yet he is no different from the many hundreds who have "gone North" and gone west as far as their future with the R.U. game is concerned.

But what a dreadful thing it is to step onto a field, having had your head crammed with all kinds of late instructions and then to have no kith or kin giving you an occasional word of encouragement.

MY WELSH FRIENDS

Now I have many R.U. friends who have South Walian connections. One acquaintance who is R.U. mad but never allows me to depart without giving news of ex R.U. men who have turned presented me with a Welsh dictionary so that I would never feel in the cold when the men from the Principality were discussing Englishmen—in the Welsh tongue.

So I know a little about Welshmen (and women) and their ways. Rugby is born in their very souls. They dream about centre threequarter play of the most intricate nature and love to feel that a big Welsh forward can knock the daylights out of a counterpart, especially if he plays in a white jersey.

I rather pity a R.U. convert in his first game for he may seem a little lost and it is on this point that I shall try and advise R.L. clubs how they can best overcome individual, family, or even club opposition when attempting to get their men.

R.L. scouts in South Wales still operate, but they must under no account send even a letter to a town or city where a R.L. team is quartered.

Reason? The postmen can even smell information about their village stars which is in the envelope.

EVERY CARE NEEDED

So every care is needed to safeguard the "scout". But the big point which I wish to stress is that any Club wishing to sign a Welsh star, must make the offer sound convincing.

There have been scores of stories going the rounds in South Wales about R.L. and believe me they are absolutely untrue.

The regrettable feature about it all is that R.L. has no chance to rebut these tales of pure imagination.

The doubtful information is spread around by so called Welsh stars who have returned home with a chip on their shoulders. A lot of these men have been failures, and don't ever suggest to a Welshman that he couldn't make the grade in R.L.

So in order to protect himself and not letting people think he has not made the grade he makes "excuses". A true man of Wales, is never at a loss for a word.

Now that matter of failures worries a lot of Welshmen, who can if they wish take a trip North and sign for a pile of folding money.

RATHER SCARED

It is because they are a little scared about not making the grade, which makes them jib about offers. If they cannot get into a R.U. team with anything like credit or irregularity, the Welsh rugger man is faced with a tail between his legs attitude, or a spot on the touchline at a R.U. match to be pointed out as the guy who turned his face against R.U. and then couldn't show the Northern men anything—in short a failure.

So it is absolutely necessary for R.L. "scouts" or deputations to be sure that the man they have spotted is the man they really want.

They must be sure, and if there is something which they cannot understand about the man under review they must have second thoughts.

As I have stated there must be forthright negotiations and I think that if R.L. clubs could engage a solicitor (preferably a Welshman) to help they would allay any suspicions, because, believe me, the Welsh people are sceptical about R.L. and the people who run it and also support it.

COINS ON TABLE

Have we not been told by our fathers of the times when R.L. officials have had to pour out golden coins on the kitchen tables of the valley cottages to convince Welsh parents of a clever R.U. man that the deal with the "Northern Union" (they still call it that in S.W.) was genuine?

The R.L. men should go to South Wales and wherever R.U. is played armed with all kinds of information about R.U. men who have made good—and money as well—under the new code.

They should be able to give the information in printed form if need be. The big thing is to convince the doubting Welshmen.

It may be said that there is not a great deal of talent in South Wales or elsewhere in R.U. circles, but I will pose the question "where is there the talent in our own midst amongst amateurs?"

I believe that once the ice was broken in South Wales, we would get more stars joining the 13-a-side game and adding lustre to it.

UNHAPPY THOUGHT

The pools will pay for the signings, and believe me we are getting so short of the right type of player that we are almost on war-time rationing.

It is an unhappy thought in one direction, but could it mean that the slackening off in trade in certain areas might attract R.U. stars to try their hand at R.L. and new jobs in Lancashire, Yorkshire and Cumberland? Could be. But we must start that trickle now, for it may become a stream sooner than we anticipated.

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