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1960

Aug. 6	ROCHDALE (Charity)	away	
13	ST. HELENS	home	
17	WARRINGTON	away	
20	LEEDS	away	
27	WIGAN, Lancs. Cup 1st Rd.	away	
30	LEIGH	home	

Sept. 3	FEATHERSTONE R.	away	
10	HALIFAX	home	
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.
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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.		
18	HULL K. R.	home	
25	R. L. CHALLENGE CUP 2nd RD.		

Mar.

4	SALFORD	away	
11	WIDNES	away	
18	WORKINGTON TOWN	home	
25			
31	SWINTON	away	

Apr.

1	WHITEHAVEN	home	
3	ROCHDALE H.	home	
8			
15	R. L. CHALLENGE CUP SEMI-FINAL		
22			
29	KEIGHLEY	home	

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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS and VIEWS

On Saturday last our 1st team had a day off owing to the postponement of our league fixture at Wigan and our members and supporters who turned up at Watersheddings to watch our "A" team take on Wigan "A" were rewarded with the best "A" team game seen at Watersheddings for many long days. In fact our "A" team excelled itself with a resounding victory by 34 points to 5 points.

We often think that not enough interest is taken in "A" team football by clubs in general. One must not forget that what we may call forgotten players are the life blood or feeding line to 1st team status. One has only to look round the "A" teams of Rugby League and there is any amount of talent which with coaching and encouragement can be the stars of tomorrow.

All players signed by clubs do not immediately make the grade of 1st team football. The major portion of our star players today have developed through "A" team football. Players of the calibre of W. Ganley, A. Davies J. Noon, W. Patterson and A. Kellett have all served their apprenticeship in the "A" team.

Reverting back to the match, the opinion of the Wigan directors who accompanied the team, five in number, was that our "A" team on the days display would have beaten several first class teams so well did they play. This is well for the future from our Club point of view, one cannot have too many good players, but again one must keep the players happy and contented, all cannot play in the first team, and it is only by encouragement and an outing with the first team that a player feels that he is making some advancement in professional football.

R.L. CHANGES?

At the informal meeting of the R.L. clubs held on December 1st several changes are going to be proposed at the next general meeting of clubs. Some of the main items are as follows:

There will be 36 league fixtures instead of at present 38.

There will not be two divisions of the Rugby League.

That the season will commence a week later than usual and will therefore come in line with soccer.

That there will be no postponement of league matches for international or test matches if a club has two or more players chosen for such matches.

The persistent infringement of the rules by players standing in an offside position will be, as we have stated before in the hands of the referee, who in future will exercise their power according to the Laws of the Game. Persistent infringement will mean dismissal from the field of play.

Of course some clubs are apt to change their opinions on the above and the testing time will come when the finality and passing of same to make law in the Rugby League and Northern Rugby Football League come along, time alone will tell.

OUR VISITORS

Today we give a welcome to Watersheddings to Blackpool Borough who keep the flag flying in competition with soccer on the West coast. Always a difficult side to beat at the somewhat compact ground at Blackpool, we just managed to scrape home at Blackpool on September 27th by 11 points to 10 points after an exciting game.

However we can be sure of a good game today as the Blackpool team never close the game up, thanks to the able coaching of Sid Abram of Wigan F.C. fame and in his playing days was the first player to score a try at Wembley way back in 1929 against Dewsbury.

BRIEFS

The position with David Goddard remains much the same from the accident received on November 5th last and he is still in the Promenade Hospital at Southport, but is very cheerful and in the words of the hospital authorities the most cheerful patient they could wish to have. We wish him the best in his great fight towards recovery.

Since the Leeds match Charlie Winslade has had a minor operation near to his shin bone for the removal of an ulcer which came as a result of a kick on September 27th last. This ulcer refused to come to a head and two days in hospital removed the obstruction, and he now reports fit and well.

May we appeal to any of the clubs or hotels in Oldham to hold a benefit night for our beneficiaries, Bernard Ganley, Harold Lomas, Frank Stirrup and Alan Davies. In the past these benefit concerts have been a huge success and have augmented the funds considerably.

Our Pools Organisations are still progressing but for No. 2 Pool we desire more agents. Will you act as an agent? There are many good prizes to be won, yes daily prizes. Rally to the fold and you may be able to land a prize.

Our members Christmas Draw has again been a success and our thanks go to those who have made this possible. Each subscriber will be forwarded a winning list or you may call at the Pavilion office for a list

Saturday next at Watersheddings:

OLDHAM "A" v. LEIGH "A"

Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

List of Players, Birthplace, Weight and Height

	st.	lbs.	ft.	ins.		st.	lbs.	ft.	ins.
Byrne, B., Leigh	12		5	7	Needham, R., Oldham	12	6	5	11
Buckley, J., Oldham ...	12	8	5	10	Nestor V., Leigh	12	4	5	10
Cawthra, D., Halifax	13		5	10	Noon, J., Oldham ...	12	6	5	11
Cracknell R., Hud'field	13	4	5	11	O'Brien, J., Oldham ...	11	10	5	10
Davies, A., Leigh	13	10	5	10	Ogden, T., Oldham ...	14	2		6
Duffy, R., Oxford ...	14	6	6	1	Parker, D., Raw'stall	14		6	2
Edwards, J., St. Hel...	13		5	10	Parker, P., Cas'ford ...	13		5	8
Fox, A., War'ton	12		5	10	Parker, T., Cas'ford ...	13	10	5	11
Ganley, W. B., Leigh	13	3	5	10	Patterson W., Oldham	10	1	5	9
Goddard, P., Sheffield	14	3	5	10	Payne, W., L'pool	15	8		6
Goddard, D., Sheffield	11	2	5	10	Pendlebury B., Leigh	13		5	9
Govan, J. C., G'borne	12	6	5	9	Petley, J., War'ton ...	12	2	5	9
Gray, T. W., M/cr. ...	14	4		6	Pitchford, F., Leigh ...	11	7	5	8
Hatherall, B., Leigh ...	11	8	5	7	Pugsley, R., Bridgend	13	10	5	11
Haynes G., War'ton ...	13	6		6	Quinlan, S., Cork	12	11	5	11
Jackson, K., Oldham...	15			6	Robinson, G., Flimby	15	6		6
Jones, A., Oldham ...	10	10	5	7	Rae, J., Work'ton	13	6		6
Kellett, A. B., H'fax ...	12	4	5	10	Sims, G., Leigh	11	9	5	10
Lloyd, K., Leigh	13		5	11	Southward I. Work'ton	12	11	5	11
Lomas, H., Oldham ...	15		5	11	Stirrup, F., Leigh	10	7	5	5
Lord, B., Oldham ...	12	6	5	10	Warburton G. War'ton	13	8	5	10
McIntyre, L., Wigan...	13	7	5	10	Winslade, C., Maesteg	15	6		6
Mumberson, A., Ap'ia	15	4		6					

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4—NOON, J. Holden
5—HOLDEN PATTERSON
T 6—KELLETT A. B.
T 7—PITCHFORD, F.
8—PAYNE W.
9—McINTYRE, L.
10—DUFTY R.
11—WINSLADE
T 12—ROBINSON G.
13—PARKER, G. D.

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4—GEE
5—WILKSHIRE
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7—BISHOP
8—ABRAM
9—HALL
10—HOPWOOD
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WILSON'S FAMOUS ALES

R.L. SHOULD CHANGE ITS SEASONS

writes Cyril Briggs

Rugby League crowds have become as fickle as the average female. Take the recent Widnes—Huddersfield game for instance. The gate check plus the special gadget which the Widnes officials introduced some while ago for the members' entrance, gave the official figure at 2,228.

With £180 for the Naughton Park funds, less the 15 per cent towards the league pool, and the payment of match expenses, Widnes were in debt on that match!

The players and reserves had to be paid winning money, and there were official wages, and such economic responsibilities as rates etc. The "A" team were at Leeds and although they lost their unbeaten certificate, there were still the wages, fares and meal expenses to be met.

A season or two ago the Widnes fans were moaning about lack of cover against the rain, so Widnes officials set about solving the problem, and there are now few grounds which have so much protection for spectators against the bad weather. Everyone in that assembly had a dry spot, but still there were thousands who would not risk the rainy journey to and from the ground.

POOLS A BLESSING

Of course the Widnes club will not be in debt at the end of the season. The football pool will see to that. But what a way to keep alive! Surely there is some other method of the game paying its way.

I have been searching through my Widnes records and here is a most interesting point. For an "A" team game between Widnes and Salford two seasons or two ago the crowd at Naughton Park was exactly 1,000 more than the figure for the first team game against Huddersfield.

But let me say there were special points about that second string game. Brian Keaveny and Frank Griffin (this forward is now on offer) were making their debut and the match was played in the evening.

There are conclusions to be drawn however from such comparisons. The general public will not pay to see mud larking (in anything like reasonable numbers) and having been very disappointed with televised R.U. games, I doubt very much whether the Welsh v. South African spot on the screen kept many away.

R.L. fans in this part of the world are definitely anti-R.U. as far as support is concerned although the 15 aside game in Widnes has always had a firm foothold and today is stronger than ever—as far as playing numbers are concerned.

So we have definite evidence that evening games are paying propositions—when the weather is favourable. What I can't understand is this: Why play R.L. under the most difficult conditions when it is almost impossible to hold the ball never mind pass it; when goal kicking is often a case of good luck than good management?

SENSIBLE APPROACH

Let us be sensible. Let us encroach into the cricket season. Let us close the gates for a month or so and let those "seas of mud", "Quagmires" and "paddy fields", become real football pitches again. We spend time and money every season to get them right and then lo and behold in a month they are as bad as ever!

Downright silly, I call it, and after all, if you will cast your minds back to the early seasons after the war, we were playing the league championship in June. The grounds are hard, and yet we must not forget that touring teams to Australia and New Zealand will tell you that they have to play on bone hard grounds. Then why not England?

R.L. is a spectacle. How can players give of their best when they have their legs whipped from underneath them and not an opponent within yards? Mud may be a great leveller, but R.L. has got to sell itself. If the game becomes a travesty in bad weather, then let us change our seasons.

Nothing will be lost by hibernating for some weeks in the winter. After all, rain has beaten several clubs this season, and we will get a few more fogged off before long. All the match preparation goes down the drain like the Northern Monsoons. Cricket has no mass following like soccer, so what has R.L. got to worry about in the months of May, June, July and August?

LIST OF FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

(League and Cup Matches only—including Law Cup)

Player	A.	T.	G.	Player	A.	T.	G.
Southward	18	14		Kellett	17	10	1
Noon	17	6	4	Mumberson	5	1	
Davies	15	2		Winslade	16		
Quinlan	6	3		Goddard D.	4		
Nestor	8	1		Parker T.	3		
Pitchford	17	5		Sims	2		1
Payne	19	1		Goddard P.	4		
McIntyre	16	5		Patterson	9	8	
Duffy	19	4		Hatherall	2		
Warburton	5	1		Lerd	2		
Robinson	17	6		Parker D.	7	3	
Ganley	17		63	Holden K.	2	1	

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	Barrow	Blackpool	Halifax	Leigh	Liverpool	OLDHAM	Rochdale	Salford	St. Helens	Swinton	Warrington	Whitehaven	Widnes	Wigan	Workington
Barrow	...						15-3		15-29			2-13	17-9		5-26
Blackpool	...		8-8	10-7		10-11			13-24		8-20			12-24	
Halifax	...		...		18-0		15-5				8-4	17-7	15-5		22-12
Leigh	16-5	15-9	...						13-28					7-25	
Liverpool	9-14	9-31	2-10	...				22-26			3-30				
OLDHAM		17-15	9-12	49-12	...			37-0	16-4				25-5		
Rochdale		13-20				14-29	...		5-38	4-45			9-2		4-17
Salford	9-0	11-17	4-17					...					18-9		20-8
St. Helens					17-9	26-12			...					11-6	47 2
Swinton	33-9	15-5								...		36-13	21-5		
Warrington		28-2			38-5	25-9	25-0	48-4			...	9-25			42-9
Whitehaven	20-5	12-13				2-16	13-0				2-31	...		14-2	
Widnes	26-13						28-14		7-12	10-14		...		5-3	
Wigan	44-0	16-11		15-17		14-5							...		
Workington		8-17		11-2	36-5					18-3			11-8		...

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