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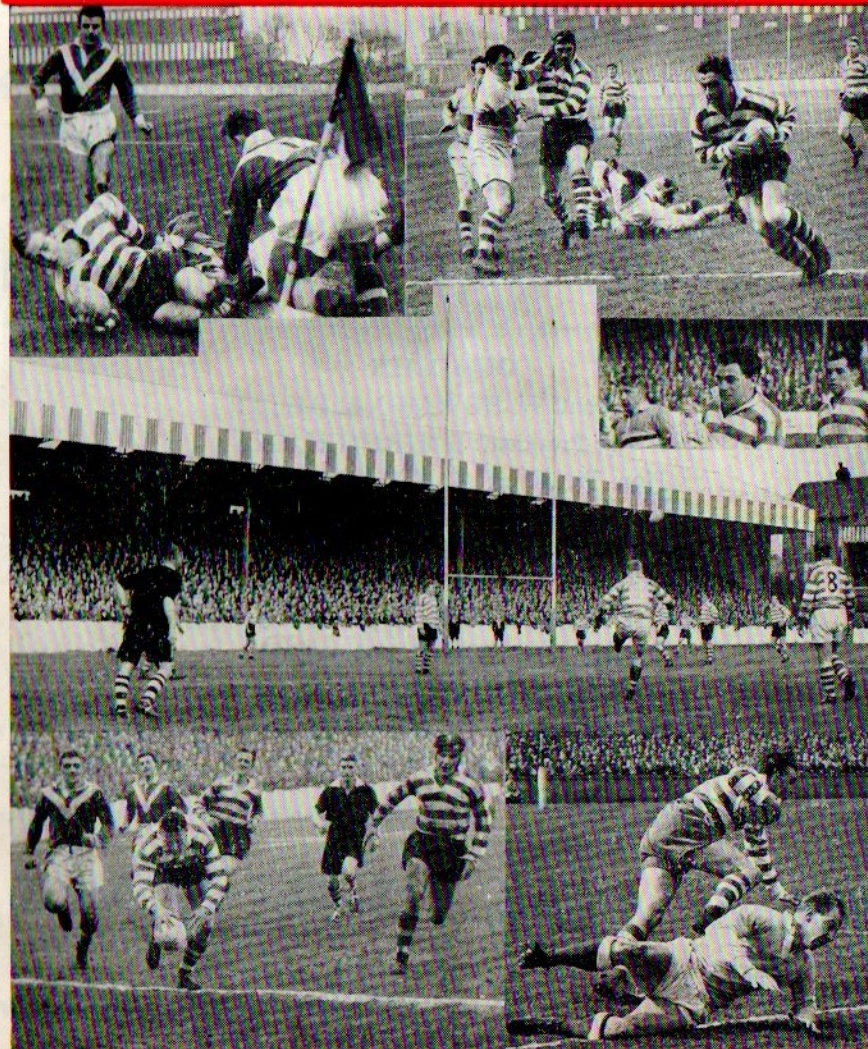
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Date	CLUB	Grd.	F. A.
1960			
Aug. 6	ROCHDALE (Charity)	away	.....
13	ST. HELENS	home	.....
17	WARRINGTON	away	.....
20	LEEDS	away	.....
27	WIGAN, Lancs. Cup 1st Rd.	away	.....
30	LEIGH	home	.....
Sept. 3	FEATHERSTONE R.	away	.....
10	HALIFAX	home	.....
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.
17	BLACKPOOL B.	home	.....
24	LEIGH	away	.....
26	SWINTON	home	.....
31	BARROW	away	.....
1961			
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**

Whilst it is no use meaning and feeling sympathetic for oneself on the decline of the attendances at R.L. matches, this appears to be a general trend of events, with very few exceptions, in sport today.

Many are the arguments for two divisions in the R.L. and we are apt to think that this would go some way to keep interest in our game right up to the close of the season.

Promotion and relegation can be exceptionally interesting and those clubs fighting for same can always expect the attendances to keep up. Take the case of the Rugby League table today interest is at fever heat owing to clubs fighting for three places to appear in the play-offs. The Leeds Club are assured of finishing at the top, a position they have occupied for a long period. To finish at the top they should be designated Champions, but whilst our league is so unwieldy we shall always have the play-offs and the possibility of No. 4 club bringing off the championship.

At present the remaining games of St. Helens, Wakefield, Warrington, Oldham and Swinton are full of interest and should attract the crowds wherever they play in their efforts to secure one of the coveted first four positions. And so it would be with two divisions, interest would be kept up, and we should not see, as at present clubs simply playing time out for the end of another season of what might have been.

**OUR VISITORS**

This evening we entertain the Blackpool Club in a re-arranged match that was abandoned on Saturday, 17th December, 1960, when we were leading by 20 points to 3 points. Fog descended on the ground which made play impossible to follow, in fact we doubt if any of the spectators saw anything of the match from the commencement, so bad were the conditions. The referee was correct in abandoning the match at half time. The gate receipts of this match were the lowest of the season, being £323-7-6 and counted as a friendly match. The Blackpool Clubs share of the receipts were £146-11-6, a very welcome donation to the finances of the Blackpool Club.

However, we extend a welcome to the Blackpool Club and hope for weather conditions that will add to the attractiveness of the match.

## AMATEUR COMMISSION

Now that the Amateur Commission of the Lancashire County, i.e., a panel controlling the amateur game in the county, is now operating they deserve all the support from the R.L. Council and senior clubs possible. They are controlling a game which is played on open fields with no palatial stands or dressing accommodation available. They require every encouragement, what one may call the Cinderella's of the Rugby League but very essential part they are, both the County Commission and Club officials are to be commended in playing their part on behalf of a worthy game they represent.

## DAVID GODDARD

The David Goddard Testimonial Fund has now reached the total of £2284 and the money is still coming in, much more remains to be done and we shall not relax our efforts to make this sum worth while for such a deserving cause.

Many thanks are due to those who have subscribed. In a large effort such as this we cannot have too many helpers.

Further efforts to be made by us are as follows:

April 21st, Friday, **Oldham Ladies v. Preston Ladies**. Kick-off 7 p.m.

April 24th, Monday, **An All England XIII v. Other Nationalities**. Kick-off 7 p.m.

May 1st, Monday, **Oldham Athletic v. Oldham R.F.C.** (half soccer and half rugby) kick-off 7-0 p.m.

May 2nd, Tuesday, **Junior seven-a-side competition**. Kick-off 7 p.m.

Further particulars will be made regarding the above events nearer the time.

Regarding to David, he is still in hospital at Southport and is as cheerful as ever and making the best of things. How long he will remain in hospital will be at the discretion of the hospital authorities.

## WARRINGTON MATCH

Our next first team home match will be against Warrington on Tuesday, 18th April, 1961, kick-off 6-45 p.m.

This match is re-arranged from the eventful Saturday of 14th January when brilliant sunshine was the order at Watersheddings but the Warrington team was fog bound and did not arrive at our ground until after 4-0 p.m., when the fog had eventually enshrouded our own ground and we had to improvise with hastily made pass-out tickets for the re-arranged match. These will be available for the Warrington match on the above date.

## CHALLENGE CUP SEMI-FINALS

The two cup semi-finals of the Challenge Cup are both all ticket matches on Saturday, 15th April, kick-off 3-0 p.m.

**Wigan v. Halifax at Swinton**

**St. Helens v. Hull at Odsal, Bradford.**

Application for Ground Tickets, 3/- each, should be made to any of the Clubs taking part or to the two clubs on whose grounds the games are being played.

## REFEREE APPOINTMENTS

**Tuesday, 18th April, v. Warrington at home**  
Mr. T. W. WATKINSON, Pendlebury

**Saturday, 29th April, v. Keighley, at home**  
Mr. G. SCOTT, Wakefield

## RE-ARRANGED MATCHES

Tuesday, 18th April, **Oldham v. Warrington**, at Watersheddings, kick-off 6-45 p.m.

Wednesday, 26th April, **Halifax v. Oldham**, at Halifax, kick-off 6-30 p.m.

## 'A' TEAM

Wednesday, 26th April, **Warrington 'A' v. Oldham 'A'**, at Warrington, kick-off 7-0 p.m.

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- 9—GODDARD P.
- 10—DUFTY R.
- 11—WINSLADE C.
- 12—ROBINSON G.
- 13—PARKER D.

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- 2—IREDALE T
- 3—MOLLOY
- 4—GEE
- 5—MEADOWS Foster
- 6—GLEESON Foden
- 7—BISHOP
- 8—CLAYTON Lomas
- 9—HALL Smith
- 10—MAUGHAN Clayton
- 11—STAZIKER Evan
- 12—NORMINGTON
- 13—GREGSON Staziker

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## SUPPORTERS' CLUBS PLAY THEIR PART

writes Cyril Briggs

In certain parts of the R.L. world, clubs are merely existing through the efforts of the Supporters' Club. At places like Liverpool and Doncaster the game would have fizzled out if it had not been for the untiring efforts of these voluntary workers.

Season after season they raise money by various efforts to provide the necessary finance for wages, travelling expenses, and even ground expenditure.

The average Rugby League fan—the man who turns up week after week in hail, rain, wind or snow—is the man who has kept the light burning over the years. But it is a strange fact that at places like Wigan and Warrington, Supporters' Clubs seem to be given the cold shoulder.

In the case of Warrington it is somewhat remarkable because in years gone by members of the Supporters' Club helped to improve the ground facilities at Wilderspool and they also provided much useful £ s. d. when prominent players were having their benefit matches. In the years before the war Warrington supporters could raise as much as £60 at a benefit dance and this was indeed a high sum when you consider the value of £1 in that period.

### A DANGER

However, since the war the Warrington Club has become a Ltd. Company and the Supporters' Club no longer functions although two or three efforts have been made to revive interest in such a venture.

The official viewpoint from Warrington is that Supporters' Clubs are all right in a way, but there is a danger of some officials and members attempting to interfere with the running of the parent body.

This, of course, is always a danger, but I feel that if there is give and take by both sides then it can result in much good being done for the individual club and also the game in general.

At Wigan, there have been one or two stormy sessions with the Supporters' Organisation and some unfavourable publicity has been the result. It would appear that Wigan and Warrington directors are definitely against Supporters' Organisations. I think both clubs are passing up a good opportunity for realising extra cash. If the Supporters' Clubs would adopt the Cumbrian policy of "to help and not to hinder", then I feel that both club and supporters would go hand in hand.

At S. Helens and Leigh, supporters have helped to provide stands not only of a lasting nature but also of huge dimensions. The Supporters' Club's in each of these towns are determined to improve the enclosures and also help in other ways towards progress.

### IN A TANGLE

Before the war the Widnes club was in a tangle. This was just after the turn of the 1920's. The club suddenly found itself the centre of attraction from the housing estate planners and if you will look round Naughton Park you will see that the ground is situated in the centre of a Council Housing project.

The Widnes club were faced with the alternative of getting a new ground. This would not have been difficult in view of the many wide open spaces in this South Lancashire town but the club had never, up to that period had much cash to spare. So the members of the committee—it is a members' organisation—decided to appeal to the town for help. The Widnes Corporation stayed its hand and a bill of just over £5,000 was presented to the Widnes Rugby League club.

The whole town of Widnes rallied in amazing style so much so that the money was raised even by soccer matches. This is an example of what can be done and in other parts of Lancashire Yorkshire and Cumberland we find instances of wonderful voluntary work not only by men but by women as well.

Trip over to York and you will see women supporters selling the official programme. Not many women would do that to help the football clubs. But these bright supporters near Clarence St. are determined to do what they can to help the Rugby League club. I feel that the National Federation of Rugby League clubs is not nearly so strong as it might be and therefore I issue an appeal to all concerned to see that this grand body is not allowed to fizzle out.

The Federation was the dream of Harry Sunderland who has done so much for the code in many parts of the world.

The Supporters' Clubs carry a big part on the game, therefore the club officials of all parent bodies should recognise this at all times.

### 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	32	15	1
Noon	32	22	19	Mumberson	5	1	
Davies	29	4		Winslade	31	1	
Quinlan	6	3		Goddard D.	4		
Nestor	13	3		Parker T.	6	1	
Pitchford	20	5		Sims	6	1	10
Payne	34	2		Goddard P.	17	3	
McIntyre	20	5		Patterson	21	14	
Duffy	32	6		Hatherall	4		
Warburton	5	1		Lerd	11	7	
Robinson	30	6		Parker D.	19	5	
Ganley	24		89	Holden K.	14	6	
Gray	2			Jones	1		
Pycroft	10	1		Rae	5	1	
Parker P.	1			Jackson	1		

### LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

(Up to and including Saturday last)

	Barrow	Blackpool	Halifax	Leigh	Liverpool	OLDHAM	Rochdale	Salford	St. Helens	Swinton	Warrington	Whitehaven	Widnes	Wigan	Workington
Barrow	...	3-3	14-12	2-15	13-13	11-2	15-3	15-0	15-29		2-5	2-13	17-9		5-26
Blackpool	11-2	...	8-8	10-7	14-5	10-11	17-5	7-15	13-24	4-8	2-8		10-13	12-24	5-20
Halifax	32-0	22-12	...		18-0		15-5		12-10	4-9	8-4	17-7	15-5	17-10	22-12
Leigh		16-5	15-9	...	28-5	13-4			13-28		2-8	6-4	19-7	7-25	18-3
Liverpool	9-14	12-19	9-31	2-10	...	10-28	4-11	22-26	2-52	5-44	3-30		7-16		
OLDHAM	10-3		17-15	9-12	49-12	...	23-8	37-0	16-4	4-6		31-7	25-5	5-15	23-13
Rochdale			13-20			14-29	...		5-38	4-45	0-27	15-0	9-2		4-17
Salford	9-0	5-12	11-17	4-17		7-26	20-9	...	5-17	5-24	13-13		18-9	5-32	20-8
St. Helens				10-4	17-9	26-12	51-4	45-2	...	3-10	7-8	18-8	44-7	11-6	47-2
Swinton	33-9		15-5	6-10	47-3	12-2	43-0	13-5		...		36-13	21-5	10-12	30-0
Warrington	33-3	28-2		3-4	38-5	25-9	25-0	48-4	5-8	9-25	...	45-7	23-12	17-0	42-9
Whitehaven	20-5	12-13	20-7		15-0	2-16	19-4	13-0	11-15	8-8	2-31	...	22-9	14-2	16-3
Widnes	26-13		10-5	4-19	23-0	6-38	28-14			7-12	10-14	17-6	...	5-3	2-5
Wigan	44-0	16-11		15-17	20-7	15-8	14-5	47-6	12-2	4-16	5-10		24-5	...	
Workington	11-8	8-17	22-7	11-2	36-5	2-17		21-0	12-11	18-3		36-2	11-8	10-11	...

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