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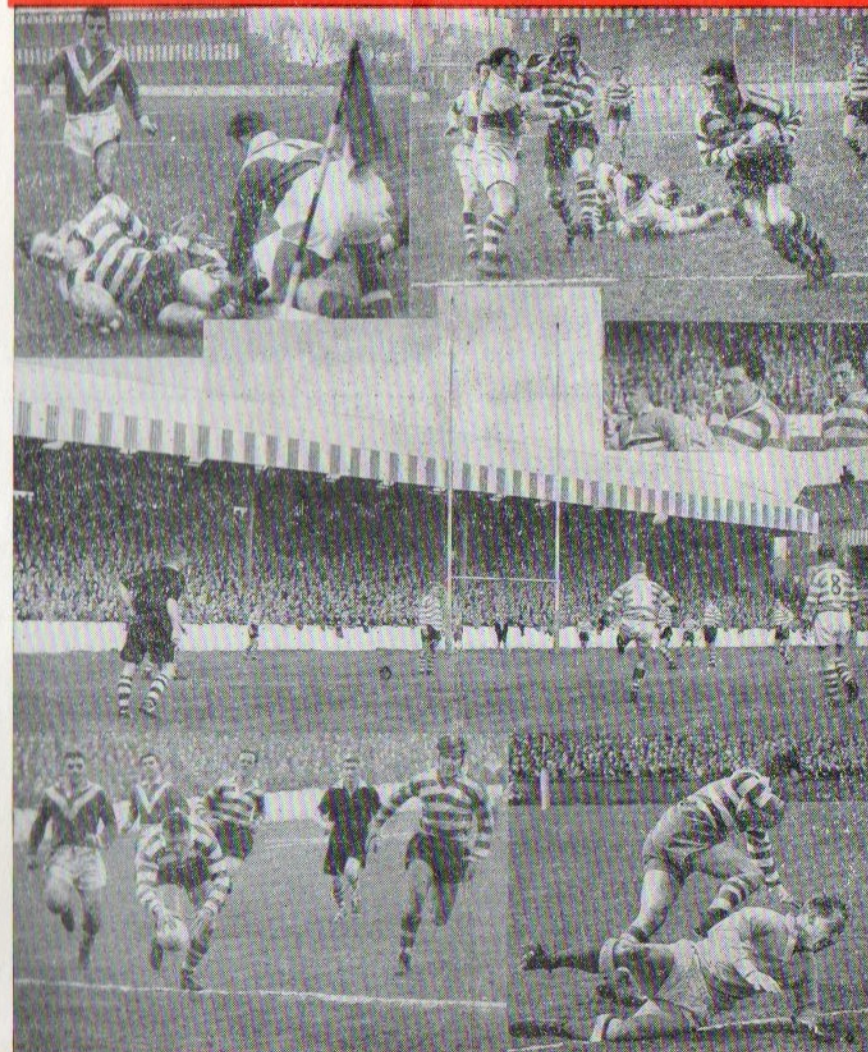
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Date	CLUB	Grd.	F. A.
Aug. 19	HALIFAX	Home	
21	BARROW	Away	
26	BLACKPOOL B.	Away	
28	YORK	Home	
Sept. 2	BARROW (Lancs. Cup)	Away	.....
4	OLDHAM/ROCHDALE 13		
	v. NEW ZEALAND	Home	.....
9	HALIFAX	Away	.....
16	ROCHDALE H.	Home	.....
23	HUNSLET	Away	.....
30	BARROW	Home	.....
Oct. 7	WORKINGTON T.	Home	.....
14	YORK	Away	.....
21	WARRINGTON	Home	.....
Nov. 4	WHITEHAVEN	Away	.....
11	HUDDERSFIELD	Away	.....
18	HULL	Home	.....
25	SALFORD	Away	.....
Dec. 2	WHITEHAVEN	Home	.....
9	WORKINGTON T.	Away	.....
16	ST. HELENS	Away	.....
23	SALFORD	Home	.....

Date	CLUB	Grd.	F. A.
25			
26	SWINTON	Home	.....
30	WIDNES	Home	.....
Jan. 1			
6	WARRINGTON	Away	.....
13	WIGAN	Away	.....
20	WIGAN	Home	.....
27	ROCHDALE H.	Away	.....
Feb. 3	LIVERPOOL CITY	Away	.....
10			
17	LEIGH	Home	.....
24	WIDNES	Away	.....
Mar. 3			
10	LEIGH	Away	.....
17	ST. HELENS	Home	.....
24	HULL	Away	.....
31	LIVERPOOL CITY	Home	
Apr. 7	HUNSLET	Home	
14			
20	SWINTON	Away	
21	BLACKPOOL B.	Home	
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WATERSHEDDING NEWS AND VIEWS

What better attraction for the opening of the season at Watersheddings could we have. We welcome the Halifax Club as most worthy visitors and opponents. Always an attraction to watch—they play the open game—and we can be sure of a good hard game today and we are hoping for an opening win.

Their team consists of very capable exponents as follows:-

Owen—Full Back, from Newport R.U., a Union international.

Snowden—Wing, secured on transfer from Hunslet.

Burnett—One of the few locals in the team.

Critchley—Secured on transfer from St. Helens, a good utility player.

Freeman—One of the best wingers in the game, came from Cardiff Tigers International Coloured 15.

Williams—Out Half, secured from Castleford R.U.

Marchant—Transferred from Featherstone. A Castleford boy.

Fox—Forward, from Shaw Cross, Yorkshire Junior team.

Shaw—Hooker, secured on transfer from Wakefield. International hooker.

Phillips—A R.U. player from Llanelly.

Kelly—Transferred from Batley.

Scroby—A local boy secured on transfer from Bradford.

Martin—Loose Forward, one of the few locals in the team.

TWO DIVISIONS

Season 1961/62 commencing today, is one of great importance to all clubs, insomuch that next season, 1962/63, we shall have two divisions of the Northern Rugby League. This procedure was passed by the majority of Clubs at a meeting held during the summer, and we are in complete agreeance with this.

It is obvious that the present League programme provides no competitive interest for many clubs.

Two divisions will provide extra competitive interest and increase aggregate attendances.

We are of the opinion that two divisions will not "ruin" the poorest clubs. Their attendances can hardly get lower. They, like the majority of clubs, exist on pools and lotteries under the present scheme—not on gate receipts.

As lowly clubs invariably show a loss on their games it will always be an advantage in any two divisional schemes for the first division clubs to play more games than the second division teams.

Below we give a guide as to how two divisions will work next season:

- (a) There will be sixteen teams in the first division.
- (b) Fourteen teams in the second division.
- (c) Relegation and promotion on a two up, two down basis.

These competitions will commence on the first Saturday in October and will continue until the end of the season.

The final table at the end of this season will decide the clubs for Division One, (first sixteen), and Division Two, (the remaining fourteen).

The Lancashire and Yorkshire County Challenge Cup competitions will be run as before. There is also no difference in the Rugby League Challenge Cup competition.

There will also be Eastern (or Yorkshire) and Western (or Lancashire and Cumberland) divisional championships, a competition on the lines of the present Lancashire and Yorkshire County Leagues. These two competitions are entirely separate.

Each club will play four other clubs—home and away—in its own division, the fixtures to be determined by agreed formulas. A League table is compiled from the results of these games and the top four play off in the usual manner, i.e. the top four clubs in both divisions in a knock-out competition to decide the Western and Eastern champions.

This is how the season's programme will go:
August and September—County Cup-ties and the Eastern and Western championship league programmes will be played.
October to the end of season—Two divisions start.

RUGBY LEAGUE SEASON OFF ON THE RIGHT LEG

Close-season signings have set the Rugby League game alight, in fact the number of converts from the Rugby Union code, both in this and other countries, makes most interesting reading. However, without going into the pros and cons of the many new captures, it would not at all surprise me if there were more South Walians, Scottish and Irish R.U. stars "coming over" to our game—(writes CYRIL BRIGGS).

Money may be the root of all evil, but it counts a lot in this world and under the system we live. At last, amateurs are realising that they can get what to them would be a life-savings in normal circumstances, if they just put pen to the right type of printed paper—the R.L. registration form.

But I think that money offers and other inducements to R.U. players have not altogether changed the minds of those who have been brought up to consider that R.U. is the be-all-and-end-all of sport. The R.L. was put in the limelight on that sun-drenched Saturday in May when St. Helens and Wigan made Wembley a sight for sore eyes.

It was a day when R.L. put on its coat of many colours and came out with a modern look which has changed the minds and outlook of so many sportsmen. R.L. as a spectacle had no better advertisement than that Wembley match. Gone was the belief that it was a Northern game run entirely by men who allowed their pet whippets into their bedrooms and also shared their best meals with them.

INTELLIGENT MEN

Those who imagined that the "Northern Union" was still a game for the flat cap and muffler men, were suddenly shaken to the irrefutable claim that R.L. is exciting and that there are certain aspects about it that can command the attention of the most intelligent of men.

Yes, many R.U. folk have been kidded too much in the past. Last May at Wembley was the game right before their very eyes and it was no use anyone, even the most biased R.L. man, saying that the professional handling code was all brawn and no brain. The Vollenhoven try plus the leading-up work, fairly made the T.V. tubes sizzle. The game caught the imagination of the country's sportsmen.

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- 8.—FOX, F.
- 9.—SHAW, S.
- 10.—PHILLIPS, D.
- 11.—KELLEY, G.
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- 14.—MARTIN, A.

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Newspapers who once considered Rugby League was in the Morris Dancing class (as far as interest was concerned) suddenly threw up the headlines in the boldest type and the writers of the South warmed to their work and began saying nice things about us.

Modern times have changed many things, even in R.L. You don't read these days of the game that "lacks personalities." If you do, then the writer cannot be fair to the game or to himself. For instance, there are now enough South Africans over here to start a team for the international championship. A few who could not make the grade have gone—but are not forgotten. More will come over here to try their luck.

At this very moment I'm expecting Leigh to hit the Sports pages in a big way again with another important capture. The old cry that, "players of the right calibre are not just there," can be forgotten. R.U. men are looking to their future, and you cannot blame them.

VICTIMIZED !

A man from South Wales, Scotland, England or Ireland who wants to capitalize his sporting talents should be able to do so without criticism. It happens in racing, boxing and soccer—why should Rugby League be victimized?

There are many new men in R.L. today. More will come. The season is so full of hope that it could be well worth a few thousand extra £'s to the R.L. funds at the end of the season.

We don't want to rely on football lotteries all the time. There was no lottery at Wembley where tickets were in such short supply. The R.L. game, if played in the right spirit and without any attempt to circumvent the laws—tricky as they are, can win back much lost support.

The advent of the New Zealanders, the fight for a place in the top half of the table before the Northern League is sectionalized, all makes very interesting reading. There are many schemes on foot to put R.L. on a higher plane. Let us hope that most of these ideas are given the right and proper trial.

The changing scene is a challenge to clubs, officials, players, and supporters alike. Opportunities are there for the taking. But it is the man who puts his cash on the turnstile table, or pays into the weekly

Season off on right leg — continued

sweep who keeps the game alive. We hope that they will be kept interested not merely in the welfare of the club, but by the displays which are worth the very name of R.L. football.

The signings will continue, maybe not at the rate which we have seen in recent weeks, but more people will be attracted to the code if we can still make it a real spectacle and not one where grunts and groans are part of the act.

NEW ZEALAND TOURING TEAM

The New Zealand Touring Team are visiting Watersheddings on Monday, 4th September, 1961, kick-off 7-0 p.m., to play a combined team of Oldham and Rochdale Hornets. It is intended to play eight Oldham players and five Rochdale players in the combined team.

Tickets for this match are now on sale to anyone at 6/- each, Enclosure Seats and "E" Stand Seats, guaranteed seats.

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THE NEW ZEALAND TOURISTS ITINERARY

Apart from the usual international engagements with the French R.L. side—the dates and venues of which have yet to be arranged—the Northern League clubs and the Great Britain representative side have a full fixture list with the New Zealand Tourists.

Owing to the shortness of the touring season—the last Test is to be played at Swinton on November 4th—it has meant that many clubs must share a fixture with the Tourists.

As far as we are concerned a team will be selected representing ourselves and Rochdale and the match will be played at Watersheddings on Monday, 4th September, kick-off 7-0 p.m.

The first Test will be played at Headingley on Saturday, 30th September, the second test is at Odsal, Bradford, on Saturday, October 21st, and the Final Test at Swinton, Saturday, 4th November. This date will round off their visit to England.

The venue of their match against Lancashire County has not yet been fixed but the match is due to be played on Wednesday, 13th Sept.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE

Final Table 1960-61

	P	W	L	D	For	Against	Pts.
Swinton	28	23	4	1	552	182	47
St. Helens	28	23	5	—	659	215	46
Warrington	28	22	5	1	570	191	45
Leigh	28	21	7	—	426	217	42
Wigan	28	20	8	—	502	248	40
Oldham	28	18	10	—	518	288	36
Workington	28	15	13	—	369	377	30
Halifax	28	13	14	1	382	369	27
Whitehaven	28	11	15	2	294	394	24
Widnes	28	10	18	—	302	428	20
Blackpool B.	28	8	18	2	248	393	18
Salford	28	7	19	2	237	569	16
Barrow	28	6	20	2	199	484	14
Rochdale H.	28	6	22	—	200	618	12
Liverpool City	28	1	26	1	196	681	3

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