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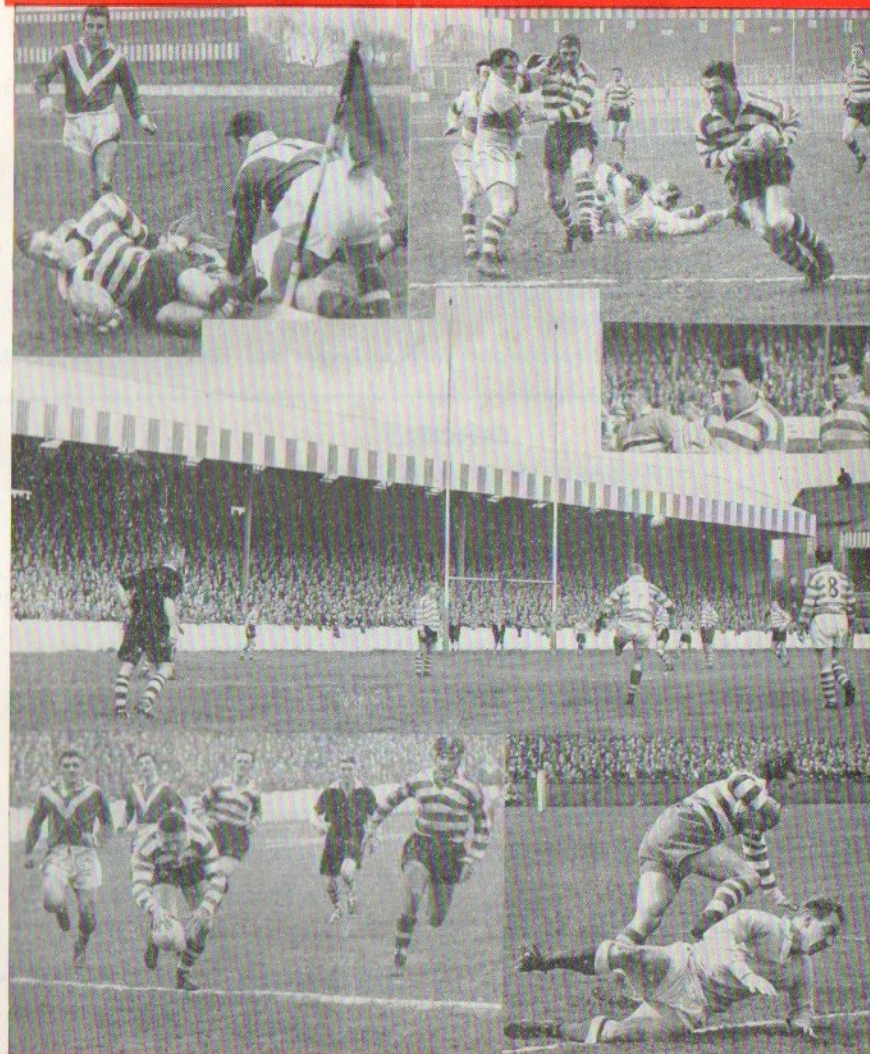
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Date	CLUB	Grd.	F. A.
Aug. 19	HALIFAX	Home	
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28	YORK	Home	
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9	HALIFAX	Away	
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30	BARROW	Home	
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	
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

What an unpredictable game football is, never running smoothly, the unexpected always happens. We can label ourselves in this category by our last appearance against lowly Hull. All was set for a comfortable victory according to form and position, when the Hull team provided one of the surprises of the day in administering on us our first home defeat. We had chances galore to win but the ball did not run our way, plus bad finishing and we retired losers in a game that is best forgotten but of course wiser after the event and a knowledge of how to correct such happenings in future.

Following the Hull debacle our visit to Salford proved yet another sensation of the day, insomuch as the large score we put up in an away game. Of course we fully expected to win but not by such a large margin. Although the Salford team played a man short for sixty minutes of the game, this did not belittle the brilliance of our victory. Every man appeared to be on his toes and played with that confidence which was evident from the start that it was only a matter of time before the Salford defence collapsed, and so it did. We saw more moves from our players on Saturday last, and more backing up than for a considerable time. This is as it should be and we hope that this good class football will be kept up. More matches like the Warrington match at Watersheddings and the match last Saturday and we shall earn the respect of our opponents and spectators alike. The crowds will roll back to Watersheddings and everybody will be happy.

OUR VISITORS

Today we have visitors from Whitehaven and we give them a welcome to Watersheddings. We visited Whitehaven on Saturday, 4th November and returned with a convincing victory by 25 points to 7 points, our biggest victory in all our visits to their ground. The Whitehaven club are not enjoying the best of luck this season and are in the bottom half of the table. Injuries to star players has played havoc with their playing strength, having played 13 matches, won four and lost nine, scoring 105 points against 254 points.

Our team must not take anything for granted today, a full 80 minutes of pulsating football with some good tries will send our spectators home happy.

R.L. SHOULD HEED SWING TO UNION

Free-lace journalism has its compensations—besides the batches of rejection slips. Being untied from the legs of an office desk, helps one to visit places where the whole scene has changed.—Writes CYRIL BRIGGS

Sometimes I have been surprised at the change, especially from a sporting sense.

Take Cheshire for instance. Here and there and in some of the older houses, are souvenirs of the past. They are in theory kept in the oft discussed "glass case".

The prized links with the past are sometimes muddled jerseys with dull patches which even without the microscope or examination by the pathological laboratory, indicate some slight wound or perhaps a bleeding nose. I'm not referring to gory details, but indicating that except for certain records, here are some reminders about the time when the Northern Union was played in this country.

SWEEPED FROM THE MAP

The soccer probe into the "missing thousands", will probably have some data about the "menace" of Rugby Union, and in the once sparsely populated county of Cheshire, the Union code has now swept the professional game from the map as it threatened to do at the time of the "split".

You have merely to take a peep at the official manual of the R.L. and you will spot the times when Cheshire were county champions. Now there are no R.L. sides in the county, except for a bunch of youths who have hopes of reviving interest among the grandsons of those stalwarts who, having battled with the All Blacks and other tourists, swapped jerseys before they left the field.

While R.L. was losing favour in the Mid-Cheshire area and also on the opposite side of the Mersey to the Liver Bird, R.U. was taking deep roots and despite the growth of soccer, held firm, very firm. Now we find that the R.U. code has spread like a grass on fire in flaming June.

In one week a high ranking R.U. official opened no fewer than five new grounds and clubhouses in Cheshire alone.

WENT UNHEEDED

As I have already mentioned in my opening paragraph, it is most interesting to witness the ever changing scene. Four or five years ago a well known Cheshire soccer official warned the County League clubs that the younger men were taking up rugger in ever increasing numbers. His warning was unheeded, until gates began to slump so much that the talk of disbanding some clubs was no mere threat.

You may say that R.U. does not attract many spectators. Maybe there is only a handful here and there, yet when we see the number of teams fielded by one club, the rate of progress by the XV aside game is amazing.

Two years ago I attended the inaugural meeting of a R.U. club in a small village. They had a struggle to put one team on the field, and even then some members of the side had never even played the game before.

NOW FOUR SIDES

Now this club has four sides in the field every Saturday, and a couple on Sundays. They have a clubhouse—a converted stable—which is so spacious that it contains changing rooms, dance hall, committee rooms and a bar. The takings over the bar counter were £5,000 in one year and are still growing. The club is open to lady members.

The swing to R.U. from R.L. and soccer is greater than can be imagined. Even in soccer-minded Manchester schools—not grammar schools at that—are changing over to Rugby. The lads who once almost ran to Maine Road or Old Trafford every Saturday are now engaged in other pursuits in the afternoon, having enjoyed "the other game" (as they once called it) in the morning.

There are many lessons to be gained by this Union growth. The clubs in the main are financially stable and have their own "pools" and other money-making ideas. But the social side is certainly maintained at all costs.

The changing scene . . . well, last week I thought I would take a peep at a South Lancashire town where soccer has held sway for the last 30 years. The town—Earlston where fans are spoilt for choice. They can trot off to see Everton, Liverpool, Manchester City and Manchester United teams.

Being a railway town the workers had cheap travel facilities. Many found it quicker to trip over to Bolton.

BLAMED R.U. MATCHES

Not now, my dear reader, in fact an official of the Wanderers when asked by a radio commentator if he could account for among other things the meagre support at Burnden Park, added that rugby matches were spoiling the gates.

As a sidelight—ten sets of Rugby posts have been set up in Earlston, where before the war R.U. was looked upon as a posh or stupid game!

If R.L. wants to follow the soccer idea of solving the mystery of the missing supporters, let club officials study the ways and means of the R.U. men. They will learn that money does not always rule sport. There is such a thing as social intercourse; there are guiding spirits which prevent the incidents in the game spoiling the evening's entertainment.

Scoff at R.U., but it is growing in this ever-changing sporting scene, so much so that you will be drawn to it sooner or later in some way or another.

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No doubt that all are aware that two divisions in the Rugby League will operate next season. The first division will consist of 16 clubs and the second division of 14 clubs. Our position prior to today's match is No. 8, and we have lost six matches out of fifteen. In the 15 matches we have scored 328 points, giving an average of nearly 22 points per match, and yet we have lost six matches. We shall have to be more consistent, as we cannot allow many more slip ups. We are confident that we shall attain first division status if last Saturday's team spirit is maintained.

INJURIES

Our trialist on loan from Warrington—Dennis Atherton, a wing-three-quarter, had an unfortunate accident in the last few minutes of the game at Leigh on Saturday, 18th November. He unfortunately dislocated his hip and is at present in Leigh Infirmary but expects to be discharged in two weeks time. We are informed that he will make a complete recovery, but a considerable time will elapse before he resumes football.

AUSTRALIAN TOUR

Real good news for the Rugby League is that the coming tour of Australia and New Zealand during next summer will now take place. What a calamity it would have been if this had not taken place. For a player to be chosen to tour Australia and New Zealand is one of the plums of our game and is a great honour to the chosen players and is greatly appreciated by them.

Players who have toured have always been anxious to go again, in fact two of our post war tourists in Phil Jackson of Barrow and Nat Silcock of Warrington have returned and settled down in Australia.

BACKS CUM FORWARDS

It is amazing when one looks around in the Rugby League of the top class players in the forwards who commenced their careers in the backs. It is a case of going forward not back. It is often found that a back turned forward is a very good handler of a ball and is blessed with that extra speed. In the majority of cases the back turned forward comes about through increasing weight and more often than not this player requires some talking to to make him try his luck in the forwards. In the past an average back has achieved international honours as a forward.

There are many today in this class in Turner and Vines of Wakefield, who commenced their careers as centres and many others who are now first class forwards. There is one exception in the Rugby League today, and that is Frank Myler, international out half and centre of Widnes, who commenced his career as a loose forward but was considered too light. One may say lucky Widnes.

WEMBLEY CUP FINAL

All 25/-, 15/- and 12/6 seating tickets for the Cup Final at Wembley have been sold. Seating tickets at 7/6 and ground enclosure tickets at 3/- can still be obtained from the Rugby League Offices, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds, 7.

A stamped addressed envelope should accompany each application.

SCHOOLBOY NOTES

On Saturday morning, December 23rd at Watersheddings, Lancashire Boys will meet Yorkshire Boys in an inter county game. This will be a memorable occasion in the schoolboy rugby world, for the B.B.C. will televise this game and it will be seen by millions of viewers in the B.B.C. programme 'Grandstand'.

On November 4th this year these two teams made history by playing the first ever schoolboy county game at Tatters Field, the Doncaster R.F.C. ground. In a magnificent game of fast, open rugby Lancashire Boys gained a narrow victory, by 16pts. to 12pts. The teams it is hoped, will be unchanged on December 23rd, and this return game promises to be an outstanding one between these friendly rivals.

Our thanks are due to the Committee of Oldham F.C. who have generously offered the use of the ground and facilities to enable this game to be staged. The kick-off has still to be confirmed, but full details will appear in the Press in the near future.

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Noon	16	16	12	Morgan	1		
Sims	16	3	64	Parker T	1		
Patterson	12	3		Robinson	12	4	
Holden	14	7		Nestor	8	3	
Davies	3			Bird	13	10	
Kenny	4	2	3	Smethurst	7	2	
Kellett	18	10		Pycroft	2		
Pitchford	18	7		Goddard, P.	6	1	
Payne	14			Mumberson	4		
McIntyre	15	4					
Winslade	11						
Dufty	11	3					
Rae	11	3					
Parker, D.	16	2					

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

(Up to and including Saturday last)

	Barrow	Blackpool	Huddersfield	Leigh	Liverpool	OLDHAM	Rochdale	Salford	St. Helens	Swinton	Warrington	Whitehaven	Widnes	Wigan	Workington
Barrow	.....	20-10			33-0	11-5			2-34				5-10		8-12
Blackpool	18-10	.....	2-23			5-20	20-4				6-18			8-33	5-22
Huddersfield		33-12	.....			16-7						34-10			
Leigh				.....			4-7	33-10							
Liverpool				5-9	.....			11-22		4-34	5-28				
OLDHAM	40-0					.....	53-9				35-5				14-12
Rochdale		15-15	0-10				.....		2-14			6-6		8-28	4-14
Salford			8-26		8-5	4-50		.....	7-24						
St. Helens									.....			44-0			16-7
Swinton			11-9						15-6	.....			16-2	4-7	
Warrington					27-2			32-11		18-12	.....	25-4	15-10		
Whitehaven			5-5	5-15		7-25			3-10	0-24				6-26	
Widnes				8-18					13-12						8-16
Wigan	39-3	31-5			25-6	45-0				6-13					
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