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NOTES

As these notes are being written, it is very much in the air whether the game with our visitors from Oldham will be played on Saturday or not. With the north of the country in a blizzard, and Oldham itself having had five inches of snow in the last few hours, there is no guarantee (1) that Oldham will be able to make the journey, (2) that their ground at Watersheddings will be playable even if our own "A" team can get there. Troubles in plenty have come the way of the club in recent months, without the prospect of postponed games and the consequent congestion of fixtures. Davies, the international centre, has moved to Wigan, Ayres I believe, off-hand, went to Swinton, Charlie Winslade, the long serving forward, was transferred to Warrington, and Roger Duffy went to Barrow. Then the club terminated the contract of their manager Gus Risman, since which time team affairs have been in the hands of the mercurial Pitchford, and if he does as well for them as the team and club captain as he did as a half back, some of their troubles could easily be behind them. They have had an interest in Cumberland for very many years, Joe Ferguson and Tom Fletcher were two of the older brigade, Jimmy Parkinson, another who became the President of the club, and in more recent times their acquisitions have been the ex-Whitehaven player Geoff. Robinson and the Pica young giant John Rae. Every year now we get a visit from exiled Cumbrians when Oldham come along, not least of them being Edgar Brooks and his good lady, Jean, who was the daughter of the late Mr. Joe Ferguson previously referred to. Edgar will be well remembered as a hooker who gave Oldham excellent service for so many years.

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Our bill of health is improving, with the news that Malcolm Moss is home again this week, the prospect of Norman Herbert being at work again on Monday, meaning that we now only have Ray Devlin on our casualty list. Of the Supporters Club Committee we have Mr. Tom Inglis out of action though. Tom is a good and conscientious member of all our activities, and he is at present spending his time in the Workington Infirmary recuperating from an operation. He is in excellent spirits, just more or less killing time until healing is complete, and I feel sure that you will join with me in wishing him God speed, and a Christmas at home with his nearest and dearest.

Wembley—if you have any ideas of going there, you had better make early application for tickets. All the tickets for the game on the twelfth of May next are sold, with the exception of a few, and they are only a few at 7/6. You need not send for tickets at any higher price, they are all sold, in fact this is the biggest advance booking that the Rugby League Authorities have ever experienced since they took the final down south. It is a good sign, progress which some are saying can be put down to televising of the former finals, which have created a general interest in the game.

There is a club in the league having to take proceedings against one of its supporters for an offence against a referee whilst he was leaving the playing area. The safety of the officials at all games is the responsibility of the home club, and while it is possible for many of us to get a bit warm under the collar at times, no one should be silly enough to get out of control. We hope we never have that trouble at Workington.

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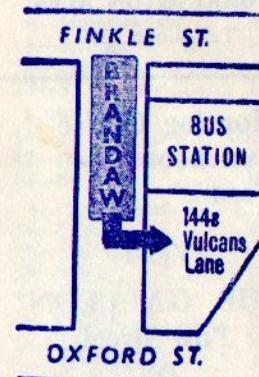
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	26—Whitehaven	H	
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	1962.		
	Jan. 1—		
	6—Huddersfield	A	
	13—Widnes	H	
	20—Leigh	A	
	27—St. Helens	H	
	Feb. 3—Wigan	A	
	10—1st Round R.L. Cup.		
	17—Castleford	A	
	24—Swinton	H	
	Mar. 3—2nd Round R.L. Cup		
	10—Hull K.R.	A	
	17—Rochdale	H	
	24—Batley	H	
	31—Warrington	A	
	Apl. 7—Liverpool	H	
	21—Keighley	H	
	23—Whitehaven	A	
Aug. 19—Hull K.R.	H	31	4
22—Keighley	A	17	9
26—Barrow	A	12	8
28—Castleford	H	33	12
Sept. 9—Blackpool	A	22	5
16—Warrington	H	11	2
23—Rochdale	A	14	4
30—Blackpool	H	25	5
Oct. 7—Oldham	A	10	12
9—New Zealand ...		9	10
	at Whitehaven.		
14—Barrow	H	24	10
21—Widnes	A	16	8
28—Salford	H	52	0
Nov. 4—Batley	A	0	10
11—Wigan	H	10	16
18—Liverpool	A	28	5
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