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Date	Opponents		Pts.
1961	12—Liverpool C. (C.C.)	H	29 14
Aug.	19—Leeds	H	20 5
	26—Swinton	A	6 15
	30—Wakefield T.		
	Wed. 6-30 p.m.	H	10 5
Sept.	2—Leigh (Lancs. Cup)	H	43 8
	9—Salford	A	24 7
	12—Rochdale, Tues. 6 p.m.	A	14 2
	16—Whitehaven	H	44 0
	23—Barrow	A	34 2
	30—Hull	H	22 25
Oct.	2—Oldham (Lancs. Cup)	H	30 7
	7—Whitehaven	A	10 3
	10—Salford (S-Final L.C.)	H	21 2
	14—NEW ZEALAND	H	25 10
	28—Warrington	A	7 11
Nov.	4—Swinton L. Cup Final		25 9
	18—Widnes	A	12 13
	25—Workington T.	H	16 7
Dec.	2—Hull K.R.	A	5 12
	9—Wakefield T.	A	10 12
	16—Oldham	H	
	23—Huddersfield	A	
	25—Liverpool C.	H	
	26—Wigan (Boxing Day)	A	
1962	1—Leigh	H	
Jan.	6—Barrow	H	
	13—Leeds	A	
	20—Warrington	H	
	27—Workington T.	A	
Feb.	3—Huddersfield	H	
	10—Challenge Cup 1st Rd.		
	17—Salford	H	
	24—Leigh	A	
Mar.	3—Challenge Cup 2nd Rd.		
	10—Rochdale H.	H	
	17—Oldham	A	
	24—Widnes	H	
	31—OPEN DATE		
April	7—Hull	A	
	14—Blackpool B.	A	
	20—Wigan (Good Friday)	H	
	21—Liverpool C.	A	
	23—Blackpool B.	H	
May	12—WEMBLEY FINAL		
	—Swinton	H	
	—Hull K.R.	H	

"A" TEAM

Date	Opponents		Pts.
1961	19—Wigan	A	23 11
Aug.	21—Leigh (Mon. 6-30)	A	8 17
	26—Swinton	H	24 3
Sept.	2—Leigh (L.C.C.S.)	A	10 10
	9—Salford	H	41 7
	11—Leigh (L.C.C.S.)	H	25 3
	16—Whitehaven	A	
	23—Barrow	H	27 5
	25—Wigan	H	30 10
Oct.	7—Whitehaven	H	33 9
	14—Liverpool C. (L.C.C.S.)	A	24 2
	21—Swinton	A	15 7
	28—Warrington	H	33 14
Nov.	4—Warrington L.S. Final	H	37 7
	11—		
	18—Widnes	H	18 4
	25—Workington T.	A	26 3
Dec.	2—		
	9—Junior League	H	23 10
	16—Oldham	A	
	23—		
	30—Wigan	H	
1962	6—Barrow	A	
Jan.	13—		
	20—Warrington	A	
	27—Workington T.	H	
Feb.	3—		
	10—Liverpool C.	A	
	17—Salford	A	
	24—Leigh	H	
Mar.	3—Rochdale H.	H	
	10—Rochdale H.	A	
	17—Oldham	H	
	24—Widnes	A	
	31—Wigan (F)	A	
April	7—		
	14—Blackpool B.	H	
	21—Liverpool C.	H	
	28—Blackpool B.	A	

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COMING BACK

The best news we have had for weeks is the report of the game at Wakefield. Every Saints supporter who made the journey came back thrilled at the way the Saints—first teamers as well as reserves—had set about the Wakefield giants.

If they had not had so much of the ball in the first half Wakefield would surely have had their sequence of victories broken. As it was their confidence was sadly shaken. Through the game their strong attacking forces wheeled into action many times but they found determined defenders everywhere. Young Frank Barrow and Tom Vollenhoven stood out for their wonderful saves. But it must not be thought that others in the team were shirking their tackles. No one left it to the other fellow.

THE NEW CAPTAIN

But the Saints could claim some sympathy for bad luck or rather misfortune. They had to field a team weakened by illness and injuries and at the last moment Vint Karalius came late for the train and Alec Murphy had to take the responsibility of captaining the team. However Alec is never daunted by the size of the task and much of the spirit that the team showed at Wakefield was due to his leadership. Last year the Lancashire Committee asked Alec to captain the County team against Yorkshire and, after being behind in the first half by 18 points, he rallied them in wonderful fashion and in the last minutes Lancashire won by 22 points to 20. Now Alec looks like establishing a record for a County captain. He is young enough to be playing for his county for another eight or ten years.

Team spirit is something that you can't define. Either a team has it or it hasn't. It can be affected by little things as well as big things. The Board of Directors felt that Murphy's leadership last Saturday was good enough for them to make him captain for the rest of the season.

And here is where team spirit showed itself. When Vint Karalius was informed of the decision, to use his own words, he said he was man enough to take his medicine, and that he would do all he could to help whoever was chosen to lead the team in his place.

AN UNLUCKY BREAK

Before leaving the Wakefield match reference must be made to an instance of bad luck which

probably changed the result of the game. Tom Vollenhoven was going up the wing, kicked through and then ran round the opposing players by going into touch and was flagged by the touch-judge. Where the official's wits were, no one in the vicinity seemed to know, but it was an almost certain five points gone to the winds, for Tom was away on his own when he picked up the ball.

Neither would it be fair to finish without mentioning Dick Huddart, who played probably his best game for the club, and that is saying something.

OLDHAM'S VISIT

Our visitors today are finding their feet again. After many years with Ganley's goal-kicking as their big asset, it must have been difficult to re-build their team to compensate for what they lost when he went out. Now Alan Davies must have left another gap when he went to Wigan. But good teams always find a way round their difficulties. Pitchford and Kellett, now mature players, are providing their spearhead at half-back, and according to the Press, Keith Holden, the ex-Wigan back, has been drafted to the wing to look after Tom Vollenhoven today. Looking back to other matches, he will need some help, for one man does not usually manage the job.

THE HOLIDAY GAMES

After our journey to Huddersfield, we have as our Christmas Day visitors Liverpool City, and on New Years Day, Leigh. Boxing Day of course, we are at Wigan this year and as usual our spectators will make every effort to get there.

THE FIRST DIVISION

The League table shows the Saints in as low a position as they have been for a good many years. But from now on they should make up the lee-way of un-played matches and we will watch them climbing up the table, but to get into the "Top Four" will need every effort that the players can make.

HOOLIGANISM

The League recently circularised all clubs instructing them to prosecute any person who assaults players, the referee or the touch-judges. One club is already taking action in a case of this nature. This should be a timely warning to that very small minority of spectators who fail to control their actions.

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