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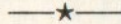
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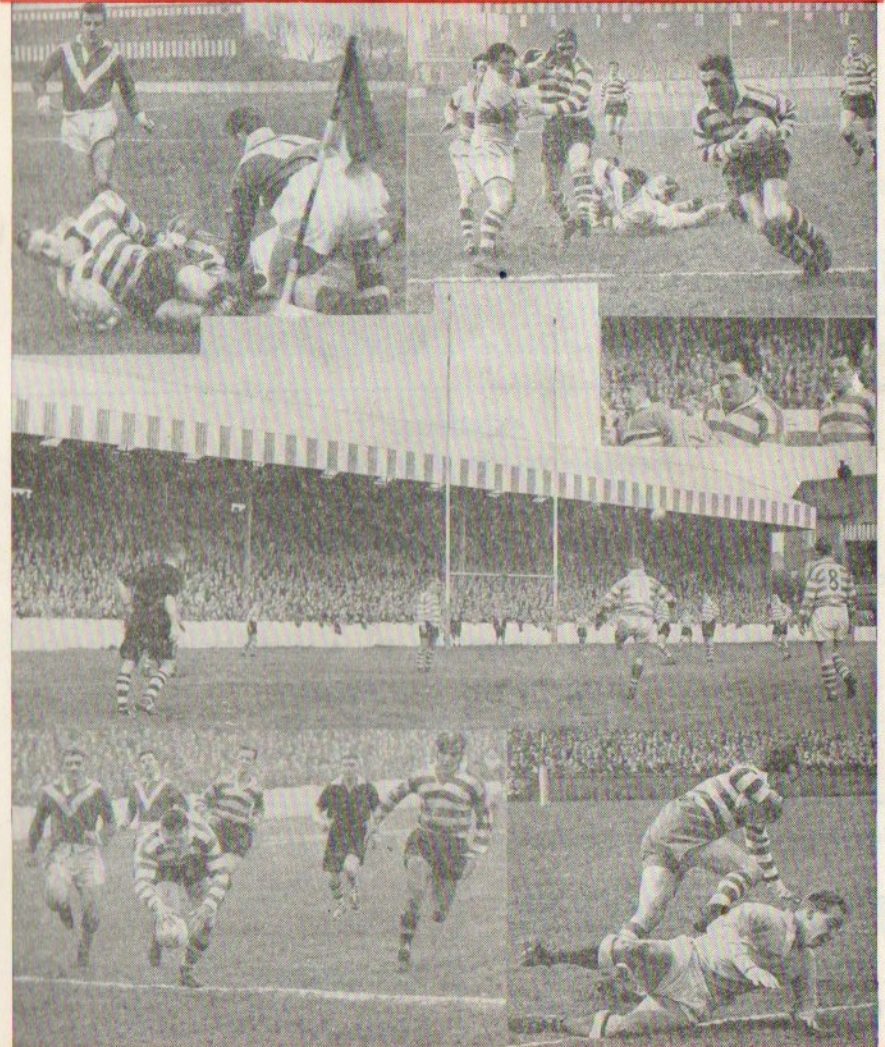
Date	CLUB	Grd.	F. A.
Aug. 19	HALIFAX	Home
21	BARROW	Away
26	BLACKPOOL B.	Away
28	YORK	Home
Sept. 2	BARROW (Lancs. Cup)	.....	Away
4	OLDHAM/ROCHDALE 13	.....
	v. NEW ZEALAND	.....	Home
9	HALIFAX	.....	Away
16	ROCHDALE H.	.....	Home
23	HUNSLET	.....	Away
30	BARROW	.....	Home
Oct. 7	WORKINGTON T.	.....	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. 5	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
23	HUDDERSFIELD	Home

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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Since our last home match on January 20th against the Wigan team we have played two away matches, at Rochdale and Liverpool, not mighty opposition one may say, but every match away from home is a hard one, but we succeeded in both matches and consolidated our position in the League table for Division 1 for next season. Our match at Liverpool on Saturday last, and this ground must have a hoodoo to our team for in the words of a Liverpool director the City team always play their best football of the Season against Oldham, the ground was a morass in the middle and was a detriment to fast backs operating the open game. However we overcame the difficulty and the 13 points to 7 points win was well earned.

TODAY'S GAME

Once more blazing the trail to Wembley comes along to Rugby League for 1962, and all clubs are optimistic in their efforts to appear at Wembley. It is a hard road to travel and it is not always the best of clubs that have the honour of appearing in the final. Many unexpected results come along and the luck of the draw plays an important part.

So it is our privilege to entertain the Hull club and we give them a welcome to Watersheddings in the first round. We may expect a hard game and not much in the final score.

Let us not forget that Hull played at Watersheddings as recent as November 18th last and surprisingly won the game by 10 points to 7, so we cannot take anything for granted today.

Our team must show its best form and if that is so we have no fear of the result. However we hope to have a game worthy of the name and that our club go into the draw for the second round, which takes place this evening.

THE FORTHCOMING TOUR

Whilst we must congratulate Mr. S. Hadfield of Wakefield Trinity and Mr. A. Walker of Rochdale Hornets, upon their selection as Manager and Assistant respectively for the forthcoming Australian and New Zealand Tour, it is a very poor outlook for Rugby League when only 3 applicants put in for the Managership and after this election, only one applicant for the position of Assistant.

This was from 32 members of the Council, the body from which only applicant are considered. Of course members of the Council may have their own opinion and possibly business commitments prevent them from applying, and there is even, I believe, an unwritten law regarding the age limit. The field for applicants should be made wider, even applicants from the County Committees and club directors could be brought into the sphere for selection.

It is the personal opinion of the writer of this programme that the Secretary of the Rugby League should have been delegated to one of the positions. Without doubt, Mr. Fallowfield has the qualifications. Holder of a University degree, he has also been coach and Manager to British teams in this country and with success. He is also Secretary to the International Board of Control of the Rugby League. Some may say that Mr. Fallowfield has not got the time to be absent from this country to go on tour, as a great part of Rugby League business is conducted during the close season, i.e., fixtures, annual meeting and conference. Did not Mr. Fallowfield go to Australia with the World Cup team? It is a very poor excuse when a head of an organisation such as the Rugby League Secretary possesses cannot spare the time in the eyes of some people.

What of the staff at Rugby League Headquarters, we have an assistant Secretary, and surely he is capable to carry on the work of the Rugby League in the event of Mr. Fallowfield being away, either on Rugby League business or indisposition. A dossier for a state of emergency must be or should be always ready at hand for such eventualities.

However, good luck to the Managers and the chosen players who no doubt will give of their best and we hope return with the ashes.

BRIEFS

The draw for the second round of the Rugby League Cup will be televised from the B.B.C. Studios, on Saturday, 10th February at 5-53 p.m. to 6 p.m. Supporters should note that each team has the same number throughout the competition. The Oldham Club number is 19.

CUP FINAL TICKETS

Apart from the allocation to the Finalists, all seating tickets for the cup final at Wembley have been sold. Standing enclosure tickets can, however be obtained from the Rugby League Headquarters, 180 Chapel-twon Road, Leeds 7 at 3/- each.

At the Cup Final last year there was a capacity crowd.

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POINTS ON TOUR PROFITS

With the Australian Tour now a reality and the World Cup Series saved, (this tournament due for its fourth session may have been in danger) RL can get down to other important items. The recent survey into attendance shows that there has been some improvement over last season's figures, but this must not be taken to mean that all is well in the Rugby League game. —(writes CYRIL BRIGGS)

Every RL tour "Down Under" has realised a profit of some kind or another, and the figures of the last trip in 1958 were most satisfactory. After players had received their weekly pocket money each week and their wives had been paid allowances for themselves and families, the share out amounted to £570.

Income tax took a big slice, but the fact that the "holiday" had been provided and "all found", made the participants feel very happy indeed, and many of the men who were chosen on the last occasion will be keen enough to please the international selectors again.

The RL itself claims some useful cash and that money is doled out to the 30 clubs on a percentage basis. That was the idea in the past and I see no reason why it shouldn't apertain next summer, but I feel that before the Tour begins there should be some proviso.

When the British players are operating in Australia and New Zealand, 14 clubs will be getting ready to play in Division two. This is the break-away from the traditional unweildy league. Thirty clubs in one league is far too heavy, so next May will see the parting of the ways.

Theoretically, the two divisional scheme should work out quite well, but we know something about the best laid schemes of mice and men . . . The senior league—the more fashionable teams will play in this tournament—should be a marked success, but I'm not convinced that the teams in the second division will have an easy time of it.

BRIGHTER THINGS

Most writers were convinced that the two division scheme was the only way of opening up the Rugby League game to better and brighter things. The super league (let us hope it is that) should attract bigger attendances and the crowds should be treated to some bright and open rugby. There will be less scores of a cricket nature, and next season should see more games which are not labelled with the "foregone conclusion".

RL officials and players would be lost if there was no public support and we are all hoping that the fans who follow the Liverpool, Doncaster, Blackpool, Dewsbury and other humble clubs will continue to do so under the next regime.

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- 2—LORD, B. 4T
- 3—HOLDEN, K. T
- 4—PRICE, M. J. T
- 5—NESTOR, V.
- 6—KELLETT, A.
- 7—PITCHFORD, F.
- 8—PAYNE, W.
- 9—McINTYRE, L.
- 10—GODDARD, P. Robinson
- 11—SMETHURST, P.
- 12—RAE, J.
- 13—PARKER, D. T

Referee:
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of Dewsbury

HULL
Black and White

- 1—KEEGAN
- 2—ROSENBERG
- 3—GEMMELL T
- 4—HOLLINDRAKE T 2G
- 5—SULLIVAN
- 6—MATTHEWS T
- 7—FINN
- 8—WHITEHEAD
- 9—CORBAN T
- 10—DRAKE Hambling
- 11—HAMBLING Clixby
- 12—BOOTH
- 13—WHITELEY

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Mr. J. Tyr r, Leigh (Crimson)

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If the followers of the clubs in the 16 team league don't take too kindly to the type of football provided, though there should be a levelling up in strength, then the RL headquarters may receive some distress signals. We have to bear in mind that once the breakaway has been decided upon, there will be no going back to the old system until the two divisional scheme had had chance to either satisfy everyone that it is needed, or that it should continue.

Certain profits from the Australasian Tour might be set aside for such an emergency as I have mentioned. Since the war, two senior clubs have dropped out—Cardiff and Belle Vue Rangers. Workington, Whitehaven, Blackpool Borough and Doncaster have come in, but RL cannot afford to lose one since club at any time.

RL must do something about evening games—the floodlight question must be settled once and for all. Workington, Oldham, Halifax, and other soccer clubs have their artificial lighting systems. Why not RL? Only two clubs have installed the system—Bradford Northern and Leigh. Unfortunately for the top class matches, both these clubs may be operating in division two next season. **However they may re-coup some of their losses because of their enterprise.**

Non-league club Wigan Athletic, who are always trying to get elected to the F.A. are to have the latest in floodlighting. If they cannot afford the cost what about the Wigan RL club which is one of the wealthiest in the league?

RL must keep up with the times. The Wembley showpiece has given it a new look. It is not now the parochial game we often heard critics claim it to be. The final in Middlesex has given the code a new boost. But it is not the slightest bit of use putting on one good show a year.

TV has done a great deal for the game. It has taken the professional handling code into the homes of people who knew as much about the game a few years ago as they did about amateur boxing. Loosen the purse strings is my appeal. Money has been flowing in through the pools. Didn't one famous Frenchman say that the only way to make headway was by being audacious?

MALCOLM PRICE

Making his home debut today is our latest acquisition from the Union game in Malcolm John Price and we wish him a welcome and a successful time with our club. Malcolm has played nine times for Wales and was captain of his club—Pontypool. 5ft 9in and 12st 9lbs, he is ideally built for the centre position. His potential in 1959 was such that he won selection for the British team in New Zealand and Australia, and played in four Tests three in New Zealand, once at outside half in the second Test in New Zealand, which the Lions were unlucky to lose.

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CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION — FIRST ROUND

Barrow v. Whitehaven	
Blackpool Borough v. Liverpool City	
Castleford v. Bradford Northern	
Dewsbury v. Halifax	
Featherstone Rovers v. Batley	
Keighley v. Wigan	
Leeds v. Bramley	
Salford v. St. Helens	
Swinton v. Hull Kingston Rovers	
Wakefield Trinity v. Warrington	
Widnes v. Leigh	
Workington Town v. Rochdale Hornets	
York v. Huddersfield	
Brookhouse (Wakefield) v. Doncaster	

The half time scores of the above matches will be given on the score board at 3-50 p.m.

In addition to the above matches Hunslet v. St. Annes (Oldham) was played this morning.

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FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS—1961-62

(Up to and including Saturday last)

Player	App.	T.	G	Player	App.	T.	G
Noon	24	18	13	Morgan	1		
Sims	24	7	85	Parker T	1		
Patterson	19	3		Robinson	15	5	
Holden	18	8		Nestor	15	8	
Davies	3			Bird	14	11	
Kenny	4	2	3	Smethurst	14	2	
Kellett	24	10		Pycroft	2		
Pitchford	26	7		Goddard, P.	14	3	
Payne	20			Mumberson	4		
McIntyre	22	4		Lord	7	5	
Winslade	11			Lloyd	2		
Dufty	11	3		Price	1	1	
Rae	18	6					
Parker, D.	23	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	9-5	14-19	33-0	11-5		7-13	2-34						8-12
Blackpool	18-10	.....	2-23	13-7	23-0	5-20	20-4				6-13	9-5		8-33	5-22
Huddersfield		33-12	.....	15-5		16-7				7-2		34-10			
Leigh		19-5		.....			4-7	33-10							23-12
Liverpool				5-9	.....	7-13		11-22		4-34				0-39	5-28
OLDHAM	40-0					.....	53-9				35-5	45-10		2-7	14-12
Rochdale		15-15	0-10			7-17	.....	8-6	2-14			6-6		8-28	4-14
Salford	16-15		5-26		8-5	4-50	28-10	.....	7-24	16-0					
St. Helens	30-6		39-5						.....			44-0			16-7
Swinton			11-9						15-6	.....	17-5	16-2	4-7		
Warrington		31-8	7-7		27-2	12-15		32-11	11-7	18-12	.....	25-4	15-10		
Whitehaven			5-5	5-15		7-25	17-3		3-10	0-24		.....	4-8	6-26	
Widnes		28-10	8-18	12-0					13-12	4-3			.....		8-16
Wigan	39-3	31-5		25-6	45-0	16-13	22-5		6-13		31-11			.....	25-8
Workington	24-10	25-5	30-5			17-5		52-0	23-7		11-2	26-5	10-16	

Home Team on left Away Team on top Home Team's score given first

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