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23	HUNSLET	Away	
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14	YORK	Away	
21	WARRINGTON	Home	
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18	HULL	Home	
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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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WATESHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

It is not often that we flatter ourselves, but we can give our players a very good pat on the back for the splendid display on Saturday last against Hull in the 1st Round of the Challenge Cup. Several newspaper critics stated that this would be one of the most hotly contested matches of the round and the result very open. Evidently this statement roused our players and the exhibition they put over in the first half in registering 21 points was a magnificent effort and would have broken the spirit of any opposing team. But the Hull team must be complimented on fighting back in the second half and the game proved one of the most interesting seen at Watersheddings this season.

Our display was the real Wembley stuff and a repetition of this form in the second round will be more encouraging still.

It was unfortunate that the weather broke down at the wrong time at 2-0 p.m., and probably accounted for only 13,342 spectators paying admission of £1,800/9/0, but there it goes, we are not complaining, we have a second bite of the cherry for the second round.

OUR VISITORS

Today it is our pleasure to entertain the Leigh Club whose position in the League Table is No. 18, having played 23 matches, won 10, and lost 13, scoring 264 points against 303 points.

One must compliment the Leigh directors in their endeavours in securing first class players and they have spent money lavishly this last year or so in their efforts to regain some of their former glory. The Leigh Club have always played us a hard game and in season 1960/61 recorded victory both at Watersheddings and at Leigh, so we have something to rub off and today must watch our step and not take matters for granted.

They appear to be running into form only last Saturday beat Widnes at Widnes by 13 points to 3 points, in the first round of the Challenge Cup. They are now being coached by that great tactician, Alan Prescott, late of St. Helens, who appears to be moulding the team in a very workmanlike manner. If the match comes up to last Saturday's display there will be no grumbles.

Footnote : On the 20th January, 1962, Leigh beat Workington at Leigh by 23 points to 12 points, so a little inspiration can be gained from a victory today.

THE CUP DRAW

Once again fortune smiled on our club in coming out of the draw first in a home draw, made on Saturday last, and more especially still as we have most worthy opponents in Workington.

The league games between the two clubs have been all square, having beaten Workington at Watersheddings on October 7th last, by 14 points to 12 points, and losing the game at Workington by 17 points to 5 points.

There is no doubt that we shall be in for a treat on the 3rd of March at Watersheddings, and if the form against Hull is anything to go by there can only be one result. However the players look forward confidently and in the words of the captain was just what the doctor ordered.

The draw for the 2nd round of the Cup is as follows :

Wigan v. Dewsbury

St. Helens v. Huddersfield

Leigh v. Leeds

Oldham v. Workington

Castleford v. Hunslet

Blackpool B. v. Wakefield Trinity

Hull Kingston Rovers v. Barrow

Featherstone Rovers v. Doncaster

Games to be played on Saturday, 3rd March, kick-off 3 p.m.

CUP TIE TICKETS

Our 2nd round Challenge Cup tie against Workington at Watersheddings, on Saturday, 3rd March, 1962, kick-off 3-0 p.m. will not be an all ticket match.

Preference will be given to seatholder members to claim a seat for the above match, but cannot be guaranteed their own seat, owing to the fact that Workington F.C., by R.L. bye-law claim one third of the seating capacity. Seatholder members will be given until Thursday, 22nd February to make application, but it is essential to apply early, as all applicants can not be satisfied.

So if you require a ticket please do not leave your reservation until the last date, otherwise tickets may have been disposed of. The price is 6/- per ticket, postal applications only enclosing remittance, coupon No. 25 from rear of membership card, and stamped addressed envelope.

THAT TORPEDO BUSINESS

Those of us who had the opportunity to witness the annual Varsity match between Cambridge and Oxford Rugby Union sides, last year—I'm referring to the televised versions—were most impressed with the line out throws of P. M. Dawkins, the Oxford winger, who is an American.

(writes CYRIL BRIGGS)

The amazing range of the throws—termed by the experts as "torpedo hurling"—was something many in the record crowd, 67,000 at Twickenham's well appointed ground had not previously seen. So a Yank has to teach us something about our own game! But I do know that a lot of Rugby league minded folk were very impressed.

It's not the first time an American has appeared in a Varsity Rugby game, but when the accasion does arise for a man from the States to show his sporting ability, then the representative has been known to serve up something of a special kind.

The pattern of Rugby (whether it be Union or League) may be changed by these torpedo throws. It is not new by any standards and what we must also remember is that the National Game of the States, which is called football is a kind of Rugby Union League and wrestling match all combined. It must have been copied to some extent from the game in our country.

CATCHING ON

I shouldn't be surprised if we saw R.U. and R.L. club sides following this throwing business. We have seen far too much hand to hand stuff in the past and Dawkins's ideas of opening up the attack in one way or another should catch on.

As I have indicated it is not new, but what Sam Weaver, the old Newcastle United half back did for Soccer when taking the throws from the touch-line, Dawkins has done something of a similar nature in another code. Weaver had many copiers and so will the Yank at Oxford.

Rugby can be very attractive—and I mean both codes—so long as we have occasional sweeping passes, instead of the short snappy ones among the forwards. This is a tactic which is over-done. It can be very effective, especially in muddy conditions, but as I have said there is too much repetition.

Over and over again in Rugby matches we see the ball going from centre to wing or half back to centre. Many players, even some of county or international repute fail to try and cut out a player in a passing movement. The cut out idea can be effective to a marked degree.

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- 10—OWEN, S.
- 11—HURT, D.
- 12—WALMSLEY, S.
- 13—PLATT, D.

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WILSON'S FAMOUS ALES

A famous Australian player who assisted Barrow and Warrington—Harry Bath, one of the finest attacking forwards the R.L. game has ever known—usually made it very clear to me that when the ball was being passed from hand to hand it was most difficult to halt an attack, especially when the passes were made at a fast rate, and with an occasional long pass.

IN TRAINING

Master mind in the long pass which missed the centre and went to the winger was wily Willie Horne, who did so much in Barrow's rise to fame after the war. Horne became expert at this attacking movement, and no doubt he had practiced the idea over and over again at training sessions.

Of course, the long pass must not be attempted under certain conditions. If there is a high wind blowing it would be folly to try the cut out idea. The ball would hang in the air and there would be the risk of interception. These days far more tries are being scored by the alert centre or half back, and sometimes wingers who are on the prowl for sloppy passes by the opposition.

Games have been won by a sloppy pass which has been taken by a good handler on the other side and who has had the pace to beat the defence and cover by this surprise movement. To this very day it is claimed in Warrington that the challenge cup win of 1954 hung on the tender thread of a second round interception by Brian Beven, the Australian who holds the World's record for try scoring.

When the Warrington team met Oldham at Watersheddings, the big crowd (an all ticket affair) supported the statement that the ground had been well named! The pitch was ankle deep in mud and Oldham were well on the way to their first Wembley trip. They were in the lead and were attacking strongly. Warrington were facing terrific pressure and then between the Oldham backs who were handling slickly, shot the figure of Brian Beven.

JUST ONE SLIP

He had almost "stolen" the ball from an Oldham player who had intended the pass to go to his winger. Bevan went off at great speed, scored under the posts and the goal kick was a mere formality. The Oldham crowd was stunned; the home players could have almost wept. Just one slip had lost the game.

So if you are going to try this torpedo business don't get your own side torpedoed by the sloppy pass which could fall into the hands of your opponent's fastest men. But after all, the interceptor-to-be can have his own knuckles rapped by taking a "dummy" pass. It is all up to you. But Dawkins certainly has set all Rugby Union players thinking up new ideas by those lengthy throws.

COMING STARS

The first of the International matches takes place today at Wigan, Great Britain v. France and the players selected for Great Britain will be all out to give of their best in view of the forthcoming Australasian Tour.

All the keen eyes of the selectors will be there and as in the past there will ultimately be some surprise choices for the Tour. One can look no further than our team in a player who is now making opponents take notice of his play. One of the most unassuming players we have, never been known to do a dirty action on the field or off. This player is without doubt one of the stars of the future, in fact in our opinion he is a star now. This is our full back, Geoff Sims, who in 25 matches this season has scored 202 points, consisting of 89 goals and 8 tries. This young player, born 30th August, 1938 was sent to us by our Leigh scout who has had the honour of sending us such players as Alan Davies, Frank Pitchford, Bernard Anley, and Vincent Nestor. Geoff is a product of Leigh Colts, is 5ft. 10ins. tall and weighs 12st., recently married, and electric welder by trade. He had trials with Bolton Wanderers as an inside right, but preferred Rugby League to Soccer and which is much to our gain. Could have signed professional forms for Widnes, Salford and Leigh, but preferred our Club. He has no regrets and neither have we. We hope he will carry on the good work and honour must surely come his way.

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Player	App.	T.	G	Player	App.	T.	G
Noon	24	18	13	Morgan	1		
Sims	25	8	89	Parker T	1		
Patterson	19	3		Robinson	16	5	
Holden	19	9		Nestor	16	8	
Davies	3			Bird	14	11	
Kenny	4	2	3	Smethurst	15	2	
Kellett	25	10		Pycroft	2		
Pitchford	27	7		Goddard, P.	14	3	
Payne	21			Mumberson	4		
McIntyre	23	4		Lord	8	9	
Winslade	11			Lloyd	2		
Dufty	11	3		Price	2	2	
Rae	19	6					
Parker, D.	24	3					

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(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				5-10		8-12
Blackpool	18-10	.....	2-23	13-7	23-0	5-20	20-4				6-18	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		9-26		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	

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