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26	BLACKPOOL B.	Away		30	WIDNES	Home	
28	YORK	Home		Jan. 1			
Sept. 2	BARROW (Lancs. Cup)	Away		6	WARRINGTON	Away	
4	OLDHAM/ROCHDALE 13			13	WIGAN	Away	
	v. NEW ZEALAND	Home		20	WIGAN	Home	
9	HALIFAX	Away		27	ROCHDALE H.	Away	
16	ROCHDALE H.	Home		Feb. 5	LIVERPOOL CITY	Away	
23	HUNSLET	Away		13			
30	BARROW	Home		17	LEIGH	Home	
Oct. 7	WORKINGTON T.	Home		24	WIDNES	Away	
14	YORK	Away		Mar. 3			
21	WARRINGTON	Home		10	LEIGH	Away	
Nov 4	WHITEHAVEN	Away		17	ST. HELENS	Home	
11	HUDDERSFIELD	Away		24	HULL	Away	
18	HULL	Home		31	LIVERPOOL CITY	Home	
25	SALFORD	Away		Apr. 7	HUNSLET	Home	
Dec. 2	WHITEHAVEN	Home		14			
9	WORKINGTON T.	Away		20	SWINTON	Away	
16	ST. HELENS	Away		21	BLACKPOOL B.	Home	
23	SALFORD	Home		23	HUDDERSFIELD	Home	

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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Once again our Wembley ambitions went by the board for 1962, when we suffered a humiliating defeat at home by Workington, on the 3rd of March last. We had a little luck in being drawn at home for the second time and we expected to account for no mean opponents in Workington, but this was not to be. Our team never functioned as we expected, especially after such a display in the first round against Hull.

Some blame the heavy conditions of the ground, but our opponents had this to contend with and quite rightly adapted themselves accordingly. We had opportunities to win the match but the vital pass did not come, when to all intents and purposes a score appeared likely. So ended our Wembley year, much to the disappointment of our members and patrons.

The Challenge Cup Final commenced to be played at Wembley in 1929 and we are one of the few clubs who have not had the honour of appearing there.

SEASON 1962/3 TWO DIVISIONS

A glance at the Rugby League table and one can almost pick the four teams who will take part in the play-off for the Championship, but lower down the table there is competitive interest for many clubs, insomuch that next season we shall have two divisions of the Rugby League and below is a guide as to how the two divisions will work.

- (a) There will be sixteen teams in the first division.
- (b) Fourteen teams in the second division.
- (c) Relegation and promotion will be on a two up, to down basis.

This competition will commence on the first Saturday in October and will continue until the end of the season.

The final table at the end of this season will decide the clubs for Division 1 (the first 16) and Division 2 (the remaining 14).

The Lancashire and Yorkshire Challenge Cup competitions will run as before. There will be no difference in the Rugby League Challenge Cup competition.

There will also be Eastern (Yorkshire) and Western (or Lancashire and Cumberland) divisional championships, a competition on the lines of the present Lancashire and Yorkshire County Leagues. These two competitions are entirely separate.

Each Club will play four other Clubs —home and away in its own division, the fixtures to be determined by agreed formulas. A league table is compiled from the results of these games and the top four play off in the usual manner, i.e., the top four clubs in both divisions in a knockout competition to decide the Western and Eastern champions.

This is how the season's programme will go :-

August and September—County Cup-ties and the Eastern-Western championship league programmes will be played.

October to end of season—Two divisions start.

It may appear to be a little complicated but a try out is being given to the project. It is obvious that certain "derby" matches will disappear and clubs will not be able to fix their holiday matches as at present, but clubs will have something to fight for in their attempt to keep in the first division. The league as constituted at present is too unwieldy, there are 30 clubs fighting for four positions at the top, whereas next season we shall have relegation and promotions candidates fighting for positions.

OUR VISITORS

Today we give a welcome to visitors from St. Helens, a club that is always welcome at Watersheddings.

The St. Helens Club like ourselves is not enjoying the best of seasons both clubs having lost 10 matches each and neither club can afford to lose many more matches or the danger of division 2 will cast its angry paws out.

Like many teams in the past, glory comes along for a period (Wigan excepted), honours and first class entertainment for its patrons, then comes the transitional period of building up again, and this takes time. However time alone will prove that St. Helens are on the right lines and still have some very capable young exponents of our game. When playing against St. Helens, we can be assured of a good game and played in the right spirit.

THOSE TROUBLESOME 'SCOUTING' MISSIONS

Rugby League "scouts" who are out and about in South Wales and other Rugby Union areas searching for likely talent are hitting snags.

—(writes CYRIL BRIGGS)

The switch from amateur XV to professional ranks is always a wrench for Rugby Union men who never like to forsake their clubs, relatives and friends to change to another town, or city.

That's what they have to do if they sign on the dotted line of those lucrative contracts which R.L. directors are forever carrying round with them these days. If they don't have the contracts with them they are produced like lightning.

There is no turning back, for once a Rugby Union player figures in a 13 aside game he is suspended sine die. A lot of Rugby Union players don't realise this point.

There have been cases where Rugby Union players have been asked by their employers to figure in the works team in a local R.L. workshops competition. Some R.U. players have conformed to the request knowing full well that they were not in any way going to receive one penny piece for turning out.

ONE'S JOB

But what has every Rugby Union man to do? Has he to tell his employer that he cannot turn out? The employer may take it a different way. In any case one's job means a lot these days especially if it is an important one and by patronising the works team, the player in question may be on the way to promotion. If he does not turn out he may spoil his promotion chances.

I have known several R.U. players who have been reported to the R.U. because they have played in Works R.L. competitions, and although they have received no reward.

In most cases the R.U. men paid their own expenses, yet they have been informed that the R.U. game has been closed to them for all time.

It is hard luck. The same thing happens if a R.U. player happens to figure in an amateur R.L. game which is under the guidance of a local league.

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WILSON'S FAMOUS ALES

It seems very unfair and I think that it is very short sighted policy on the part of the Rugby Union. Surely if R.U. is purely amateur so is amateur R.L. We have heard all kinds of reports of R.U. men getting certain money considerations, in fact a well known commentator from South Wales said quite a lot about it in one of his books. The R.U. did not take too kindly to his remarks, but he must have had some evidence to publish the details in print.

NICE LOLLY

Cheques valuing several thousands of pounds with other "perks" are constantly being dangled before the very eyes of the star Rugby Union players and these overtures will be made so long as there is sufficient money in the Rugby League game for such purposes.

What is frightening off Rugby Union men who are thinking of switching games, is the superior speed of the professional code. This is one of the snags facing Rugby League representatives when they approach Rugby Union men of note.

The Rugby Union star is nervous to make the change in case he should prove to be a failure, and thoughts of returning home as such, makes Welsh, Irish, and Scottish amateur players have second thoughts about the matter of "changing over".

Any Rugby Union man who cries off from one of the local games and is away from home on a Saturday afternoon is immediately under suspicion of "having gone North"—the well known term for anyone who has fallen under the influence of Rugby League officials. Even so there have been very many Welshmen, Scots, and Irishmen who have made the grade—and fortunes—at Rugby League football over the past 60 years.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Seating tickets for the League Championship Final, to be played at Odsal Stadium on the 19th May, 1962, can now be obtained from the Rugby League Offices, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7. The seating tickets are priced as follows :-

- 15/—Old Stand and Paddock
- 12/6—New Stand
- 8/6—New Stand, uncovered
- 6/—Track

Applications should be accompanied by a stamped and addressed envelope.

CUP FINAL TICKETS

All seating tickets for the Cup Final were sold some time ago, but 3/- ground enclosure tickets can still be obtained from the Rugby League Offices, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7. Club supporters should need no reminding that all these ground enclosure tickets were sold for last year's Final. Avoid disappointment and apply now.

SCHOOLBOY NOTES

DID YOU KNOW ?

That Oldham Schools Rugby League association, have 30 schoolboy teams playing rugby league football.

That they run JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE and SENIOR town teams in competition with schoolboy teams from other towns.

That today's curtain raiser (weather permitting) is a SENIOR town team game against Leigh (Red/White), Oldham (Blue) in the Lancashire Cup competition.

That Oldham Football Club encourage schoolboy rugby in any way they possibly can.

That a number of local schoolmasters spend a great deal of their leisure time coaching and organizing schoolboy rugby league football in Oldham.

That you can assist these efforts on behalf of schoolboy rugby by giving generously to the collection today. All proceeds are devoted to match expenses.

That there will be another curtain raiser, Oldham Boys v. Salford Boys, on March 31st, immediately prior to the Oldham v. Liverpool City game.

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Player	App.	T.	G	Player	App.	T.	G
Noon	25	19	13	Morgan	1		
Sims	29	9	98	Parker T	2		
Patterson	20	3		Robinson	19	5	
Holden	23	10		Nestor	20	8	
Davies	3			Bird	14	11	
Kenny	4	2	3	Smethurst	19	2	
Kellett	29	12		Pycroft	4		
Pitchford	29	7		Goddard, P.	18	4	
Payne	24			Mumberson	4		
McIntyre	27	5		Lord	12	10	
Winslade	11			Lloyd	2		
Dufty	11	3		Price	4	2	
Rae	21	6					
Parker, D.	27	3					

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

(Up to and including Saturday last)

	Barro	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	9-3				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	8-6		
Leigh		19-5		.....		18-12	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	2-11	8-26		8-5	4-50	28-10	.....	7-24	16-0					
St. Helens	30-6		39-5			16-5			.....			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	34-4	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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