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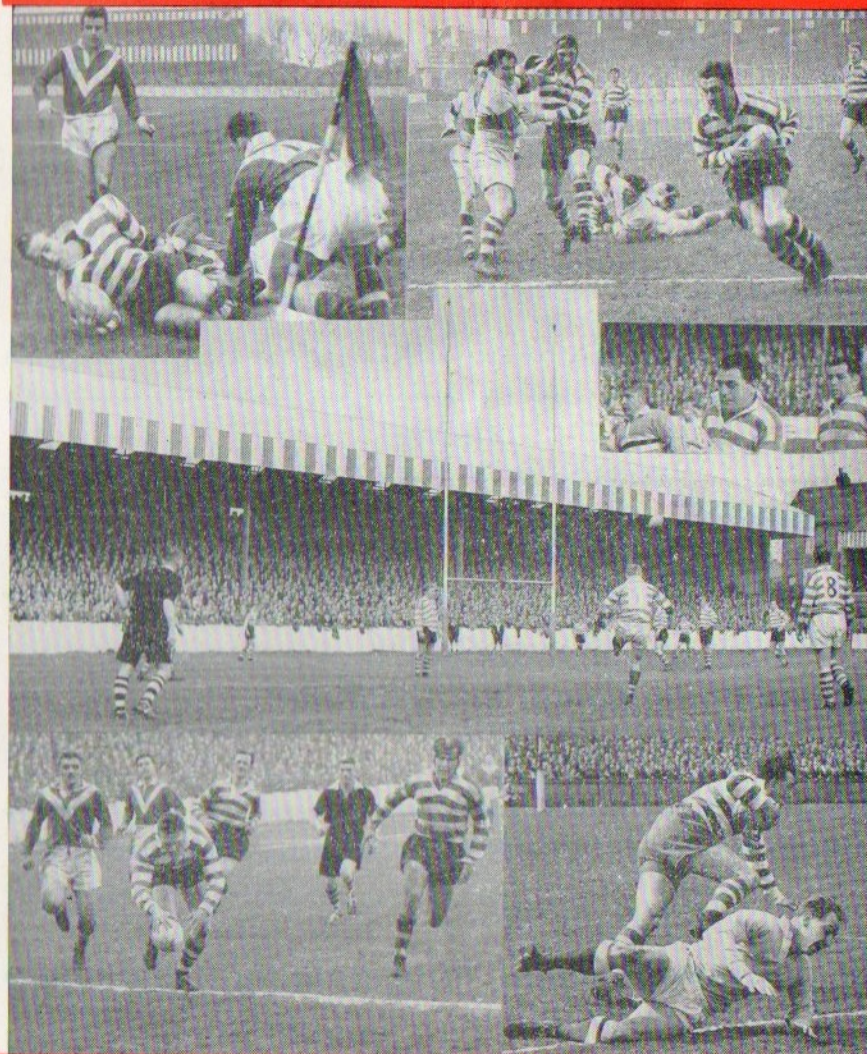
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| Date | CLUB | Grd. | F. A. |
|---------|---------------------|-------|-------|
| Aug. 19 | HALIFAX | | Home |
| 21 | BARROW | | Away |
| 26 | BLACKPOOL B. | | Away |
| 28 | YORK | | Home |
| Sept. 2 | BARROW (Lancs. Cup) | ..... | Away |
| 4 | OLDHAM/ROCHDALE 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 | ..... | Home |
| 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. 3 | 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 |
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

At long last we managed to secure victory on the ground of the Hull Club last Saturday. It is many seasons since we won at Hull and in this instance our success was fully deserved and there is no doubt we were the best team although we had our anxious moments when the Hull team were putting all they had into the game, but our players remained steady and our defence was well nigh perfect. As a team we have played better but then your opponents allow you to play as well as you can and when a score appeared imminent the Hull cover defence just managed to foil our ambitions. However the victory secured two very welcome points in our efforts to finish in the first 16 clubs to comprise the first division next season.

Including today's match we have seven league matches at home and one away and we look forward to record victory in all the matches.

Here are the remaining matches :-

Saturday, 31st March—versus Liverpool City — Home

Monday, 2nd April — Salford — Home 6-30 p.m.

Saturday, 7th April — Hunslet — Home 3 p.m.

Saturday, 14th April — Widnes — Home 3 p.m.

Good Friday, 20th April — Swinton — Away 3 p.m.

Saturday, 21st April — Blackpool — Home 3 p.m.

Easter Monday, 23rd April — Huddersfield — Home 6-30 p.m.

Saturday, 28th April — Swinton — Home 3 p.m.

Of course the race is never won until it is over but we are optimistic enough to suppose that we shall have first class opposition at Watersheddings next season.

OUR VISITORS

Today we have one of the Cinderella Clubs of our game in Liverpool and in spite of their ups and downs we extend a welcome. Commencing their first class status as Wigan Highfield they migrated to London and played floodlight football at the White City as London Highfield, this did not last long and they eventually returned North and played at Prescot as Liverpool Stanley on the area of the Greyhound Stadium. Time marched on, then they launched out and secured their own present ground at

Knotty Ash and named as Liverpool City. They continue to carry the Rugby League banner on Merseyside in spite of tremendous soccer opposition from Liverpool and Everton.

The club in the past has brought some great players to our game, but for financial reasons has had to transfer them. Old timers will remember two players who brought honours to the club and themselves whilst playing with Liverpool Stanley in William Belshaw, full back or centre and Harry Woods, front row forward, who played for England in Test matches in Australia in 1936. Upon their return, Belshaw was transferred to Warrington and Woods to Leeds, to secure further honours with their new clubs. Our own No. 8, Bill Payne is a product of Liverpool City and has so far secured Lancashire County honours.

HOOLIGANISM

The Management Committee is becoming increasingly concerned about the number of incidents which are being reported on Rugby League grounds.

Spectators are showing an increasing lack of control and many acts of hooliganism occur, frequently involving referees, touch judges and players.

Whilst it is most difficult for a Club to anticipate what any one spectator might do in any given set of circumstances, the Club is still held responsible for the actions of its spectators on its ground.

Every precaution is being taken to protect referees, touch judges and players from assault. One Club is already taking action against a malcontent and court proceedings are taking place. Let us at Oldham keep the good name of the people that watch our matches, the referee has a difficult task and so too have the touch judges and players. Have your friendly comment during the match and later at the Club or the local, but forget the hooliganism.

INJURED PLAYERS

Bill Patterson who had the tendons ruptured on the second finger of his right hand, has now had the plaster removed from the finger. An operation on the hand was performed and the tendons tied up and the surgeon is very well satisfied with the progress being made. Bill is having daily treatment on the finger by physiotherapy and has to report to our consultant at the end of April, so it looks obvious that he is out for the rest of the season, this is hard luck, after just coming back into the first team..

THE "BRADMAN OF THE RUGBY LEAGUE"

by CYRIL BRIGGS

There can be no denying the claim by admirers of Neil Fox, the Wakefield Trinity star centre threequarter, that he is "the Bradman of the Rugby League". Fox, if present scoring trends are maintained, should finish the season with about 350 points, or maybe more to his credit. That's certainly a personal achievement, and he will create for himself a few more records.

Yet if what we are promised comes true, there will be a considerable falling off in try and goal scoring with the advent of the two sectional scheme which is due next August. We are promised levelling-up in both divisions with keener play, no cricket scores and that **matches** will live up to the very letter of that word.

So far, so good. But it means that players like Rosenfield, Fox, Jim Sullivan (whom is still recovering after a breakdown in health), Lionel Cooper, Willie Horne, Bernard Ganley, Brian Bevan, and others are likely to retain for all time, their goal and try scoring records in the light of the changed circumstances.

LACK LUSTRE

My purpose in raising the matter is merely to prove that records will some lustre with the passing of the seasons.

For the next few years at any rate, the rich and the poor will not mix in the Rugby League as far as Northern League engagements are concerned. There will be no such things as "chopping blocks" and unless teams suffer from a crop of injuries, big scores are unlikely. The sides will meet only in the challenge cup competitions.

The changing seasons . . . well, in the old days of the Northern Union, there were all kinds of beating the opposition so much so that even "minors" were recorded. A "minor" so far as I can gather, was registered when the ball was forced over the opposition dead ball line. Then we found after much disagreement, that it was not possible to kick a goal from a mark, and so the mark has more or less disappeared, although coaches seem to have forgotten about its value.

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- 3—HOLDEN, K. 2T
- 4—NOON, J. 4T
- 5—NESTOR, V.
- 6—KELLETT, A. T
- 7—PITCHFORD, F.
- 8—MUMBERSON, A.
- 9—McINTYRE, L.
- 10—ROBINSON, G.
- 11—SMETHURST, P. 2T
- 12—PARKER, D.
- 13—PARKER, T.

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(Green and White) 2

- 1—ASHBY C Walker G
- 2—MERGER Scholes
- 3—SCHOLLES Ashby
- 4—HOCKENHULL
- 5—McDONALD
- 6—RAINFORD
- 7—WALKER J
- 8—UPTON
- 9—BRINKSHAW
- 10—COX
- 11—LAMB
- 12—CARTLEDGE
- 13—McGRATH

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"UP AND UNDER"

Here allow me to wander from the point at issue merely to say that the mark can be of immense value to the defending side when their opponents try that last despairing effort known to most of us as "the up and under" attack. The only difficulty after claiming a "fair catch" from the kick is that the ball must not be punted like a penalty. It must bounce in play before entering touch.

Now back to the record business . . . Mr. Bill Fallowfield, the Secretary of the Rugby League, has re-written many of the passages in the Official Guide so that there can be no difficulty in following the complicated rules, or laws as they are termed.

But Mr. Fallowfield has had to make a special starred note on page 162—that in 1897 the dropped goal was valued at four points.

Records therefore lose quite a lot of their meaning with such changing of scoring values and other rule tinkering—and the Northern Union and Rugby League have had more than their share over the years. I do hope that supporters will make due allowances next season and the following years during which the two sectional scheme is in operation.

We may not get down to the small scoring of baseball or even soccer, yet, perhaps, the pool promoters will welcome the new look in R.L. because there are likely to be less foregone conclusions to fixtures.

All the same, goals and tries will be hard to come by, in the 1962/63 term, unless one club possesses so many stars that it can gain such a predominance, resulting in big scores. The two sections should make some interesting data for the record compilers and perhaps lead to greater public interest.

SCHOOLBOY RUGBY

The curtain raiser today is between Salford and Oldham Schoolboys in a Lancashire League Cup Competition.

The Oldham Boys lost 14-0 at Swinton last Saturday. On Wednesday they played the first leg of their annual friendly match away against Warrington Boys for the "Catterall Cup", which Warrington won by 39 pts. to 11 pts.

The final trial match was held at Wigan this week for the County Schoolboys team. Oldham had four representatives in the match, they were Smith of St. Anselm's; Buckley, Bardsley, and Russell of Clarksfield.

The Intermediate team won their way through to the second round of the challenge cup competition by beating Wigan by 18pts. to 11 pts. on aggregate, winning 12-0 at home and losing 11-6 at Wigan. They now play Leigh who were victors over St. Helens.

RUGBY LEAGUE NEWS

Here is some news from Rugby League Headquarters :-

1. **South Africa**—A determined effort is being made by interested parties in South Africa to develop the Rugby League game in the Union. The sponsors of one of the two rival organisations over there have asked for an English coach to be sent out. They are offering to pay his air fare and accommodation expenses for a three month period at a salary of £100 per month. Any persons interested should write to Mr. J. B. Weil, Rugby League of South Africa, 36 Pritchard St./Str., Johannesburg, South Africa giving qualifications.

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(Up to and including Saturday last)

| Player | App. | T. | G | Player | App. | T. | G |
|------------|------|----|-----|-------------|------|----|---|
| Noon | 27 | 19 | 13 | Morgan | 1 | | |
| Sims | 31 | 9 | 102 | Parker T | 3 | | |
| Patterson | 20 | 3 | | Robinson | 21 | 5 | |
| Holden | 25 | 11 | | Nestor | 22 | 9 | |
| Davies | 3 | | | Bird | 14 | 11 | |
| Kenny | 4 | 2 | 3 | Smethurst | 21 | 2 | |
| Kellett | 31 | 13 | | Pycroft | 4 | | |
| Pitchford | 31 | 8 | | Goddard, P. | 18 | 4 | |
| Payne | 26 | | | Mumberson | 4 | | |
| McIntyre | 29 | 5 | | Lord | 14 | 10 | |
| Winslade | 11 | | | Lloyd | 2 | | |
| Dufty | 11 | 3 | | Price | 4 | 2 | |
| Rae | 22 | 6 | | | | | |
| Parker, D. | 29 | 3 | | | | | |

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 | 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 | | 5-10 | | 0-39 | 5-28 |
| OLDHAM | 40-0 |  |  |  |  | ..... | 53-9 | | 10-7 | | 35-5 | 45-10 | | 2-7 | 14-12 |
| Rochdale | | 15-15 | 0-10 | | | 7-17 | ..... | 8-6 | 2-14 | 10-23 | | 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 | 13-8 | | 16-7 |
| Swinton | | | 11-9 | | | | | 34-10 | 15-6 | ..... | 18-9 | 17-5 | 16-2 | 4-7 | |
| Warrington | 36-9 | 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 | 20-18 | 28-10 | 8-18 | 12-0 | | | | | 13-12 | 4-3 | | 11-7 | ..... |  | 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 | 23-2 | 52-0 | 23-7 | | 11-2 | | 26-5 | 10-16 | |

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