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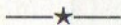
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Oct. 7	WORKINGTON T.	Home	
14	YORK	Away	
21	WARRINGTON	Home	
Nov. 4	WHITEHAVEN	Away	
11	HUDDERSFIELD	Away	
18	HULL	Home	
25	SALFORD	Away	
Dec. 2	WHITEHAVEN	Home	
9	WORKINGTON T.	Away	
16	ST. HELENS	Away	
23	SALFORD	Home	

Date	CLUB	Grd.	F. A.
25	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

Today it is a double pleasure to welcome Huddersfield to Watersheddings, in the first place as honoured and good friends of this old club and secondly as Challenge Cup Finalists for 1962. This season Huddersfield are members of the Lancashire League and they are one of the most improved teams in the Rugby League and as to whether we put this down to joining the Lancashire Clubs, we will leave for other people to sort out. Like many other clubs Huddersfield have been going through a stage of transition and are having the best season for a considerable number of years.

Along with Hull Kingston Rovers they appear to be favourably placed to secure position number four in the League Table and to participate in the play-offs, and if achieved would be a great finish to the season for their enterprising official and players. So Good luck to them in their efforts.

Our past meetings with Huddersfield have always provided a game worthy of the name of Rugby League, always attracted a good crowd with general satisfaction all round. We hope today's game will be no exception.

RETROSPECT

Looking back on the season 1961/62, one can imagine what might have been, how this and how that, and what we should have done.

League matches have been lost which we fully expected to win and where we expected defeat, we have gained an unexpected victory. A season of up and down and while writing this note before the Swinton match, we lie number six in the League Table and with a very remote chance of finishing number four in the table, relying on other clubs misdoings and on our own ability. We shall have nothing to show this season by way of trophy winning and one satisfaction we shall be sure of first division football at Watersheddings next season and the fixture list will be stiffer than the present season. Other clubs who look already booked for first division are: Wigan, Wakefield, Featherstone, Hull Kingston, Workington, Huddersfield, Widnes, Warrington and Halifax. Of course several other clubs are knocking at the door, and the Easter holiday matches will sort matters out for several clubs fighting for first division status.

GREAT FEATS

Exactly four years ago last April 12th, was a great day in the life of our ex star full back Bernard Ganley, when he created a world record for scoring goals, in the match against Hunslet by kicking his 205th goal of the season and by the end of the season he took his aggregate to 224 goals (219 of them in cup, league and representative matches). Saturday, 12th April, 1958 was a red letter day in the football career of Bernard Ganley. On that afternoon, in the match against Hunslet at Watersheddings, he kicked seven goals in our 38-13 victory over the Parksiders. With the fourth of these he set up a new world record for first class Rugby football by beating Jim Sullivan's mammoth total of 204 goals, established way back in the season 1933/34.

For years the wiseacres had said that Sullivan's record would stand inviolate. Lewis Jones (Leeds), Harry Bath (Warrington), Jimmy Ledgard (Leigh), and Ganley himself a year prior to his record achievement, all approached double figures, but all uniformly failed to reach it. Came the Campaign of 1957/58 and by reaching another century by November, Bernard was again seen to have at least a chance of new figures. The much discussed Sullivan record of 1933/34 was fairly well established at 204 goals.

We come now to the Oldham v. Hunslet match and by half time Oldham had achieved all they set out to attain. They had in their hands a potential victory that was to take them to the top of the table, they had sufficient points on the board to almost ensure a creditable double over a Hunslet side much stronger then than now, but most important of all, was our captain had, with his last shot of the first half, achieved his goal, a new world record of 205 and the season not finished and before the season ended he took his total to 224 and all fully authenticated for his successors to shoot at.

Will the Bernard Ganley record ever be beaten? We doubt it. Without doubt Bernard in his playing days was a tremendous asset to the club by his goal kicking, and many are the times when our opponents have scored more tries than our team in a match, but thanks to the golden goals from that sure foot, victory has been recorded.

Some may say that Bernard was not the ideal full back, that he was playing behind a winning team, a team that was drawing the crowds wherever they went, but he inspired confidence in his colleagues in front of him and was feared on every ground by chance his opponents infringed the laws of the game, they well knew that his sure foot would invariably record a goal. A great player to meet both on and off the field, the game has lost a great personality.

TWO DIVISIONS... BUT...

by Cyril Briggs

Rugby League officials and followers are quite satisfied with the trend of events to the two divisional scheme which starts next August. There is a keen fight to get into the "topfour" for the championship, while the tussle to remain in the top 16 will go on right to the end of the season. Several clubs are fighting hard to avoid relegation.

—(Writes CYRIL BRIGGS)

So far so good, but the R.L. must prepare itself for eventualities in the 1962/63 campaign. It is a long time since the two divisional scheme was in vogue in fact there are very few officials who are in office today who can recollect what happened then, let alone the administrative part of it.

The Rugby League, in the main the clubs in the leading section, must be ready at a moment's notice to lend a hand to the second division clubs who may find it difficult to keep abreast of the times and find that the playing of clubs their own standard is not finding public favour.

WHAT DOES THE PUBLIC THINK?

I'll agree that I have been a two division supporter for many years. My reasons are plain. I don't like seeing new clubs get hammered by the more powerful clubs. There have been too many "cricket scores" in the Rugby League game and encounters have been farcial. The "slaughter of the innocents" may finish altogether under the new programme. What we have to consider is the public reaction to the scheme.

It may be successful; it may not be. The first division seems to be filled with all kinds of success. Teams in the top 16 will be meeting the teams on their own level and the public will for once, in a way, see something of a super league with attractive fixtures every other Saturday.

Followers of South-West Lancashire clubs and certain Yorkshire teams where it is possible for fans to leave one ground and enter another under the hour, are looking ahead to the new season. Under the rules and regulations these great expectations look as if they cannot fail.

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- 7—SMALES
- 8—SLEVIN
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But towns and cities where the football is not of a high standard may not take too kindly to the new idea. Right enough, we are not likely to see any chopping blocks, even if new clubs are admitted to the league. It is the public who will say yea or nay to the splitting of the League.

Therefore if there should be a poor public response to two divisional football, the Rugby League must step in immediately and give financial aid in one way or another.

FOR FIVE YEARS

It is decreed that the two sections must last for five years "to give the scheme a proper trial." Even so, the Rugby League must not lose any more clubs. To do so would be disastrous from many points of view. The smaller clubs which have benefitted in some ways by the visits of the bigger clubs—supporters of the fashionable outfits have turned up in numbers—will not now have so many of these sides at their grounds.

These are momentous times for Rugby League, which is boasting a 25 per cent increase in attendances over last season. All very well to bang the big drum, but when we are counting the profits from the Australasian Tour and maybe a few thousands from exhibition games in South Africa, the appeals for help from the smaller fry must not go unheeded.

Everything in the R.L. as far as league encounters go is a matter of conjecture for the new season. The second section with its promotion scheme may well be a great success, but it is always as well to be cautious about projects which have not been successful in the past, but have been given another trial.

Could be that the second division may give the Rugby League thoughts about another section. If that was so, then Rugby League could look ahead to becoming a national organisation.

LEAGUE FINAL TICKETS

The League Championship Final will be played at Odsal Stadium, Bradford, on Saturday, 19th May, 1962, kick-off 3-0 p.m.

All the 15/- tickets have been sold. Seating tickets at 12/6 (New Covered Stand), 8/6 (New Stand Uncovered), and 6/- (Track), are still available.

This is the final match of the season 1961/62, so make your mind up and apply for tickets to the Rugby League Headquarters, 180 Chapel-town Road, Leeds. 7, or to Bradford Northern F.C., Odsal Stadium, Bradford.

OLDHAM SCHOOLS' RUGBY LEAGUE

TRIPLE CUP FINAL NIGHT

THURSDAY, 3rd MAY, at Watersheddings

11-12 year-olds—BREEZE HILL S.M. v. HOLLINS S.M., Kick-off 5-30 p.m.
Cup to be presented by Bill Patterson at 6-30 p.m.

12-13 year-olds—CLARKSFIELD v. St. ANSELM'S, — Kick-off 6-30 p.m.
Cup to be presented by Johnny Noon at 7-30 p.m.

13-14 year-olds—ST. ANSELM'S v. HOLLINWOOD—Kick-off 7-30 p.m.
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Player	App.	T.	G	Player	App.	T.	G
Noon	31	24	13	Morgan	1		
Sims	35	11	114	Parker T	7		
Patterson	20	3		Robinson	25	5	
Holden	28	16		Nestor	26	9	
Davies	3			Bird	14	11	
Kenny	4	2	3	Smethurst	25	6	
Kellett	35	16		Pycroft	6	1	
Pitchford	34	8		Goddard, P.	18	4	
Payne	29			Mumberson	5		
McIntyre	33	5		Lord	17	14	
Winslade	11			Lloyd	18	15	
Dufty	11	3		Price	4	2	
Rae	23	7					
Parker, D.	32	4					

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	Barrow	Blackpool	Huddersfield	Leigh	Liverpool	OLDHAM	Rochdale	Salford	St. Helens	Swinton	Warrington	Whitehaven	Widnes	Wigan	Workington
Barrow	.....	20-10	9-5	21-19	33-0	11-5		7-13	2-34	9-3	2-17		5-10		8-12
Blackpool	18-10	.....	2-23	13-7	23-0	5-20	20-4		2-15		6-18	9-5	3-14	8-33	5-22
Huddersfield		33-12	.....	15-5	31-0	16-7		26-13		7-2		34-10	8-6		
Leigh	9-3	19-5		.....		18-12	4-7	33-10	7-6						23-12
Liverpool	7-24	22-10		5-9	.....	7-13		11-22		4-34		5-10		0-39	5-28
OLDHAM	40-0			22-10	41-2	.....	53-9	37-10	10-7		35-5	45-10	17-9	2-7	14-12
Rochdale		15-15	0-10	13-2		7-17	.....	8-6	2-14	10-23	8-8	6-6		8-28	4-14
Salford	16-15	2-11	8-26		8-5	4-50	28-10	.....	7-24		16-0	16-3			
St. Helens	30-6		36-5			16-5	17-12	.....	5-2	11-7	44-0	13-8		16-7	
Swinton	13-7		11-9	9-11			34-10	15-6	.....	18-9	17-5	16-2	4-7	25-3	
Warrington	36-9	31-8	7-7		27-2	12-15	25-4	32-11	11-7	18-12	.....	25-4	15-10		37-5
Whitehaven			5-5	5-15	34-4	7-25	17-3	3-10	0-24	0-24		.....	4-8	6-26	
Widnes	20-18	28-10	8-18	12-0		14-8	39-3		13-12	4-3		11-7	.....		8-16
Wigan	39-3	31-5	41-3	25-6	45-0	16-13	22-5			6-13		31-11	25-8
Workington	24-10	25-5	30-5		41-4	17-5	23-2	52-0	23-7	5-3	11-2		26-5	10-16

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