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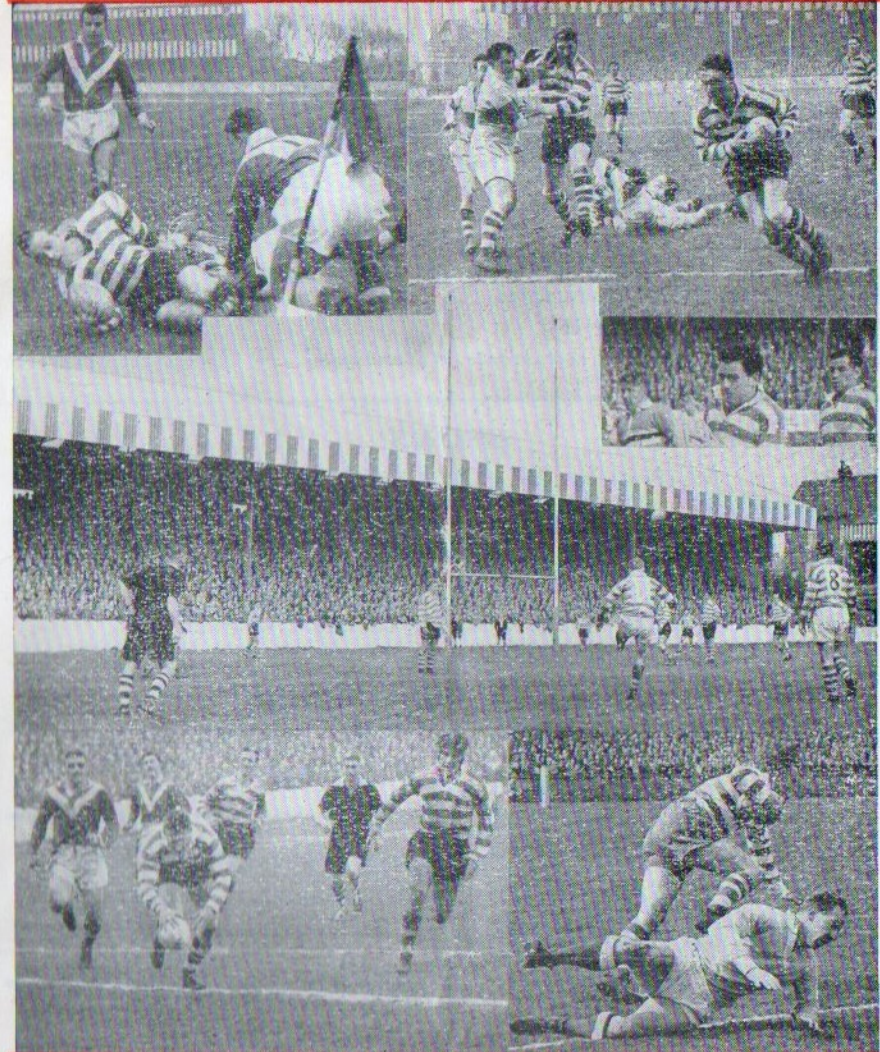
Date	CLUB	Grd.	F. A.
Aug. 19	HALIFAX	.....	Home
21	BARROW	.....	Away
26	BLACKPOOL B.	.....	Away
28	YORK	.....	Home
Sept. 2	BARROW (Lancs. Cup)	.....	Away
4	OLDHAM/ROCHDALE 13	.....	v. NEW ZEALAND
9	HALIFAX	.....	Away
16	ROCHDALE H.	.....	Home
23	HUNSLET	.....	Away
30	BARROW	.....	Home
Oct. 7	WORKINGTON 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	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
14			
20	SWINTON	.....	Away
21	BLACKPOOL B.	.....	Home
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## OLDHAM v. SWINTON

### WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Our three holiday fixtures away at Swinton and at home to Blackpool and Huddersfield must be received with mixed feelings by the form shown by our team, even allowing for injuries. Although we managed to secure a draw at Swinton, 2 points each, we were lucky and far from convincing even giving credit for our defence against very dour opponents. It was only in the dying minutes of the game that a dropped goal by Alan Kellett saved a point, and we must admit a very lucky point.

In our match against Blackpool at home, the game was played under atrocious conditions of mud and rain, but then again this applies to both sides, and these conditions appeared general throughout the game, but other clubs appeared to adapt themselves to conditions and we saw the usual large scores and reported good handling. Once again we must admit that we were lucky to come out victorious against the Blackpool side by 10 points to 7 points. Admittedly we had that tough forward Peter Smethurst a cripple for a long period and we missed his fire and spirit and his influence as captain for the day.

On Easter Monday against Huddersfield at home, we just touched rock bottom in a lifeless display and were deservedly beaten by 12 points to 5 points. Our team appeared to lack method and our forwards were easily mastered by a substitute pack of Huddersfield forwards. This match was not up to the usual standard of the Oldham v. Huddersfield games of the past, much to our regret, too much forward bullocking and an exhibition of strength rather than the fast open game we fully expect to see when two teams of this calibre meet. Huddersfield were full value for their victory and in the little open play which we did see, appeared to have more method of direction.

The Huddersfield Club are always welcome visitors to Watersheddings and even allowing for the match as a holiday fixture, they gave us our second thousand pound gate receipts of the season, the previous gate of over a thousand pounds being for the visit of Wigan.

Today sees our last match of the first team for the season 1961/62 in the visit of Swinton. A welcome we give to them. This match should have been played on Boxing Day last, but owing to ground conditions, it had to be postponed. The long and time honoured custom of playing Swinton at Oldham on Christmas Day and at Swinton on Good Friday will probably disappear from our fixture list in the future, owing to next season's two divisions coming into operation. Clubs will not now be allowed to fix their own holiday fixtures, of course it will be very interesting to see what formula is arranged for fixtures next season. What with the Eastern League, the Western League and two divisions of the Rugby League, the position at present is very difficult to assess and our fixtures for next season will be awaited with interest.

## RETROSPECT

Looking back on the season's work, one must say it has been a very mixed one, losing matches we were expected to win and winning matches when we had doubts about the result, brilliant form one Saturday and mediocre form the following Saturday. A lack of consistency has been shown, and even allowing for injuries, capable reserves must always be on hand. One is always wiser after the event, and it is easy to complain after a defeat, but the sting is not in the defeat itself, but why the decline in the form of the team, these are matters that require correcting. However, the season has provided us with no major trophies and the only satisfaction we have is that we shall have first division football at Watersheddings next season. The season will be a hard one, as we shall be meeting all the top clubs, home and away, and only the best from our team will continue to supply first division football. We look forward with confidence, the committee well know the weaknesses in our team which will require strengthening for top flight football.

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Tuesday Next, May 1st, at Watersheddings —

OLDHAM "A" v. SWINTON "A"

— Kick-off 7-0 p.m.

## IS SATURDAY AFTERNOON 'OUT OF DATE'?

There seems to be a different attitude among Rugby League officials concerning the suggestion to change the day of fixtures to mid week or even Friday evenings. Saturday is no longer as popular as it used to be and I feel that if clubs want to build up their bank balances then they must show extra enterprise. The League must allow a certain amount of latitude when cup ties are around. —(writes CYRIL BRIGGS)

Rugby League football does not get an annual grant from the pools, although the pools promoters must know that Rugby League folk are constantly having a flutter. This fact must now be well known to them seeing that so many big prizewinners have come from non-Soccer areas.

But unlike Soccer the big boys help their kid brothers. Every game that is played, that is to say in the Northern Rugby League, must deduct 15 per cent of the gate receipts, and send the cheque to Headquarters. There is a share out among the 30 senior clubs at the end of the season, and needless to say certain clubs have found this payment something of a life saver.

## PERCENTAGES

As far as the cup pool is concerned, ten per cent has to be deducted after expenses have been met (expenses are allowed in the league matches) and 32 clubs participate in this share out. The two extra clubs are the amateurs who help to make up the necessary numbers so that byes can be avoided.

My objection to this system is that only the 'gate' is considered in League games and clubs don't pay out on season tickets. If this happened there would be no need for club treasurers to go down the back streets to avoid their bank managers!

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- 1—SIMS, G.
- 2—LORD, B.
- 3—HOLDEN, K.
- 4—NOON, J.
- 5—NESTOR, V.
- 6—KELLETT, A.
- 7—PITCHFORD, F.
- 8—PAYNE, W.
- 9—McINTYRE, L.
- 10—JOHNSON, K.
- 11—ROBINSON, G.
- 12—PARKER, T.
- 13—PARKER, D.

Referee:  
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**SWINTON**  
(Blue)

- 1—HALLIWELL, F.
- 2—GETTINS, R.
- 3—CUMMINGS, M.
- 4—FLEET, R.
- 5—McMAHON, B.
- 6—PARKINSON, G.
- 7—GOWERS, K.
- 8—THOMPSON, A.
- 9—ROBERTS, A.
- 10—BATE, G.
- 11—LILL, H.
- 12—MORGAN, R.
- 13—BLAN, A.

Touch Judges:  
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Mr. P. Holland, Rochdale (Crimson)

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With something like £70,000 already in the kitty for the Wembley final, which incidentally will now be an all Yorkshire affair between Huddersfield and Wakefield Trinity on May 12th, the challenge cup competition proceeds this season could be an all time record. This will be good news for all clubs, but the poorer ones will benefit much greater than the fashionable ones. The gates, according to an official check some weeks ago showed that there had been an increase of 25 per cent over last season.

Then again there have been two drawn games in the cup tournament. This did not happen last season. When Leeds and Leigh replayed in the second round 25,000 people turned up at Headingley and there were 21,000 for the replay between Huddersfield and Castleford.

If there should be a draw in the final—draws are not unknown at this stage—then the total amount of cash taken in the whole could reach £100,000 or more. When Warrington and Halifax re-played the final in 1954, 103,000 (a world record for Rugby League) turned up at Odsal Stadium in Bradford, and over £18,000 was taken, although in the confusion many got in without paying.

#### TOUR PROFITS

More money will be doled out to the 30 Northern League teams after the Australasian Tour. It may only amount to £500 or £600 but it is an amount not to be snuffed at. But I do wish that there would be more enterprise shown to avoid date clashing.

Look what happened recently. There were three games all in the same area—at Wakefield, Castleford and also Featherstone. Wakefield had a capacity house, but there was room at the other venues. If one of the matches could have been played on Monday, and another on Wednesday, then the gates would have been doubled. The attendance at Fartown for the re-play, was almost three times greater than the average gate. It just shows.

And finally one would like the Rugby League to make it a stipulation for clubs to give their exact crowd dimensions. These should be provided to the newspapers before the end of the game. Several times this season estimates of gates have been considerably under the actual. It is bad publicity if only the Rugby League officials can see it.

#### AMATEUR COUNTY MATCH

On our ground this evening, kick-off 6-30 p.m., we stage the Lancashire v. Yorkshire Amateur County match. All player are under 17 years of age.

The usual "A" team prices of admission will be charged, 1/- all round plus 6d. for seats.

The teams are as follows :-

<b>LANCASHIRE</b> (Red and White)	<b>YORKSHIRE</b> (White)
1—KITCHEN, St. Helens	1—DUCK, York
2—TICKLE, St. Helens	2—WARNER, Wakefield
3—COLLINS, Oldham	3—SMITH, Leeds
4—HOWARD, Widnes	4—WOOLLEY, Wakefield
5—PRICE, St. Helens	5—HARRIS, Dewsbury
6—HEESOM, Warrington	6—WILLETT, Castleford
7—McCANN, Widnes	7—WILBERFORCE, Hull
8—McINNES, Barrow	8—HEPTONSTALL, Dewsbury
9—TAYLOR, Oldham	9—SHEPHEARD, Wakefield
10—DUFFY, St. Helens	10—VAN BELLEN, Huddersfield
11—BAKER, Oldham	11—KING, Leeds
12—PRICE, Warrington	12—DAVIES, Castleford
13—GIBSON, Wigan	13—McNALLY, Dewsbury

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(Up to and including Saturday last)

Player	App.	T.	G	Player	App.	T.	G
Noon	34	24	14	Morgan	1		
Sims	38	11	116	Parker T	10		
Patterson	20	3		Robinson	28	5	
Holden	31	19		Nestor	29	9	
Davies	3			Bird	14	11	
Kenny	6	2	3	Smethurst	27	6	
Kellett	38	16	1	Pycroft	7	1	
Pitchford	36	8		Goddard, P.	18	4	
Payne	31			Mumberson	5		
McIntyre	36	5		Lord	19	15	
Winslade	11			Lloyd	2		
Dufty	11	3		Price	4	2	
Rae	23	7		Johnson	2		
Parker, D.	35	4					

### 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	21-19	33-0	11-5	0-8	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	10-6	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	2-14	4-34		5-10	0-14	0-39	5-28
OLDHAM	40-0	10-7	5-12	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	2-32	16-0	16-3			
St. Helens	30-6	37-5	36-5			16-5	17-12	.....	5-2	11-7	44-0	13-8	16-18	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	29-17	27-2	12-15	25-4	32-11		18-12	.....	25-4	15-10		37-5
Whitehaven		8-9		5-5	5-15	34-4	7-25	17-3	40-3	3-10	0-24	.....	4-8	6-26	
Widnes	20-18	28-10	8-18	12-0		14-8	39-3		13-12	4-3	11-8	11-7	.....		8-16
Wigan	39-3	31-5	41-3	25-6	45-0	16-13	22-5	46-12		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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