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SATURDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER, 1962

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

OFFICIAL NOTES...

We have started badly in the First Division and with two away defeats we now lie seventh out of sixteen clubs which is most discouraging. It was fully expected that we could win at Halifax who had been doing really badly with three losses in the First Division, but after scoring a try in the first three minutes we were never in the picture afterwards, and it eventually became a procession with Halifax scoring almost at will. They finally amassed seven tries and six goals, and it must be a long time since a team scored 33 points against Wigan.

This means that in our last three away matches we have conceded 80 points, and this for a Wigan team simply will not do. It is now seven weeks since we won a match away from home and this points to a certain lack of determination when away from Central Park. Wigan have always been noted for their great efforts away from home, and a great deal more "guts" and sheer effort are going to be needed in our away matches. To have a possible chance of winning the First Division Championship we must win our home matches and win roughly half of those away from home, and with two defeats already it is going to be tough during the next few months. If we had won at Halifax we should now be lying second instead of seventh, and this is going to be the difference all along if we do not win away from home.

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Fred Griffiths is now making a good recovery from the knee injury sustained at Workington and we have every hope of him being fit for to-day's match. Billy Boston is also back in training and was due to see the specialist yesterday. It is hoped that the specialist will have given a decision on exactly when Billy can return to the game, and after all our troubles on the right wing we certainly hope it is soon.

NEW PLAYERS

John Winton and Trevor Lake arrived in this country last Tuesday afternoon, and both had a full training session on Tuesday evening. This gives some idea of their keenness, and both are very anxious to settle in quickly and do well. John has brought his wife over with him, and Trevor's wife and child will follow in two or three weeks time. It is almost sure that Winton will be playing at Central Park to-day, but at the time of writing it is impossible to say anything positive with regard to Lake.

OUR VISITORS

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attractions of the season and provide us with a stirring encounter. To date, however, they have shown rather indifferent form with only one win from four matches. Their Committee have not stood still, however, in making efforts to strengthen the side and have shown their willingness to go into the transfer market. For example they have recently signed Simms from Rochdale, Platt and Fisher from Leigh, and Gaskell from Blackpool plus several junior and Rugby Union signings.

At full back they have Geoff Simms who is the goalkicker in the side. The back division is made up of Simms and Elliott on the left and right flanks respectively with Fisher and Lord partnering them in the centre. Mike Elliott, a coloured boy who is only seventeen years old, made his home debut last Saturday and gave a very impressive display. At half-backs they have Noon or Nestor and Gaskell, but there is a question mark around Noon's fitness as he got a nasty eye injury last Saturday. The pack is made up of Mumberson, Wood and Goddard in the front row, Bott and Robinson in the second row and Platt at loose forward. Mumberson, however, may possibly be under suspension and may not play so there could be one or two alterations in the pack.

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Forwards:
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Five clubs share the dubious honour of having submitted to their heaviest defeats so far this term at the hands of the Cumbrians—Blackpool Borough, Halifax, Leigh, Oldham and Salford. Workington's tally in five matches against these clubs comes to an incredible 221 points.

They also beat Wigan in the Western Championship semi-final by 27 points to 9, which was the heaviest defeat Wigan had sustained at that period in the season.

Town Secretary Jimmy Hodgson says he is delighted his club is first to fly the Mackeson flag as a tribute to Workington's own brand of fast open Rugby football. He reckons his boys are going to do all they can to see the flag continues to fly over Derwent Park.

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WIGAN PLAYERS RECORD Season 1962-63

FIRST TEAM

APPEARANCES AND TRIES SCORED

(up to and including 27th October, 1962)

Appearances		Tries		Appearances		Tries	
Ashton, E.	7	2	Griffiths, W. F.	13	9		
Barton, J. T.	15	—	Lindley, J.	2	1		
Bolton, D. R.	7	1	Lyon, G.	16	7		
Bootle, J.	5	3	McCormack, J. J.	6	2		
Boston, W. J.	1	1	McLeod, S.	14	8		
Boylan, J.	1	—	McTigue, B.	11	—		
Carlton, F.	5	6	Parr, F.	6	—		
Cherrington, N.	6	1	Phillips, J.	3	1		
Collier, F.	8	—	Pitchford, F.	2	—		
Critchley, B.	2	1	Sayer, W.	13	1		
Davies, A.	16	7	Smalley, K.	5	7		
Entwistle, T.	3	—	Stephens, A.	10	2		
Evans, R.	7	1	Winton, J.	1	1		
Fairclough, J.	10	10	Woosey, T.	6	—		
Gregory, J.	7	1					

Total Number of Tries : 73

GOALS SCORED

Ashton, E.	7
Boston, W. J.	1
Griffiths, W. F.	45
Winton, J.	3

Total Number of Goals : 56

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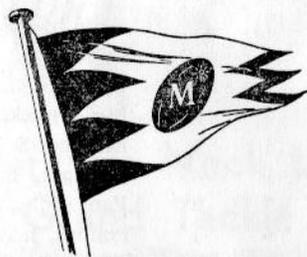
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WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIP				
Aug. 18—	Liverpool City	A 34- 7	Liverpool City	H 38- 2
	22—Blackpool B.	H 14-10		
	25—Rochdale Hornets	H 56- 0	Rochdale Hornets	A 32- 7
	29—Whitehaven (6-30)	A 31- 7		
Sept. 1—	Liverpool City	H 31-15	Liverpool City	A 28-12
	8—Warrington (L.Cup).....	H 11- 3	Warrington (L. Sld.).....	A 20-10
	15—Blackpool B.	A 19-10	Blackpool B.	H 14- 2
	17—Workington (L.Cup).....	A 8-16		
	22—Whitehaven	H 22-13	Barrow (Ld Shld.)	A 15- 3
	27—		St. Helens (L.S. semi)A	3-17
	29—Rochdale	A 6-10	Rochdale	H 31- 7
DIVISION ONE				
Oct. 6—	Bramley	H 30- 7	Leigh	A 8-15
	13—Featherstone	A 10-20	St. Helens	H 10- 8
	15—Workington (W.C.s/f) A	9-27		
	20—Hull	H 28-11	Widnes	A 5- 8
	27—Halifax	A 10-33		
Nov. 3—	Oldham	H	Oldham	A
	10—Bramley	A	Leigh	H
	17—Featherstone R.	H	Swinton	A
	24—Hull	A	Barrow	H
Dec. 1—	Halifax	H	Blackpool B.	A
	8—Oldham	A	Oldham	H
	15—Swinton	H	St. Helens (friendly).....	A
	22—Widnes	A	Widnes	H
	26—St. Helens	A		
	29—Hull K. R.	H		
1963				
Jan. 5—	Warrington	A	Warrington	H
	12—Wakefield T.	H	St. Helens	A
	19—Hull K. R.	A		
	26—Huddersfield	H	Salford	A
Feb. 2—	Wakefield Trinity	A	St. Helens (friendly).....	H
	9— R.L. Cup —1st round			
	16—Warrington	H	Warrington	A
	23—Widnes	H		
Mar. 2—	R.L. Cup—2nd round		Barrow	A
	9—Swinton	A		
	16—Castleford	H	Workington Town	A
	23—Workington Town	H	Salford	H
	30—Huddersfield	A	Whitehaven	H
April 6—	Leeds	A	Swinton	H
	12—St. Helens	H	Workington Town	H
	13—			
	15—Castleford	A		
	20—Workington Town	A		
	27—Leeds	H		