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## HAPPIER MEMORIES

There are at least three outstanding memories of Warrington - Oldham games. Many of the people here tonight will recall the events of the Lancashire Challenge Cup final of 1921 when Warrington won the trophy for the first time ever. This was at Broughton Rangers old ground at the Cliff. Warrington won 7-5, and unfortunately for Oldham, they missed a goal shot in front of the Wire posts. But Warrington played for most of the second half without Collins who was injured.

Then we come to the 1954 cup-tie at Watersheddings when Warrington fans were looking anxiously at the clock because time was rapidly approaching and Oldham were having the better of the play. Then a Warrington figure went like lightning into a home

passing movement. Yes, it was Brian Bevan and off he skipped to the posts for a sensational try. A Warrington goal and that was the end of Oldham's bid for Wembley. Warrington won the cup after a replay with Halifax.

### AT MAINE ROAD

The following season Warrington and Oldham teams were fighting out the Northern championship at Maine Road, the home of the Manchester City Football Club. About an hour before the kick-off, there was a cloud burst and it was thought that the game would have to be postponed. However the match went on and in atrocious conditions, Warrington won again—their third success in the championship play-off.

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But there will be some of the "older school" who will recall the events of an earlier period when Warrington got the better of an Oldham side. This was in 1907 when the R.L. challenge cup was brought to Warrington for the second time. The score was 17-3.

There have been other hectic struggles over the years, but generally the clashes have produced tip-top football, the standard of rugby, which all enjoy. Unfortunately for Oldham club they have not been faring well this season and it looks as if they are booked for division two. The club has been hard hit through injuries, and quite a number of their former stars have departed. Alan Davies and Frank Pitchford are in the Wigan team to

meet Wakefield Trinity at Wembley on Saturday.

#### EX-OLDHAMERS

Of course, we have shown a very keen interest in Oldham players who have been placed on the transfer list, and on our books are Bill Payne, Charlie Winslade and Keith Holden, who did much for the Watersheddings club during their stay. Incidentally, we are hoping that Keith will be seen in action before the end of the season. He has twice been to a specialist for leg trouble. We are also hoping to see other casualties — Jim Challinor, our captain, and Eric Fraser, our former captain — back in harness again in the near future.

In the Oldham personnel this evening may be such well-known players as Johnny Noon, who is playing very well at full-back, Harry Major, our ex-second row forward, Vin Nestor, Len McIntyre, and probably Don Platt. The latter like Brian Fallon, the scrum-half, played for Leigh for some time, although Brian went to Oldham from the Barrow club.

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#### 91 IN 4 GAMES

Last Saturday at Oldham we won by 15 points to ten, and that meant our third win in succession. Then on Monday against Leeds, we beat the Headingley men with something to spare and it meant that we had recorded 91 points in four matches. The satisfactory crowd on Monday—satisfactory for a Monday evening game as almost 8,300 people turned up—were delighted with the display of both teams. There was some remarkable passing and the interest was never allowed to flag. Tries are now coming at a rapid rate, which shows that the attack is really in gear.

At Wakefield we got six tries, and the same number against Bramley.

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Three followed at Oldham and on Monday night against Leeds four more were chalked up. That meant 19 in four matches — quite a satisfactory state of affairs and shows that the passing has been quickened up. Laurie Gilfedder has also been placing some really fine goals.

### WEMBLEY DAY

Next Saturday is Wembley day and there will be many Warrington fans at the match.

There would have been thousands more had we had a little more luck in the semi-final against Wakefield. We feel sure that Fate was against us that day at Station Road. It looks like being a very good match and of course most people favour Wigan to recapture the cup. The game is being televised by the B.B.C.

On Tuesday next there is another evening engagement at Warrington. Castleford will be here and it will be noted that the start is fixed for seven o'clock. It will also be noticed

### TIMES OF KICK-OFF DURING SEASON

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that this will be our fourth consecutive night game. There are three others to follow — one at Wilderspool Stadium and the other two away from home. These are at Leeds and Wigan.

### Forthcoming Matches at Wilderspool Stadium

TUESDAY, May 14th

Division 1

WARRINGTON v.  
CASTLEFORD

Kick-off 7.0 p.m.

SATURDAY, May 25th

Division 1

WARRINGTON v.  
SWINTON

Kick-off 7.0 p.m.

We often hear grumbles about people not being able to get to home games because they are staged on the “wrong evening”. It has to be realised that fixing up matches which have been postponed, because of one thing or another, is most difficult. We have to take into consideration the prob-

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lems which affect our opponents. We have to co-operate with them because there is a time when we ask them to reciprocate.

### A TIT BIT

We have no chance of finishing in the top two of the first division, but it does look as if we shall have quite a say in the destination of the title. We can do our neighbours Widnes a real good turn if we beat their strongest rivals Swinton, here on May 25th—another night fixture.

Before then, many things could have happened, but there should be a big crowd to see this most important game. At the time of writing, Widnes and Swinton are level with the same number of league points, but Swinton have the better scoring average.

This could be one of the tit bits of the season. Swinton have been playing excellent football for some time. They were runners-up for the third time in the Lancashire Challenge Cup this season and later engaged in a marathon with Widnes in the R.L. Cup.

Although we don't hear a lot about Yorkshire clubs this side of the Pennines, it cannot be denied that Castleford have shown quite a lot of

improvement this season. They gave us a very hard match at Wheldon Road on January 30th when we won 12-9. The officials and ground staff at Castleford had done a wonderful job in clearing the ice and snow, although some of our players thought that the game should not have gone on as the pitch was much too hard.

### PERSONALITIES FROM "CASS"

Personalities in the "Cass" side are Hardisty, a very good stand-off half, who should have been recognised long before this by the international selectors. Dickinson, the full-back, is well built, and kicks a very good length, besides being more than a useful goal-kicker. Peter Small has already been in top class football, while there is a host of promising talent in backs and forwards. We look forward to another interesting game and hope that our scoring form continues.

There have been some grumbles about the loud speaker equipment at Wilderspool. Over the years the club officials have not only spent a great deal of money in bringing the equipment up-to-date, but also in the matter of siting. The weather plays

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havoc with this equipment, which in the main, has to remain out of doors. Therefore the elements can have an undesirable effect on such a costly system. However, the system is being overhauled and we hope that it will then be improved to the satisfaction of all our supporters.

Other matters which we would like to mention to our readers are that the Warrington and District Amateur R.L. will be having certain final games at Wilderspool Stadium and we hope that supporters will give to this movement as much help as possible.

It looks very much as if two junior matches will be held on Monday, May 20th and the senior, or open age game on the 27th of May. Further

announcements will contain further details — about teams, starts and so forth. Every season the club tries as much as possible to assist up and coming players. Coaching courses take place at Lilleshall and also at Bisham Abbey. Three youngsters will be sent to this course.

We have received many complimentary remarks about the manner in which the British Legion attendants are looking after the car parks. There has been a big improvement in the speed in parking and also in getting away after the matches. Warrington is one club where hundreds of cars can be parked almost on the doorstep. It is one facility that cannot be found at many grounds.

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# FIXTURES FOR 1962-63

## 1st Team Fixtures

Date	Opponents	Ground
Aug. 11	Wigan (Wardonia Cup)	H 5 12
<b>WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES</b>		
Aug. 17	Barrow	A 9 21
20	Whitehaven	H 23 12
25	Salford	H 20 4
29	Leigh	A 15 10
Sept. 1	Barrow	H 30 9
8	Wigan	A 3 11
	(Lancs. Cup, 1st Round)	
15	Whitehaven	A 7 13
22	Leigh	H 27 11
29	Salford	A 40 13
<b>DIVISION 1 FIXTURES</b>		
1962		
Oct. 6	St. Helens	H 21 13
13	Widnes	A 5 20
20	Featherstone R.	H 13 7
27	Hull	A 15 28
Nov. 3	Halifax	H 9 9
10	St. Helens	A 4 2
17	Widnes	H 15 4
24	Featherstone R.	A 12 34
Dec. 1	Hull	H 23 6
8	Halifax	A 10 15
15	Hull K.R.	H 8 17
26	Bramley	H Postponed
29	Oldham	A Postponed
1963		
Jan. 5	Wigan	H Postponed
12	Huddersfield	A Postponed
19	Castleford	H Postponed
26	Leeds	A Postponed
30	Castleford	A 12 9
Feb. 2	Swinton	H Postponed
6	Wigan	A Postponed
23	Leeds	H Postponed
Mar. 2	Doncaster	H 15 2
	(Chall. Cup, 1st Round)	
9	Bramley	A 5 9
16	Bramley (2nd Round)	A 17 9
23	Huddersfield	A 13 18
30	Wakefield	H 5 0
April 6	Hunslet	H 7 5
8	Swinton	A 5 13
12	Workington	A 6 12
13	Workington	H 0 0
15	Huddersfield	H 13 8
20	Wakefield T.	2 5
	(Semi-final R.L.C.C.)	
24	Wigan	H 15 16
27	Wakefield T.	A 26 3
<b>REARRANGED GAMES</b>		
May 1	Bramley	H 28 14
4	Oldham	A 15 10
8	Leeds	H 22 14
9	Oldham (7.0 p.m.)	Home
14	Castleford (7.0 p.m.)	Home
22	Leeds (7.0 p.m.)	Away
25	Swinton (7.0 p.m.)	Home
29	Wigan (7.0 p.m.)	Away

## 'A' Team Fixtures

Date	Opponents	Ground
1962		
Aug. 11	Wigan (F)	A 8 8
18	Barrow	H 21 15
25	Salford	A 13 9
Sept. 1	Barrow	A 15 16
8	Wigan (L.C.C.S.)	H 10 15
15	Whitehaven	H 12 6
22	Leigh	A 13 15
29	Salford	H 18 0
Oct. 6	St. Helens	A 0 28
13	Widnes	H 15 3
20	Whitehaven	A 19 13
27	Blackpool B.	H 26 3
Nov. 3	Widnes	A 13 3
10	Warrington Amateurs	H 20 5
17	Widnes	H 0 8
24	Leigh	H 13 11
Dec. 1	Swinton	A 7 16
8	St. Helens	H 4 16
15	Leigh	A 5 11
22	Swinton	H 6 0
29	Oldham	H Postponed
1963		
Jan. 5	Wigan	A Postponed
12	Leigh	H Postponed
19	Leigh	H Postponed
26	Rochdale Hornets	H Postponed
Feb. 2	Swinton	A Postponed
9	Swinton	A Postponed
16	Wigan	H Postponed
23	Blackpool Bor.	A Postponed
Mar. 2	Liverpool City	Away
9	Workington Town	H 16 0
16	Oldham	A 5 7
23	Widnes (F)	H 16 15
30	Liverpool City	A 21 2
April 2	Wigan	H 38 2
6	Wigan	H 38 2
13	Workington	A 5 0
20	Rochdale H.	H 11 2
27	Oldham	H 22 16

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