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No. 2—Tuesday, 27th August, 1963

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OLDHAM ⁶ versus LEIGH ⁶

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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

The new season is now on its way and our opening matches, both against Rochdale Hornets, the Charity match and Division Two, have produced some good football scoring 49 points for, against 20 points. A little more steadiness in defence will be necessary, for although our points scoring is a good sign, the average of 10 points against will have to be rectified. The players and committee are full of confidence that a great effort will be made to secure promotion and to place our club in its rightful position amongst the top clubs of our game. Whilst one regrets the parting with old and trusted servants, the transfer of Alan Kellett to Halifax was one of those things that just had to happen. The parting may be hard, and a replacement difficult to find, but the committee consider that in the new signing, Evan Davies of Blaina R.U., they have secured a player of distinct promise and ability, it is unfortunate that he should receive an injury in his first match, but this injury is only minor, and we expect him back in action very soon.

This evening we see our first game in Division Two at Watersheddings and what more attractive visitors could we have than the Leigh Club. To them we extend a welcome and our wish is that we should meet under happier circumstances, as Division One members. The Leigh Club have been recruiting during the close season and we can expect a good and close game.

This evening will also see the first appearance at home of our new forward Tug Wilson, ex England, Gloucester and R.A.F. Rugby Union star, who will be playing in the No. 8 position, which is a very important position in the pack. Tug came through the game at Rochdale on Saturday last very satisfactorily but in his own words, appeared to be at a disadvantage by the difference in the two codes of Rugby Union and Rugby League. One thing he has found out is that you have to be super fit to stay the course, and as he was a P.T. Instructor in the R.A.F., he knows what fitness is, so we wish him the best of luck.

PLAYING TERMS FOR PLAYERS

There appears to be much unrest in Rugby League circles with regard to playing terms for players. At the Annual Meeting of Clubs it was approved by Resolution by more than a two thirds majority regarding payments to players.

The Resolution stipulated that winning money should at no time exceed twice the amount offered for losing money.

There is also the question of points scoring bonus. These are permissible provided the bonus does not make the winning pay twice the amount offered for losing. For example, if winning pay was £12 and losing pay £6 then there would be no margin for any bonus, but if £10 winning pay were offered as opposed to £6 losing pay, then the points scoring bonus up to a maximum of £2 per match could be offered. You can see that from this the winning pay would not then be a total of more than £12. We at Oldham have a match scoring bonus in operation being 2/- per point of the difference between the teams if our team win. This 2/- per point has a maximum of £2 per match, therefore we do not pay on any points above 20 in the difference of the score.

MEMBERSHIP

Although our membership cards have been reduced in price, and considerably, there has not been the response that we expected, and it is obvious that after last season's disaster from a playing point of view, past members are waiting to see what happens in the early part of this season.

The Committee appeal to all old members to come along and rally round the Club and take out membership. For your information we give the present prices :-

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