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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

We are still marching on to victory, but only just, for in our last two matches, although we won both, we had to fight all the way. Against Rochdale Hornets, the game left much to be desired, for as a spectacle it could not have attracted many new adherents to our game. This standing offside which both teams were guilty of, is holding up the game, and the referee has an unenviable task on hand in continually blowing his whistle. Of course, the referee has an option, and that is to dismiss the offenders from the field of play and we think that this would be a deterrent to offenders and would be offenders. A re-introduction of the tap penalty would, we think, cure this persistent and deliberate standing offside. People pay to see football, not a whistling exhibition and teams of law breakers. The sooner this offside business is cut out the sooner we shall make progress in the game.

On Saturday, our match at Doncaster proved a tough obstacle, of course we expected to be taxed to the full. It was one of those days when several of our players had an off day, and this must be corrected as quickly as possible. The further the competition goes, the more difficult it will become, as all home teams will be all out to upset the leading team in the competition. It was our first visit to Doncaster and we must congratulate them on the neat and comfortable ground they have built and which they are continually improving. They have an excellent band of supporters and have two Pools Organisations operating, a Development Association and a Progressive Pool. They are doing exceptionally well with these organisations and have a steady income of between £500-£600 per week to the club funds.

NEW PLAYERS

The going and coming of players still goes on and will do to the end of the chapter. Our Committee are still on the lookout for any likely material to strengthen both teams.

We get recommendations from all over the place, where rugby is played, both league and union. We have had three Australian players recommended to us, who are prepared to come to this country, but the interpretation of the signing of players from our Commonwealth, both league and union, is somewhat mystifying at present. English players have left this country and are playing in Australian football, and the drift appears to be one-way traffic up to now. The International Board of Control will be meeting shortly in this country and we hope that one of the main items on the agenda will be that of an International Transfer System. The ban has served its purpose as it was originally intended, but there comes a time when progress is impeded and it should be put on the scrap heap for the benefit of all.

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OUR VISITORS

Today we welcome the York Club to Watersheddings and we are hoping to record the double, having won at York on September 14th last by 7 points to 4 points. Both teams have one player appearing at Swinton today in the Test match. They are McIntyre and Sullivan, who will be trying their best against the Australians. In the second division York have played 10 matches, won 3 and lost 7, scoring 117 points for, against 126.

LEN MCINTYRE

Congratulations to Len McIntyre upon his selection to play in the second test at Swinton today. Although his selection has come, may one say, at the eventide of an honourable career, it is the consistence of his play, both as a hooker raking the ball back, and his good play in the open and his clever distribution of the ball.

Len is a Wiganer and proud of it, is married and has two children. He first sampled Rugby League with Spring View, a Wigan junior side, and was spotted by St. Helens, for whom he signed in September, 1952. Military service took him, and he joined the R.A.F., playing several games for them at R.U. and during his service actually played with Bridgewater R.U. Club, and played for Devon County in October 1953 at Union.

When demobilised he re-joined St. Helens, but was transferred to Barrow in September 1956, which club he served well, but still living in Wigan, found the travelling to Barrow for match day and one training session per week too much, and he was transferred to this Club on 1st March 1958 at a fee of £2,500 and has been a wonderful investment.

He has played in a previous representative match, this being for Great Britain against the New Zealand Tourists at White City, Manchester on the 3rd of October, 1961.

TRACK WORK

In order to ensure that our players will acquire that extra yard of speed, our running track alongside our training ground, is being renovated and extra floodlights being installed. An essential part of our training is that speed must be a top priority and still more speed is what we require.

SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

This space has been very kindly given to us by the Club Committee to enable us to publicise our efforts on behalf of our members. We thank all those who have joined this season, but there is quite a lot of room for many more who are interested, you will be made most welcome. Price : 1/- per season. Any committeeman will sign you on, or ask at the canteens in the ground. Thank you.

Watch this space for news and views of social events and dances.

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

Up to and including Saturday, 2nd November, 1963

Player	A	G	T	P	Player	A	G	T	P
Dyson	16	61	2	128	Rae	6		4	12
Lord	16		4	12	Parker	16		4	12
Noon	10	6	6	30	Donovan	3			
Nestor	17		3	9	Simms T.	13		13	39
Elliott	7		5	15	Smethurst	14		7	21
Davies	1				Cheshire	1			
Pycroft	17		8	24	Wilson	8			
Lloyd	1				Sims G.	7		5	15
McIntyre	17		4	12	Major	12			
Robinson	17		4	12	Platt	6			
Bott	17		2	6					

SECOND DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

Up to and including Saturday, 2nd November, 1963

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Oldham	10	9	1	0	232	81	19
Leigh	9	7	1	1	200	75	15
Barrow	9	7	0	2	181	117	14
Dewsbury	8	6	0	2	90	83	12
Blackpool	8	5	0	3	126	109	10
Rochdale	9	5	0	4	90	82	10
Bramley	7	4	0	3	138	120	8
Doncaster	10	4	0	6	116	145	8
Batley	10	4	0	6	108	145	8
York	10	3	0	7	117	126	6
Liverpool	9	3	0	6	79	133	6
Salford	10	2	0	8	106	188	4
Whitehaven	8	2	0	6	50	137	4
Bradford	9	1	0	8	77	169	2

FIXTURES & SCORES SEASON 1963/64

Date	Club	Grd.	Time	F. A.	Date	Club	Grd.	Time	F. A.
Aug. 17	Rochdale (Charity)	home	3.0	29-13	Dec. 7	Bramley (2)	.....away	2.30	
24	Rochdale (2)	.....away	3.0	20-7	14	Bradford (2)	.....home	2.30	
27	Leigh (2) (Tue.)	.....home	7.0	6-6	21	Rochdale (R)	.....away	2.30	
31	Batley (2)	.....home	3.0	44-7	26	Leigh (2)	.....away	2.30	
Sept. 2	Liverpool (2)	.....away	6.30	20-9	23	Dewsbury (2)	.....home	2.30	
7	Widnes (L. C.)	.....home	6.30	10-5	Jan. 4	Blackpool (R)	.....home	2.30	
14	York (2)	.....away	3.0	7-4	11	Bradford (2)	.....away	2.30	
16	Blackpool (R)	.....away	6.0	24-10	18	Whitehaven (2)	.....home	2.30	
18	Whitehaven	.....home	6.30	35-4	25	Salford (2)	.....home	3.0	
21	Barrow (2)	.....home	3.0	35-8	Feb. 1	Dewsbury (2)	.....away	3.0	
28	Blackpool (2)	.....away	3.0	22-6	8	(1st Rd. R.L. Cup)			
30	Leigh	.....away	7.0	0-10	15	Leigh (R)	.....away	3.0	
Oct. 5	Australia	.....home	3.0	4-12	22	Blackpool (2)	.....home	3.0	
12	Doncaster (2)	.....home	3.0	45-13	29	(2nd Rd. R.L. Cup)			
19	Barrow (2)	.....away	3.0	21-15	Mar. 7	Batley (2)	.....away	3.0	
26	Rochdale (R)	.....home	3.0	13-4	14	(3rd Rd. R.L. Cup)			
Nov. 2	Doncaster (2)	.....away	3.0	12-6	21	Barrow (R)	.....home	3.0	
9	York (2)	.....home	2.30		27	Liverpool (2)	.....home	3.0	
16	Whitehaven	.....away	2.30		28	Leigh (R)	.....home	3.0	
23	Rochdale (2)	.....home	2.30		30	Salford (2)	.....away	3.0	
30	Barrow (R)	.....away	2.30		Apr. 11	Bramley (2)	.....home	3.0	