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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Both our teams were inactive on Saturday last owing to ground conditions and this rest gave our injured players a little more time to complete fitness.

OUR VISITORS

Today we give a welcome to the Salford Club whose form this season has been somewhat erratic having played 17 second division matches, won 6 and lost 11, scoring 144 points against 236 by opponents. Injuries have caused many changes in the team, but they have played good football at times, the ability is there, for only the other week they did us a good turn by defeating a strong Leigh team and they accomplished this by good rugby. They are capable of unsettling any team, so we hope that our team will not take matters for granted in view of their lowly position in the league.

ADVANCEMENT ?

The Hull Football Club are advocating a meeting of all Club Chairmen or as they state a conference of Club Chairmen. The object of the meeting is to review the game in general, as it is felt that many factors, including rules, players wages and referees, require legislation. This conference is not intended to be an attack on the ruling body, but a more intimate discussion on first hand difficulties which would not be possible at Council level.

We see no harm in this, providing the conference does not interfere with the managerial function of the Rugby League and any suggestions for the improvement of the game are done constitutionally. An exchange of views and personal contact can only do a lot of good for the game, which we all know requires a stimulant from its present state.

CHALLENGE CUP DRAW

The draw for the first round of the Rugby League Challenge Cup has not favoured us with a home match. Instead, on the 8th of February we travel to Keighley. We do so full of confidence, although we realise that a team playing on its own ground is always confident also. Their position in the first division is at the bottom of the table, and up to the present they have played 17 games and lost 16 of these. But there is something about football of the cup-tie variety that is different to ordinary league football, and many a good thing has come unstuck. Teams appear to put more into this type of game, no doubt because of the ultimate chance of playing at Wembley, an ambition which all players and clubs hold dear. Our opponents have appeared there once, this was in 1937, when Widnes beat them by 18 points to 5.

Here is the Draw :-

Thames Board Mills (Warrington) bye
Hull Kingston Rovers v. Rochdale
Keighley v. Oldham
Whitehaven v. Hull
Stanningley (Leeds) v. Featherstone
Workington v. Warrington
Liverpool v. Huddersfield
York v. Bramley

Halifax v. Batley
Salford v. Leeds
Blackpool v. Doncaster
St. Helens v. Castleford
Hunslet v. Wakefield
Barrow v. Dewsbury
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Leigh v. Widnes

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- 3—CRITCHLEY
- 4—BETTISON
- 5—SOUTHWARD/HINDLEY
- 6—BRENNAN
- 7—RABBITT
- 8—HANCOCK/COUNCIL
- 9—SMART
- 10—HALSALL
- 11—WILSON
- 12—EVANS
- 13—ASHALL

Touch Judges :
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Mr. J. Heap, Rochdale (Crimson Flag)

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BRADFORD NORTHERN

Bradford Northern are no longer a Rugby League Club, and they have no intention of resuming the promotion of our game in Bradford at any future date. What a calamity this is and if we are not careful it appears they could be the fore-runner of many more clubs. It is a difficult problem trying to keep an even keel these days. Many times we have drawn attention to the lamentable state of affairs existing, both from the playing attractiveness and attendance point of view, and now at last we are pleased to note that some effort is being made to brighten up our game.

This is the second time in the life of the Rugby League that two divisions has been tried, and the outcome appears to be following the first, when several clubs went out of existence and we were ultimately forced to return to one division. The writing is on the wall and the sooner two divisions is scrapped, the better it will be for all concerned.

THE FRENCH ARE HERE AGAIN

On Wednesday March 18th at 7 p.m. at Leigh under floodlights, the French International Team will be playing Great Britain. Seating tickets at 10/-, 7/6 and 5/- can be obtained from the Secretary, Leigh Football Club, Hilton Park, Kirkhall Lane, Leigh. Each application for tickets should be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope. There will be extra interest in this game because France is busy preparing to send its fourth Touring Team to Australia and New Zealand, leaving France in mid-May.

NEWS FROM THE MACKESON RUGBY LEAGUE CONTEST

PERIOD 3 — November 25th to January 11th — FINAL TABLE

CLUB	Played	Pts. F.	Average	Pts. A.
1—Leigh	7	122	17.41	37
2—Wigan	7	120	17.14	77
3—York	4	68	17.00	31
4—Wakefield	7	116	16.57	70
5—Halifax	6	90	15.00	47
6—Hunslet	6	84	14.00	22
7—Oldham	4	56	14.00	37

MAIN CONTEST

Position after matches played on January 11th

CLUB	Played	Pts. F.	Average	Pts. A.
1—Wigan	23	473	20.57	223
2—Oldham	22	424	19.27	158
3—Leigh	25	414	16.56	192
4—Featherstone	23	364	15.83	282
5—Wakefield	23	362	15.74	249
6—Hull K. R.	23	362	15.74	278
7—Barrow	22	346	15.73	254

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

Up to and including Saturday, 11th January, 1964

Player	A	G	T	P	Player	A	G	T	P
Dyson	20	69	2	144	Rae	6		4	12
Lord	23		7	21	Donovan	3			
Noon	11	6	6	30	Simms T.	16		15	45
Nestor	21		6	18	Smethurst	21		11	33
Elliott	9		5	15	Cheshire	1			
Davies	1				Wilson	15		1	3
Pycroft	23		10	30	Sims G.	9	7	5	29
Lloyd	1				Major	18			
McIntyre	21		5	15	Platt	6			
Robinson	23		4	12	Crowther	7		3	9
Bott	24		2	6	Taylor	2			
Parker	23		6	18	Whitehead	2		1	3
Patterson	3		2	6	Gaskell	1			
Price	2		2	6					

SECOND DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

Up to and including Saturday, 11th January, 1964

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Oldham	15	13	1	1	315	97	27
Leigh	17	13	1	3	336	126	27
Barrow	17	12	0	5	271	167	24
Dewsbury	17	11	2	4	181	170	24
Batley	19	9	0	10	189	224	18
Bramley	13	8	0	5	174	147	16
Blackpool	15	7	1	7	205	189	15
Doncaster	16	6	1	9	155	196	13
York	16	6	0	10	183	181	12
Liverpool	17	6	0	11	152	204	12
Rochdale	16	6	0	10	153	216	12
Salford	17	6	0	11	144	236	12
Whitehaven	16	5	0	11	91	221	10
Bradford	13	1	0	12	109	284	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	0-9
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	28	Dewsbury (2)	home	2.30	29-0
7	Widnes (L. C.)	home	6.30	10-5	Jan. 4	Blackpool (R)	home	2.30	18-13
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	15-0	27	Liverpool (2)	home	3.0	
16	Whitehaven (2)	away	2.30	19-0	28	Leigh (R)	home	3.0	
23	Rochdale (2)	home	2.30	18-7	30	Salford (2)	away	3.0	
30	Barrow (R)	away	2.30	9-15	Apr. 11	Bramley (2)	home	3.0	