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## WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

It is indeed a pleasure for our first team to return to operations at Watersheddings for the playing of three consecutive matches away from home does ones finance no good. It is all pay and nothing coming in. However, one good feature is that in playing these three matches we succeeded in winning all three. The boys must be congratulated on these successes, at Dewsbury, Keighley and Leigh. Not a great deal in the scorelines, but it is always more difficult scoring on an opponents ground.

## CHALLENGE CUP

Round one proper of the Challenge Cup decreed that we should travel to Keighley and although we expected victory, we were hard pressed, and our opponents gave us several anxious moments. Although they are at the bottom of the first division they played hard and with much vigour and we consider it a fine achievement to come away with victory. One must not forget that there is bound to be a difference between league and cup-tie football, it is amazing what enthusiasm can be brought out with the glamour of a cup in the offering. Now to the second round, in the draw for this we had luck on our side, and we were drawn at home against worthy foes, Featherstone Rovers. The match will be played at Watersheddings on Saturday, 29th February. In the previous round the Rovers met Stanningley, one of the two junior teams in the competition and, as expected, ran away with the match by 66 points to 4. The big danger man of the Featherstone team is Don Fox, brother of Neil, the Wakefield star. He is skipper of the team, and besides being a prolific try scorer he is also a very able goal kicker. He is a great utility player and was in the last Touring Team to visit Australia, as a scrum half.

## ONE DIVISION

As generally expected, this will be the last season of two division football for the Northern Rugby Football League. Never in the history of the Club, have we had such a barren season of attractive clubs to Watersheddings, much as we respect our opponents of this season and this must be our own responsibility for being relegated from the first division last season. We shall all look forward to visits from such teams as Swinton, Wigan, St. Helens, and the premier Yorkshire clubs at our ground next season.

## OUR VISITORS

For the second time this season, we entertain the Blackpool club, but this match is a second division one. On the 4th of January we played them here in a Regional match and it was a very close game, the score 18 points to 13 in our favour. A little slackness appeared in our play in the second half of this match and we consider ourselves rather fortunate to have won. However, we trust that today's teams will provide us with a game worthy of our code.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dave Parker on being chosen as reserve to travel to Perpigan with the Great Britain team on March 8th. Dave will now miss our away game with Batley on the 7th. Also we must congratulate Len McIntyre on being reserve hooker in the shadow team, but not to travel as reserve.

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## COMMONWEALTH BAN

From outward appearances it looks as though the ban on signing Commonwealth players will be coming to an end, and it will be interesting to see what moves clubs make after the removing of it. We have had several Australian players recommended to us during the last year or so, not the stars we have seen in the Touring sides, but players on the fringe of State and International football. Whether the finances of the club will allow the purchase or transfer of up and coming Commonwealth stars remains to be seen. One can, however, be hopeful.

## COMMENT

A little comment has been made about the manner in which we are winning matches and our reliance upon our trainer-coach, Frank Dyson, to pull the team through on many occasions. One must not forget that it is a wonderful asset to have a good goal kicker in your ranks. It is very easy to say the public want to see tries scored and we may talk as we like about opponents overplaying us and the results being against the run of play, but we must admit that a team consists of two parts, attack and defence. When we talk about a team being largely overplayed yet winning, we are in fact paying great tribute to their defence, missed chases are the testimony of inefficiency. To seize the only chance, speaks of alertness. No one likes to see a runaway match and one must remember that there are thirteen players opposing your team. During our great era of 1957 and later, we possessed one of the greatest goal kickers ever to grace our game in Bernard Ganley, and many are the times he has won matches for the club by his goalkicking, when our opponents have scored more tries than ourselves. Such is the luck of the game, and to satisfy the public is a very tricky problem. Look at our record this season, of all matches played, we have won 23, drawn 1 and lost only 4, scoring 522 points against 217, an average of 18.6 for against 7.7, surely that record speaks for itself.

## NEWS FROM THE MACKESON RUGBY LEAGUE CONTEST

PERIOD 4 — JANUARY 13th to March 7th

Position after matches played on February 15th

CLUB	Played	Pts. F.	Average	Pts. A.
1—Featherstone ..	3	71	23.67	28
2—Blackpool B. ....	3	50	16.67	17
3—Oldham .....	4	65	16.25	30
4—Workington .....	4	65	16.25	34
5—Castleford .....	4	64	16.00	35
6—Hull K. R. ....	5	73	14.60	44

## MAIN CONTEST

Position after matches played on February 15th

CLUB	Played	Pts. F.	Average	Pts. A.
1—Wigan .....	28	535	19.11	280
2—Oldham .....	26	489	18.81	188
3—Featherstone .....	26	435	16.73	310
4—Hull K. R. ....	28	435	15.54	322
5—Leigh .....	30	449	14.79	222
6—Barrow .....	26	385	14.77	285

## FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

Up to and including Saturday, 15th February, 1964

Player	A	G	T	P	Player	A	G	T	P
Dyson	24	85	2	176	Rae	6		4	12
Lord	23		7	21	Donovan	4			
Noon	13	6	6	30	Simms T.	20		17	51
Nestor	24		6	18	Smethurst	25		11	33
Elliott	9		5	15	Cheshire	1			
Davies	1				Wilson	19		1	3
Pycroft	27		11	33	Sims G.	13	7	7	35
Lloyd	1				Major	20			
McIntyre	25		5	15	Platt	6			
Robinson	27		5	15	Crowther	8		4	12
Bott	28		3	9	Taylor	2			
Parker	27		7	21	Whitehead	4		3	9
Patterson	3		2	6	Gaskell	1			
Price	3		2	6					

## WESTERN REGIONAL LEAGUE TABLE

Up to and including Saturday, 15th February, 1964

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
St. Helens .....	4	4	0	0	64	30	8
Oldham .....	5	4	0	1	70	44	8
Widnes .....	5	3	1	1	63	40	7
Swinton .....	3	3	0	0	53	20	6
Wigan .....	5	3	0	2	144	65	6
Workington .....	5	2	2	1	47	41	6
Warrington .....	5	2	0	3	82	68	4
Barrow .....	5	2	0	3	73	67	4
Leigh .....	5	2	0	3	40	45	4
Whitehaven .....	5	1	2	2	31	60	4
Blackpool .....	5	2	0	3	63	143	4
Rochdale .....	5	1	1	3	49	83	3
Salford .....	3	0	0	3	32	52	0
Liverpool .....	4	0	0	4	20	73	0

## 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	37-20
21	Barrow (2)	home	3.0	35-8	Feb. 1	Dewsbury (2)	away	3.0	11-4
28	Blackpool (2)	away	3.0	22-6	8	Keighley (R.L. Cup)	away	3.0	11-4
30	Leigh	away	7.0	0-10	15	Leigh (R)	away	3.0	6-2
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	