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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Whilst one must admit that our team broke no pots with their display against Blackpool on Saturday last, it was a victory well recorded against four opponents and a team that is showing considerable improvement as exponents of the open game. Giving excuses is a poor occupation but the bad ground conditions must have had a considerable effect on the game. At noon on the day of the match our ground was bone hard and the chances of it being played appeared very remote, but the weather report was very favourable and we took a risk, and trusted to the atmosphere to thaw the pitch. The thaw appeared rapid, but the area was soft down to an inch and hard underneath, which no doubt affected the movement of the players and I can assure you that there appeared to be some very sore bodies after the match, so far so good though we are able to report that there were no serious injuries.

Although our soccer friends, the Athletic, were at home, attendance at Watersheddings was very disappointing, for 4,092 including members, will not pay for progress at our ground, and the finances of the club are retarding each week. Expenditure is exceeding income and this must be curtailed. Every successful business always looks to its overheads, otherwise there is only one end, that end being bankruptcy and possible extinction. As a means of tiding over the lack of income, we appeal to all members and the public in general, to support our Pools Organisation in their efforts to provide a weekly income to the Club. One must not forget that the latest covered stand at the Watersheddings Street end of the ground was erected by donations from the Pools Organisation. Income from the Pools should in the first place be for the amenities of the ground and the comfort of the public who attend our matches.

Practically all grounds today and especially Rugby League grounds, are antiquated, of course, there is one exception, and that is at Blackpool for they have given much consideration to spectators by providing modern canteens and toilets. We are apt to live in the past, and what suited the public twenty-five years ago, is obsolete by present day standards.

OUR VISITORS

Today we welcome rather infrequent visitors to Watersheddings in the Featherstone team, more so as this is a cup-tie and the match will therefore receive that little extra glamour. However, we have confidence that our team can win through to the third round, but to do so they will have to be in top form, for as we all know Featherstone are renown cup-fighters and therefore this should be a great game. So here's hoping the match lives up to expectations, and that all spectators enjoy it.

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WEMBLEY — HERE WE COME ?

Once again it is cup-tie day, and the glamour of appearing at Wembley comes that little bit nearer. Disappointments there must be, yet some of the giants of our game have already fallen by the wayside, so this makes this year's event more open than usual. Is this going to be the year we make our first appearance at Wembley ? We sincerely hope so.

Here is the draw for today's matches :-

Workington v. Swinton
 Batley v. Hunslet
 Whitehaven v. Castleford
 Oldham v. Featherstone Rovers
 Widnes v. Liverpool City
 Blackpool v. Thames Paper Board
 York v. Hull Kingston Rovers
 Salford v. Barrow

NEWS FROM THE MACKESON RUGBY LEAGUE CONTEST

PERIOD 4 — JANUARY 13th to March 7th

Position after matches played on Saturday, 22nd February

CLUB	Played	Pts. F.	Average	Pts. A.
1—Featherstone ...	4	76	19.00	49
2—Workington	5	86	17.20	39
3—Hull K. R.	6	102	17.00	44
4—Oldham	5	83	16.60	35
5—Castleford	5	77	15.40	47
6—Widnes	7	97	13.86	57
7—Blackpool B.	4	55	13.75	35

MAIN CONTEST

Position after matches played on Saturday, 22nd February

CLUB	Played	Pts. F.	Average	Pts. A.
1—Oldham	27	507	18.78	193
2—Wigan	29	543	18.72	287
3—Featherstone	27	440	16.30	331
4—Hull K. R.	29	464	16.00	322
5—Leigh	32	494	15.44	236
6—Barrow	27	396	14.67	290
7—Wakefield T.	28	406	14.50	291

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

Up to and including Saturday, 22nd February, 1964

Player	A	G	T	P	Player	A	G	T	P
Dyson	25	87	2	180	Rae	6		4	12
Lord	23		7	21	Donovan	5			
Noon	13	6	6	30	Simms T.	21		17	51
Nestor	25		6	18	Smethurst	26		12	36
Elliott	9		5	15	Cheshire	1			
Davies	1				Wilson	20		2	6
Pycroft	27		11	33	Sims G.	14	8	8	40
Lloyd	1				Major	21			
McIntyre	26		5	15	Platt	6			
Robinson	28		5	15	Crowther	8		4	12
Bott	29		3	9	Taylor	2			
Parker	27		7	21	Whitehead	5		3	9
Patterson	3		2	6	Gaskell	2		1	3
Price	3		2	6					

SECOND DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

Up to and including Saturday, 22nd February, 1964

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Oldham	18	16	1	1	381	125	33
Leigh	18	14	1	3	323	132	29
Barrow	18	12	0	6	242	174	24
Dewsbury	19	11	2	6	176	196	24
Bramley	16	9	0	7	202	184	18
Blackpool B.	17	8	1	8	218	207	17
York	19	8	0	11	234	196	16
Batley	19	8	0	11	160	255	16
Salford	18	6	0	12	170	269	12
Whitehaven	18	6	0	12	109	232	12
Doncaster	17	5	1	11	130	214	11
Rochdale	16	5	0	11	130	207	10
Liverpool	17	4	0	13	131	214	8

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 18-5
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