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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Our first team are still keeping up the good work, and against Barrow on Saturday last, they again excelled themselves and produced a good display of football which had the Barrow team completely subdued under an avalanche of strong running and passing at top speed. Our forwards were again in a rampant mood. So we carry on the good work with our eyes on the blue ribbon of the Rugby League, the Challenge Cup and our first appearance at Wembley.

Today sees the commencement of our holiday fixtures with visitors from Liverpool and we welcome them to Watersheddings. We realise that we are up against tough opponents, as their record proves, having given some anxious moments to several teams by their close defeats and fine victories this season. They have a very capable full back in Ashby, who recently gained international honours playing against France at Leigh, and he acquitted himself very well indeed. We hope that today we shall see another entertaining game, worthy of the name of Rugby League.

Apropos to our notes recently regarding the amenities of several grounds in the Rugby League that could be improved, we have recently been taken to task by two of our old stalwart members as regards the dressing accommodation that is provided at Watersheddings. One of them stated that we were living in the same atmosphere as we had done in the last sixty years. We must agree with him that ours is one of the few grounds today where the players have to walk a distance from the dressing rooms through a maze of spectators to get to the ground, whereas modern amenities of dressing accommodation under the stands, with up to date bathing facilities and toilets, is very much absent from our ground. It was pointed out that there is also the danger of players being molested after a match if the going has been against the home crowd, but this has never happened to any great extent at Watersheddings. But there it is, the idea is a splendid one if it can be put into operation.

CHALLENGE CUP SEMI-FINAL

Our opponents in the semi-final of the Challenge Cup being Hull Kingston Rovers, we shall meet them at Headingley, Leeds on Saturday, 11th April, kick-off 3 p.m.

We are allocated 765 main stand tickets at 15/- and 380 stand tickets at 12/6, both these are reserved seating accommodation and completely under cover. We are also allocated 5,000 guaranteed under cover standing tickets at 5/- and these are on the popular side of the ground. From the figures given, there are tickets for all our members, but early application is desirable. Seatholder members will forward coupon No. 46, by postal application enclosing remittance and stamped addressed envelope, to the Pavilion, Watersheddings, Oldham and the prices are as above, 15/- and 12/6 per ticket.

To other members a covering number of tickets are now available at 5/- each and also for our Pool Agents.

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It is amazing, but then it is human nature, that the public will support anything that is good and so it is with our team on their recent exhibitions of football, which has aroused enthusiasm amongst the public of our town. Considering the counter attraction of the Grand National and the fact that our old friends Oldham Athletic were at home, we were quite satisfied with the 'gate' against Barrow of 4,514 on Saturday last. We desire bigger attendances, to make ends meet, but if our team continues to make progress, everything will be a bed of roses, the crowds will come along and provide the money for the many improvements to our ground and new players, success will bring success.

REGIONAL LEAGUE

A glance at the Regional League in this programme will show that we stand a very good chance of being in the play-offs of the top four.

We have to play Leigh at Watersheddings tomorrow and Rochdale Hornets away on Friday evening, 24th April, kick-off 6-30 p.m. to complete our fixtures. The first club will play the fourth at home and the second will play the third at home. Much will depend on how St. Helens and Wigan fare in their regional matches. We sincerely hope we have a home match against first division opponents.

NEWS FROM THE MACKESON RUGBY LEAGUE CONTEST

PERIOD 5 — March 9th to End of Season

Position after matches played on Saturday, March 21st, 1964

CLUB	Played	Pts. F.	Average	Pts. A.
1—St. Helens	2	64	32.00	15
2—Workington	2	52	26.00	14
3—Castleford	2	48	24.00	12
4—Featherstone ...	1	23	23.00	3
5—Hull K. R.	2	46	23.00	13
6—Wigan	2	46	23.00	20
7—Oldham	2	39	19.50	10

MAIN CONTEST

Position after matches played on Saturday, March 21st, 1964

CLUB	Played	Pts. F.	Average	Pts. A.
1—Wigan	33	630	19.09	326
2—Oldham	31	564	18.19	214
3—Hull K. R.	33	541	16.39	377
4—Featherstone	30	477	15.90	348
5—St. Helens	31	483	15.58	248
6—Castleford	29	448	15.45	309
7—Wakefield T.	29	441	15.21	299

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

Up to and including Saturday, 21st March, 1964

Player	A	G	T	P	Player	A	G	T	P
Dyson	29	99	2	204	Rae	6		4	12
Lord	23		7	21	Donovan	8		1	3
Noon	14	6	6	30	Simms T.	25		20	60
Nestor	28		6	18	Smethurst	30		13	39
Elliott	9		5	15	Cheshire	1			
Davies	1				Wilson	24		3	9
Pycroft	31		13	39	Sims G.	18	8	10	46
Lloyd	1				Major	24			
McIntyre	30		6	18	Platt	6			
Robinson	31		5	15	Crowther	9		4	12
Bott	33		3	9	Taylor	2			
Parker	30		7	21	Whitehead	8		3	9
Patterson	3		2	6	Gaskell	1		1	3
Price	3		2	6					

WESTERN DIVISION TABLE

Each Club to play 8 matches

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Oldham	6	5	0	1	102	49	10
St. Helens	4	4	0	0	64	30	8
Wigan	6	4	0	2	164	77	8
Workington	6	3	2	1	91	41	8
Swinton	4	4	0	0	69	27	8
Widnes	5	3	1	1	63	40	7
Warrington	6	3	0	3	95	72	6
Barrow	6	2	0	4	78	99	4
Leigh	7	2	0	5	59	81	4
Whitehaven	5	1	2	2	31	60	4
Blackpool B.	5	2	0	3	63	143	4
Rochdale H.	6	1	1	4	49	127	3
Salford	4	0	0	4	36	65	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 18-5
12	Doncaster (2)	home	3.0 45-13	29	Featherstone (Cup)	home	3.0 9-7
19	Barrow (2)	away	3.0 21-15	Mar. 7	Batley (2)	away	3.0 9-4
26	Rochdale (R)	home	3.0 13-4	14	Hunslet (R.L. Cup)	away	3.0 7-5
Nov. 2	Doncaster (2)	away	3.0 12-6	21	Barrow (R)	home	3.0 32-5
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