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You may make up to a maximum of 12 attempts on each entry form, and send as many official entry forms as you like. A donation of 3d. to the Olympic Appeal Fund must be sent for every attempt and a donation of 3/- will entitle you to twelve attempts.

A panel of judges will award the prizes to the senders of the three entries they consider best. In the event of ties, an eliminating contest will be held. A copy of the full rules may be obtained by sending a s.a.e. to the organisers of the contest.

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Drawn Games

The spate of drawn games in this season's Cup Ties has been quite a topic of conversation among Rugby League supporters. Hitherto Widnes and Swinton have been looked upon as the "drawn game specialists" but tonight's protagonists, Hull K.R. and Oldham, are new contenders for the title.

Probably the biggest coincidence in drawn games has occurred during last season and the present season. In 1962/63 Swinton and Widnes met in the First Round of the Challenge Cup Competition, they drew 6 points apiece. In the replay at Widnes they again drew, with 3 points apiece. In the second replay at Leigh, Widnes won by 6 points to 4 in the last seconds of the game. Ken Gowers, the Swinton full-back, drop-kicked for goal and the ball sailed majestically over the cross-bar to bring the scores level—or so thought everyone present with the exception of the referee who, noticing that the ball had touched a Widnes player in flight, quite rightly ruled no goal, otherwise these two Clubs would have set up a record 'drawn game' saga which might have stood for all time.

The same two Clubs were drawn together in the Third Round this season and once again the first encounter resulted in a draw, each side scoring 5 points. The second game at Swinton was drawn, no score, and the issue was finally decided at Wigan with a victory to Widnes.

Drawn games, particularly in Cup Ties, not only yield extra revenue but give additional entertainment to supporters and are very often good advertisements for the game. No-one can deny that the two meetings between to-night's teams have really provided magnificent entertainment.

The method of scoring in Rugby League Football reduces the possibility of a game being drawn. This once again brings up the question of scoring values. If the try were to be twice the value of a goal then drawn games would be more common and for obvious reasons this would be very much to the advantage of the game in general.

Len McIntyre's drop-goal in the last seconds of the first replay also brought up the subject of scoring values and the suggestion was put forward that a better system than the present one would be to award 4 points for a try, 2 points for a penalty goal, and 1 point for either a drop-goal or a conversion. Such a system apart from enhancing the value of a try should result in more drawn games because the values are simple multiples.

It may interest supporters to see the record of Cup Ties which have resulted in draws in post-war years and this is set out below.

The value of a drawn game was perhaps emphasised most in 1954 when 102,575 saw the replayed Cup Final at Odsal Stadium.

RECORD OF POST-WAR DRAWN CUP TIES

The team which is in heavier type won the replay. The figure (1) or (2) in the years up to 1953/4 indicate "First Leg" or "Second Leg"

1945/46	Hull K.R. 0 pts., Salford 0 pts.	1953/54	1st Rd (1) Rochdale H. 9 pts., Bradford N. 9.
2nd Rd.	Hull K.R. 0 pts., Wakefield T. 3 pts.	1st Rd (2)	Hull K.R. 0 pts., York 0 pts.
1946/47	1st Rd (1) Leigh 3 pts., Wakefield T. 3 pts.	2nd Rd.	Hull 5 pts., Workington 5 pts.
1st Rd (2)	Oldham 0 pts., Belle Vue R. 0 pts.	FINAL.	Halifax 4 pts., Warrington 4 pts.
1947/48	1st Rd (1) Bramley 3 pts., Vine Tavern 3 pts.	1955/56	Semi-Final. St. Helens 5 pts., Barrow 5 pts.
2nd Rd.	Wakefield T. 3 pts., Bradford N. 3 pts.	1956/57	1st Rd. Swinton 5 pts., Huddersfield 5 pts.
	Dewsbury 2 pts., Hunslet 2 pts.	Semi-Final.	Barrow 2 pts., Leigh 2 pts.
1948/49	1st Rd (1) Whitehaven 0 pts., Keighley 0 pts.	1958/59	2nd Rd. Hull 4 pts., Wakefield T. 4 pts.
1950/51	Semi-Final. Barrow 14 pts., Leeds 14 pts.	3rd Rd.	Hull 6 pts., Salford 6 pts.
1951/52	1st Rd (1) Batley 9 pts., Bramley 9 pts.	1959/60	1st Rd. Liverpool C. 3 pts., Bramley 3 pts.
(1) Widnes 5 pts., Barrow 5 pts.		1960/61	1st Rd. Leeds 5 pts., Wigan 5 pts.
(1) Cardiff 7 pts., Dewsbury 7 pts.			St. Helens 5 pts., Widnes 5 pts.
1st Rd (2) Halifax 5 pts., Huddersfield 5 pts.		1961/62	2nd Rd. Leigh 7 pts., Leeds 7 pts.
(2) Rylands Recs. 9 pts., White'n 9.		3rd Rd.	Castleford 4 pts., Huddersfield 4 pts.
(2) Liverpool C. 6 pts., War'ng't'n 6 pts.		1962/63	1st Rd. Swinton 6 pts., Widnes 6 pts.
1952/53	1st Rd (2) Doncaster 5 pts., Hull K.R. 5 pts.	1st Replay.	Widnes 3 pts., Swinton 3 pts.
(2) Oldham 5 pts., St. Helens 5 pts.		3rd Rd.	York 9 pts., Wakefield T. 9 pts.
2nd Rd.	Halifax 7 pts., Leigh 7 pts.		



Reproduced by courtesy of the Oldham Chronicle

Peter Smethurst's strong running at centre-threequarter has been a feature of the Cup Ties.



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Mike Blackmore waves jubilantly as centre Terry Major touches down in the first replay in spite of the attentions of Frank Dyson and Trevor Simms.

The Teams

Hull K.R. 12

Colours: All red jerseys, white shorts, red and white stockings

C. KELLETT <i>GGG</i>	1. Full Back
G. PAUL	2. Wing
T. MAJOR	3. Centre
D. ELLIOTT	4. Centre
M. BLACKMORE <i>T</i>	5. Wing
A. BURWELL	6. Stand-off
A. BUNTING <i>F</i>	7. Scrum Half
B. TYSON	8. Prop
P. FLANAGAN	9. Hooker
J. TAYLOR	10. Prop.
E. PALMER	11. Second Row
L. CLARK	12. Second Row
H. POOLE	13. Loose Forward

Oldham 2

Co'ours: All white jerseys, blue shorts, blue and white stockings

F. DYSON <i>G</i>	1. Full Back
G. SIMS	2. Wing
J. DONOVAN	3. Centre
P. SMETHURST	4. Centre
T. SIMMS	5. Wing
V. NESTOR	6. Stand-off
J. PYCROFT	7. Scrum Half
C. BOTT	8. Prop
L. McINTYRE	9. Hooker
K. WILSON	10. Prop.
S. WHITEHEAD	11. Second Row
G. ROBINSON	12. Second Row
H. MAJOR	13. Loose Forward

Referee : M. COATES (Leeds)

Touch Judges :

A. ASPINALL (Huddersfield) L. THOMPSON (Dewsbury)

In the event of a further draw after eighty minutes extra time of fifteen minutes each way shall be played

R.L. Topics

France sends its Fourth Touring Team to Australia and New Zealand next month. France may have had its lean periods but it is still the only country to boast that it has never lost a rubber of Tests in Australia. It will be interesting to follow the record of the 1964 tourists.

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In 1965 the Fourth World Cup Competition will take place. Great Britain won the First and Third Competitions in France and England respectively (1954 and 1960). Australia won the Trophy at home in 1957. Next season the Competition will be divided between Australia and New Zealand, the three venues being Sydney, Brisbane and Auckland. The match programme will be as follows:

Saturday, May 29th — First match day.

Saturday, June 5th — Second match day.

Saturday, June 12th — Third match day.

Monday, June 14th — Final.

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The England Under-19 Amateur Team plays France at Avignon on Friday, May 1st. England won last year's encounter at Wakefield by 22-6, but the previous year lost at Limoux by 25-19.

The splendid form exhibited by the Under-19 players in the Sunday televised series this season makes England favourites to win in France, a feat which they last achieved in 1956.

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Some special trophies are on offer this year. Wigan are ahead in the race for the Mackeson Trophy awarded to the team with the season's best scoring average.

Wigan look like scoring a double because Trevor Lake is leading the race for the Try-Scoring Trophy awarded by ABC Television Limited.

The new trophy to be awarded by Jim Windsor to the player voted the "fairest" of the year is at the moment marked "destination unknown" because the panel of referees appointed to make the choice have as yet made no announcement about the short list of candidates.

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The five yards scrum will disappear from the game next season in an effort to simplify the Laws of the Game. After a dead ball play will start either with a drop-out from the twenty-five (if made dead by an attacker) or by a drop-out from between the posts. At all kick-offs and drop-outs the ball must be brought into play and not kicked out of play. This should be a good thing. For example, how many times have we been keyed up for the start of what one anticipates to be a wonderful game only to be let down because the start of play, i.e., the kick-off, invariably stops the play and a scrum has to be formed at the centre of the field.

Next season, players will be required to retire ten yards from the mark when a penalty kick is being taken by the opposition. This does not mean the return of the "tap-penalty" because the kicker must kick the ball at least ten yards forward.

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Supporters who feel like a round-the-world trip during next year's World Cup Competition, should contact the League Secretary, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7.

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Standing enclosure tickets at 4/- for the Rugby League Cup Final at Wembley on Saturday, May 9th, can be obtained from the Rugby League Offices, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7.

Money in the Cup

Although the game of Rugby League, like all spectator sports, is going through a lean period, public interest is still there. It takes matches of special interest to get them through the turnstiles. There are too many counter attractions these days for the ordinary game to attract large crowds. Competitions should be devised to supply matches of special interest. The proof is in the Cup Competition and this year's receipts from the Cup Ties certainly supplies no evidence of waning interest.

The weather and sometimes the luck of the Draw (an attendance at a game could sometimes be doubled if the venues were switched) affect Cup Tie attendances and these two factors adversely influenced the Second and Third Round Ties this season but in spite of that, receipts from this season's Cup Ties, excluding Saturday's Semi-Final at Swinton and the replay this evening, are already nearly 30% above receipts from last year's Cup Ties. To the total receipts of **£61,382** are to be added Saturday's receipts at Swinton and the receipts for this evening's game. The total in 1962 for the Rounds Proper and the Semi-Finals was **£59,670** and last year was **£48,041**.

The First Round this season attracted 202,442 people as against 125,473 in 1963 and 131,796 in 1962.

Rugby League Coaching Courses

Each Summer the Rugby League organises coaching courses at the National Recreation Centres of the Central Council of Physical Recreation. The course at Bisham Abbey on the River Thames near Marlow, is organised for teenage players and the object of the course is to improve the proficiency at the game of these young players. Anyone can apply. Further details can be obtained from the Rugby League Secretary, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7.

The course at Lilleshall near Newport, Shropshire, is for those people who are interested in the coaching side of the game. Players approaching retirement, referees, Junior Club coaches and schoolteachers are among those who have attended these courses in the past. Many of the Senior Club coaches hold Rugby League Coaching Certificates gained on these courses. For further details apply to the Rugby League Secretary, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7.

At both of the magnificent C.C.P.R. Centres, facilities to indulge in other sports are available to those who attend courses. These facilities are many and varied. Invariably those who attend the course say that they have learnt plenty about the game and have also equally enjoyed the week's "holiday".

Cup Final Tickets

Seating tickets for the Rugby League Cup Final are always in great demand at this time of the year. Supporters are advised to apply for their tickets to the Rugby League Offices, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7, at least twelve months before each Final. Those who obtain their tickets direct from the Rugby League receive at the same time an application form for the following year's Final. Tickets are allocated in the order in which the applications are received. Everyone cannot sit on the front row! There must be some at the back; but the earlier you apply, the nearer to the front or to the centre will you be.

Seating tickets at 30/-, 20/-, 15/- and 10/- (apart from the allocation to the finalists) have long been sold in respect of the 1964 Cup Final but Standing Enclosure tickets at 4/- can still be obtained.

This year sees the first of a new type of ticket which admits to a small restaurant overlooking the pitch. These tickets are at **£3.0.0d.** apiece and diners can watch the match in comfort. A very limited supply of these tickets will be available each year.

When applying for tickets, send a stamped and addressed envelope.