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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Disappointment after disappointment in our failure to reach Wembley for the first time, after we had expected so much from our team. The Challenge Cup rounds this season have been tense and exciting to us, and to win away at Keighley, at home against a strong Featherstone team, and away again at Hunslet, was very encouraging, so much so that we fully expected to be beat Hull Kingston Rovers in the semi-final, but after two drawn games, we lost the third, on a day when we must admit we were beaten by a better team. Our lads on that day did not excel themselves as in the previous rounds and we retired beaten by 12 points to 2 points. So near to Wembley, we fell at the last hurdle. When one looks back at the semi-final games and remembers the thrills and excitement from start to finish, one can't understand why our game is in such a sorry state, for these games proved that if it is played in the right spirit and according to the book then the people will turn up in their thousands to watch.

Our progress in the Challenge Cup aroused the Rugby League public of Oldham, and the application for tickets was tremendous, so much so, that we could not satisfy all requirements, we hope the spirit will now remain and that you will support us in our efforts to produce nothing but the best at Watersheddings.

Last week the Committee sent to the Widnes Club a message of congratulation on the club reaching Wembley for the fifth time. Widnes will represent Lancashire at Wembley on May 9th against our victors in the semi-final, and we wish them the best of luck.

If you are going to Wembley you should get your tickets early, as there are now only standing tickets at 4/- each left, these can be got from the Rugby Football League, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7. Postal Order and stamped addressed envelope will secure a ticket.

OUR VISITORS

This evening we entertain visitors from Whitehaven in a much postponed match. We had arranged with Whitehaven to play next Monday evening, but they had experienced difficulty in securing some of their players' absence from work and the great expense for those which they could, hence we now play this evening. The Whitehaven team, after an in and out season, have now taken on a new lease of life, mainly because of the signing of three Workington players, Brennan, McLeod and McDowell. They have obtained more stability so we can expect a good game tonight. It is hard on our players after having a tough match at St. Helens last evening, having to face a somewhat fresh team, but we are sure they will go out to secure victory.

INJURED PLAYERS

Dave Parker, injured in the first match against Hull Kingston with an eye injury, will not play again this season. Dave underwent an operation in Wythenshawe Hospital. In about ten days time he will have to go in again for a couple of days, to have the "packing" removed from the eye frame. John Noon is now suffering from a broken rib, which he secured in the 'A' team against Leigh at Watersheddings on April 21st.

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NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE

The nomination sheet for the election of three Committeemen for the 1964-65 season has now been completed.

The President—Mr. H. Goodwin
Acting Vice-President—Mr. S. Stretch
Hon. Treasurer—Mr. P. G. Carter

The above three are re-elected unopposed for a period of twelve months. The following are the candidates for the Committee (Three required) :-

Mr. John Burke ; Mr. J. H. Cocker ; Mr. Jack Errock ; Mr. Harry Hobson
Mr. William Howard ; Mr. Stuart McDonough ; Mr. R. L. Thomas

THE POOLS

Now for the Pools. These popular competitions will continue during the summer and we hope to maintain our big money prizes. It is essential that these efforts continue, for we hope to spend a lot more money on ground development.

We would be delighted to hear from any lady or gentleman who would be willing to act as an agent. Full particulars will be given at the main office.

NEWS FROM THE MACKESON RUGBY LEAGUE CONTEST

PERIOD 5 — March 9th to End of Season
Position after matches played on April 25th, 1964

CLUB	Played	Pts. F.	Average	Pts. A.
1—Workington	11	292	26.55	122
2—Wakefield T.	8	193	24.13	87
3—St. Helens	11	224	20.36	107
4—Featherstone	10	196	19.60	111
5—Wigan	11	209	19.00	130
6—Warrington	10	166	16.60	105
7—York	7	114	16.19	113
8—Castleford	12	191	15.92	111
9—Swinton	14	213	15.21	77
10—Halifax	11	167	15.18	149
11—Bramley	7	101	14.43	63
12—Oldham	9	127	14.11	56

MAIN CONTEST

Position after matches played on April 25th, 1964

CLUB	Played	Pts. F.	Average	Pts. A.
1—Wigan	42	793	18.88	436
2—Oldham	38	652	17.16	260
3—Wakefield T.	37	634	17.14	386
4—Featherstone	39	650	16.67	456
5—St. Helens	40	643	16.08	340
6—Workington	40	620	15.50	431
7—Castleford	39	591	15.15	408

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

Up to and including Monday, 27th April, 1964

Player	A	G	T	P	Player	A	G	T	P
Dyson	34	102	2	210	Rae	6		4	12
Lord	25		7	21	Donovan	15		3	9
Noon	17	6	6	30	Simms T.	32		21	63
Nestor	34		6	18	Smethurst	38		14	42
Elliott	9		5	15	Cheshire	1			
Davies	1				Wilson	32		3	9
Pycroft	39		13	39	Sims G.	26	13	12	62
Lloyd	1				Major	32			
McIntyre	38	1	6	20	Platt	6			
Robinson	36		5	15	Crowther	9		4	12
Bott	41		3	9	Taylor	2			
Parker	33		7	21	Whitehead	15		3	9
Patterson	5		2	6	Gaskell	2		1	3
Price	3		2	6	Sutcliffe	1			

SECOND DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

Up to and including Saturday, 25th April, 1964

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Oldham	21	19	1	1	440	142	39
Leigh	23	15	3	5	390	214	33
Dewsbury	24	15	2	7	239	220	32
Barrow	24	14	1	9	350	280	29
Bramley	22	13	0	9	295	234	26
York	24	12	0	12	317	250	24
Blackpool	24	11	2	11	296	303	24
Liverpool	24	8	1	15	202	261	17
Rochdale	23	8	1	14	207	268	17
Batley	24	8	0	16	174	304	16
Whitehaven	23	8	0	15	168	300	16
Salford	24	8	0	16	218	392	16
Doncaster	24	7	1	16	182	311	15

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	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	7-4
16	Whitehaven (2)	away	2.30	19-0	28	Leigh (R)	home	3.0	12-0
13	Rochdale (2)	home	2.30	18-7	30	Salford (2)	away	3.0	43-8
10	Barrow (R)	away	2.30	9-15					