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**1963/4**

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The average attendance being 29,507 and average receipts £6.300

One will notice the great difference in the receipts in comparison to the attendance, and this can be accounted for by the difference in the charges of admission and the number of stand seats available for sale. We think that all prices of admission should be uniform, whatever ground the matches are played on.

## CONCLUSION

This being the last second division league match of the season, we wish to extend, firstly to our members and patrons, our thanks for supporting us in our first season of second division football. We have emerged as champions of the division and this evening our team will be presented with the championship trophy and medals by the Chairman of the Management Committee, Mr. J. Edden of the Swinton Club. Mr. Edden will be best remembered as a first class referee and was the official in charge of the third Wembley Final in 1931, between Halifax and York. Now a director of the Swinton Club, Mr. Edden is now a very capable legislator of the Rugby League and as previously stated is Chairman of the Management Committee. May we also offer thanks to the advertisers in the match programme, for with their assistance the programme is kept down in cost, we hope that they have been amply repaid for the confidence in their advertisements in our journal.

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## OUR VISITORS

This evening we entertain the Bramley club at Watersheddings and we extend a welcome to them. Bramley have had a good season and have played in the Eastern Regional play-offs. They are coupled with Leigh, as the only two clubs who have secured victory against us (so far) in the second division. They have some very good away victories to their credit and have recently beaten Hull Kingston and Featherstone, which proves that tonight we must not take matters easily or for granted. The Bramley players can play good football and it is up to our team to be in top form if we are to record a good victory. In their ranks will be an ex-player of ours Tom Parker, who is having a good season, as a second row or loose forward.

## WESTERN REGIONAL FINAL

The Western Regional Final will be played on Saturday, May 16th at Central Park, Wigan, kick-off 2-30 p.m.

Seating tickets at 10/- and 7/6 Main Stand, 10/- New Stand and 6/- Ringside, can now be obtained from Wigan R.L.F.C., Central Park, Wigan. Admission by turnstile on the day of the match will be 3/-.

## THE NEW BRADFORD NORTHERN

The work of the Committee dedicated to create a new Bradford Northern Club got off to an enthusiastic start when there was a splendid turn-up at a public meeting held in Bradford on April 14th. Nearly £1,000 was contributed by the supporters who attended the meeting and it looks as if the target of £5,000 has every chance of being achieved before the club's application for membership of the Northern Rugby Football League is considered. There must be many supporters in the game who would dearly like to take part in the birth of the new club; their assistance would also be an extra insurance that the target figure would be reached in time.

Subscriptions in units of £1 should be sent to Trevor Foster, Esq., 28 Victor Road, Heaton, Bradford 9.

In return for this money the equivalent in £1 shares will be issued to the subscriber when the Company is formed. If the plans to form the new club fail to materialise, the money will be returned on or before the 31st July, 1964. The subscriptions which Trevor Foster receives will be immediately paid into the National Provincial Bank, Bradford, in the name of the "Bradford Northern Development Committee," to which your cheques should be made payable.

Please show your support in a practical way and send a subscription for shares.

## 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	260	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	1	1	3
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		
21	Whitehaven .....home	6.30	35-4		25	Salford (2) .....home	3.0	37-20	
28	Barrow (2) .....home	3.0	35-8		Feb. 8	Dewsbury (2) .....away	3.0	11-4	
28	Blackpool (2) .....away	3.0	22-6		15	Keighley (R.L. Cup) away	3.0	11-4	
30	Leigh .....away	7.0	0-10		22	Leigh (R) .....away	3.0	6-2	
Oct. 5	Australia .....home	3.0	45-13		22	Blackpool (2) .....home	3.0	18-5	
12	Doncaster (2) .....home	3.0	21-15		29	Featherstone (Cup) home	3.0	9-7	
19	Barrow (2) .....away	3.0	13-4		Mar. 7	Batley (2) .....away	3.0	9-4	
26	Rochdale (R) .....home	3.0	12-6		14	Hunslet (R.L. Cup) away	3.0	7-5	
Nov. 2	Doncaster (2) .....away	3.0	15-0		21	Barrow (R) .....home	3.0	32-5	
9	York (2) .....home	2.30	19-0		27	Liverpool (2) .....home	3.0	7-4	
16	Whitehaven (2) .....away	2.30	13-7		28	Leigh (2) .....home	3.0	12-0	
13	Rochdale (2) .....home	2.30	13-7		30	Salford (2) .....away	3.0	43-8	
10	Barrow (R) .....away	2.30	9-15						