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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS & VIEWS

Our first league matches have given us two splendid victories, and although our team could have played better at Dewsbury, we were always too good for the opposition. Mis-handling appeared to be one of our chief drawbacks, and in conversation with our players afterwards they somewhat blamed the plastic ball with its glassy surface, nevertheless it was a victory well recorded.

On Tuesday evening our team excelled itself, with a great victory over the Challenge Cup holders—Widnes—and gave a great show, much to the appreciation of the large crowd that attended, and which argues well for the future. Too keep this form up is what we have been hoping for for some considerable time, and we trust that it is no flash in the pan.

OUR VISITORS

It is indeed a pleasure to have Swinton as visitors so early in the season, and we extend a welcome to them. What an opening to the new season we are having at Watersheddings, the opening match we have the Challenge Cup holders, and now we have the League Champions. The Swinton backs are renowned for their speed, and when they get moving they are a pleasure to behold. It is up to our forwards to play as they did on Tuesday last for us to combat this clever moving combination, if they do, then we shall be in with a chance of a further victory. If the game is as good a spectacle as Tuesday's, then everyone will be satisfied, whatever the result.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

The fixture list for the 1964/65 season has a new look and provides for a programme of 34 matches (plus County and Rugby League Cup ties). The season for Northern League matches will terminate no later than Easter Monday, April 19th, 1965.

This might be a good thing in itself, provided that there is no back-log of fixtures due to the weather.

Saturday, 24th April is scheduled for a play-off of the top sixteen clubs in the League. This is a Competition in itself, and is a play-off for the Championship Trophy.

The top sixteen teams in the final table will be paired as follows:- 1 v 16; 8 v 9; 4 v 13; 5 v 12; 2 v 15; 7 v 10; 3 v 14; 6 v 11. The numbers indicate league position, and the higher placed team in all rounds shall have ground advantage—except for the final.

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- 9—CLARKE
- 10—BATE
- 11—SIMPSON
- 12—CUMMINGS
- 13—HURT

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Mr. T. Clayton, Widnes (Yellow)
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The dates on which all games including replays shall be played, will be decided by the Management Committee, who shall also determine the venue of the Final.

PEN PICTURE — GEORGE DAVID PARKER

Born in Barrow-in-Furness.
 Attended Barrow-in-Furness Grammar School from 1946 to 1954.
 School Prefect.
 Kings Scout.
 Captain of the School 1st XV Rugby Union, 1953-54.
 Played for Lancashire Schoolboys R.U. XV, 1953-54.
 Played for the School 1st XI at Soccer.
 Attended Manchester University from 1954 to 1957 and secured his B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering.
 Captain of the University Rugby Club, 1956-57.
 Captain of Universities Athletic Union XV, 1956-57.
 Captain of Lancashire County R.U. 1956-57.
 Two years Post Graduate Training with North Western Electricity Board.
 Captain of Lancashire R.U. XV in 1958-59-60.
 Captain of Manchester Rugby Union Club 1959-60.
 Had England Rugby Union Trial, 1959-60.
 Was married in October 1959.
 Served two years National Service 1959 to 1961, as a Sergeant in the Royal Army Education Corps.
 Played for Army XV from 1959 to 1961.
 Signed professional for Oldham R.F.C. in October 1960.
 Was 4th Assistant District Engineer with North Western Electricity Board in Manchester 1961-62.
 Now employed as Training and Education Officer, with Messrs. Platt Bros. & Co. Ltd.
 Played for Lancashire R.L. XIII 1960-61.
 Played for Great Britain XIII 1963-64.
 On David On !

PLAYING STRENGTH

Player	Birthplace	Player	Birthplace
Bott, C. H.	Thorne (Yorks.)	Nestor, V.	Leigh
Broomhead, W. J.	Nottingham	Noon, J.	Oldham
Crowther, G.	Halifax	Patterson, W.	Oldham
Dransfield, D.	Oldham	Pycroft, J.	Castleford
Donovan J.	St. Helens	Parker, D.	Barrow-in-Furness
Dyson, F.	Huddersfield	Price, M.	Pontypool
Elliott, M.	Blaina (S. Wales)	Robinson, G.	Whitehaven
Flanagan K.	Oldham	Smethurst, P.	Swinton
Gaskell J.	Leigh	Taylor, K.	Oldham
Gaskell, J.	Wigan	Simms, T.	Haydock
Hill, E.	Warrington	Sims, G.	Leigh
Hill, J.	Warrington	Wood, G.	Oldham
Howard, G.	Oldham	Whitehead, S.	Oldham
Howarth, I.	Oldham	Wilkinson, W.	Leigh
Johnson, K.	Manchester	Wilson, K. J.	Colchester
Johns, J. B.	Warrington	Collins, J.	Oldham
Kenny, V.	Swinton	Lloyd, K.	Leigh
McIntyre, L.	Wigan	Platt, D.	Leigh
Mills, P.	Oldham	Morgan, L.	S. Wales
Mitchell, R.	Rochdale	Rowe, A.	Barnsley
Maders, D.	Oldham	Robinson, K.	Huddersfield
Mumberson, A.	Aspatria	Fallon, B.	Leigh
McCormack, J.	Wigan	Davies, E.	Blaina (S. Wales)
Major, H.	Warrington	Cheshire, J.	Blaina (S. Wales)

FIXTURES & RESULTS FOR 1964/65 SEASON

Date	Club		Grd.	Time	F. A.	Date	Club		Grd.	Time	F. A.
Aug. 15	Rochdale (Charity)	away	3.0	39-7		19	Liverpool	.....	away	2.30	
22	Dewsbury	.....	away	3.0	17-4	26	St. Helens	.....	home	2.30	
25	Widnes (Tues.)	.....	home	7.0	23-2	28	Keighley (Mon.)	.....	away	2.30	
29	Swinton	.....	home	3.0		Jan. 2	Hunslet	.....	home	2.30	
Sept. 4	Whitehaven (Cup)	away	6-30			9	Barrow	.....	away	2.30	
12	Liverpool	.....	home	3.0		16	Rochdale H.	.....	away	2.30	
14	Blackpool	.....	away	3.0		23	Salford	.....	home	3.0	
19	Widnes	.....	away	3.0		30	Warrington	.....	away	3.0	
26	Whitehaven	.....	home	3.0		Feb. 6	(1st Rnd. R.L. Cup)				
Oct. 3	Leigh	.....	away	3.0		13	Keighley	.....	home	3.0	
10	Rochdale H.	.....	home	3.0		27	(2nd Rnd. R.L. Cup)				
17	Workington	.....	away	3.0		Mar. 6	Leigh	.....	home	3.0	
24	Warrington	.....	home	3.0		13	Workington	.....	home	3.0	
31	St. Helens	.....	away	3.0		20	Wigan	.....	away	3.0	
Nov. 7	Barrow	.....	home	3.0		27	Huddersfield	.....	home	3.0	
14	Huddersfield	.....	away	2.30		Apr. 3	(Semi-Final R.L. Cup)				
21	Wigan	.....	home	2.30		10	(Semi-Final R.L. Cup)				
28	Salford	.....	away	2.30		16	Swinton (G.F.)	.....	away	3.0	
Dec. 5	Hunslet	.....	away	2.30		17	Whitehaven	.....	away	3.0	
12	Blackpool	.....	home	2.30		19	Dewsbury (E.M.)	.....	home	3.0	

At Watersheddings — Saturday, 5th September — Kick-off 3 p.m.
OLDHAM 'A' v. WHITEHAVEN 'A'