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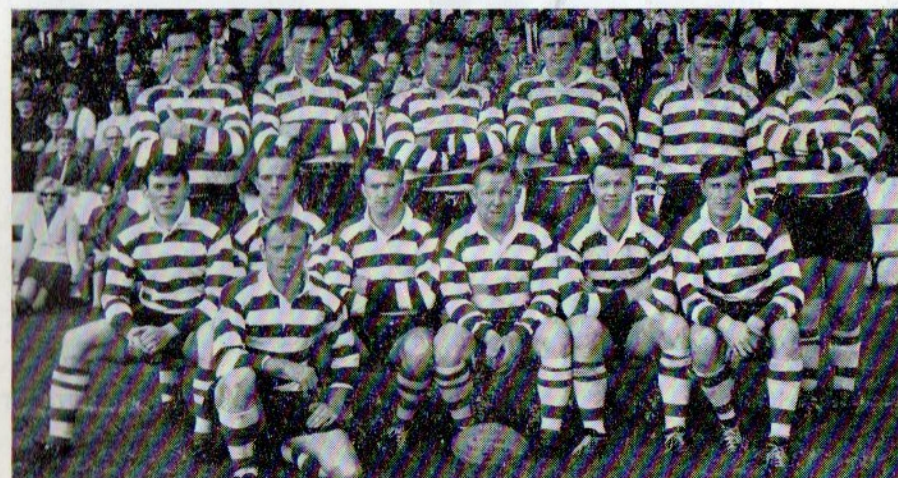
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### WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Our first team are still progressing, but unfortunately we cannot write the same about our 'A' team, who have played three matches to date and have lost them all. However we hope their time will come, inasmuch as we are playing quite a lot of inexperienced youngsters, especially in the backs. Experience is a dear school, and it is only by playing together that they can get to understand one another. However, we are watching their progress with interest. On Friday last we had a good game at Whitehaven in the first round of the Lancashire Cup, but we cannot understand the apathy of the Whitehaven population in not supporting their locals by attending. The 'gate' of £286 was very disappointing and we come out with a big loss on the round and the only consolation we get is that we have made a round of progress towards the final, we hope. To individualize on the merits of each player at Whitehaven would be unfair, for we must compliment the team as a whole for giving the sparse Whitehaven crowd value for their money. In fact there was praise all round for the exhibition our team put up.

### AN INNOVATION

For the first time in the history of the Club we are now offering cash prizes for winning numbers on the programme. The numbers will be announced at half time or just after. Three 10/- cash prizes will be given at each first team home match. The winning programme holders will be paid immediately after the match, at the Secretary's Office in the Pavilion

### LANCASHIRE CUP TIE

Arrangements have now been made to play the second round of the Lancashire Cup against Warrington at Warrington on Monday, September 21st, kick-off 5-45 p.m.

A limited number of reserved stand tickets are now on sale at the Pavilion Office at 5/6 each.

### OUR VISITORS

Today we welcome as visitors Liverpool City, a team along with its officials, who are to be complimented on the manner in which they keep the game alive on Merseyside. They cannot keep going on 'gate' receipts alone, but have a band of workers second to none in the Rugby League, who, by their social activities and Pools organisation, keep the game going. It is obvious that the people who subscribe to their activities are not rugby football enthusiasts, otherwise the attendances at their games would be much greater—in fact, if all subscribers to any Pool organisation attended the matches of their particular Club, our game would be riding on a pinnacle as regards finance, instead of the proverbial shoe-string. It is reported that the Club have had notice to quit their present headquarters at

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Knotty Ash. This alone would make most club officials give up, but not so at Liverpool City. They are carrying on in the same brave manner and have secured a new site at Huyton, a new town adjacent to Liverpool, with a population of some 70,000 people, with no club allegiance. There is a possibility of them changing their name to Huyton Rugby League Football Club. The club has had many ups and downs of this kind. Commencing as Wigan Highfield, then they had a short stay in London, calling themselves London Highfield, later they moved back to Liverpool and became Liverpool Highfield, finally they moved to Knotty Ash and changed their name to Liverpool City.

Their never-say-die spirit is to be admired, and may they long carry the flag of Rugby League, wherever they play.

### ATTENDANCES

What is wrong with our game? There is something radically wrong judging by attendances at matches, especially those played on a Saturday. The attendance at some of the games is deplorable and it must be only by being subsidised that some of the clubs can carry on.

A perusal of attendance figures at our midweek matches shows that the public will attend. Matches played in the evenings in the early part of the season appears to bring the people out in comparison with Saturday afternoon matches.

Is the game, as played today, attractive enough? Speaking as one who has witnessed several games this season, I would say not. What with the players indulging in fisticuffs, and playing the man instead of the ball, our game is becoming one of brute strength rather than of skill, with fast clean passing, and I'm sure that this, in no small way, has contributed to the present sad state of affairs.

How can this be remedied? First of all, the directors or club committees should insist on their players playing the game properly, not with the win-at-all-costs attitude that exists at present. Secondly, any player sent off the field, for any infringement, is a disgrace to the game and should be dealt with by the Club as well as the Disiplinary Committee, and dealt with severely. This is the only way to deal with malcontents. Players who cannot keep their temper within bounds should never be allowed to play.

### LANCASHIRE CUP — SECOND ROUND

The draw for the second round of the Lancashire Cup is as follows :-

Barrow v St. Helens  
Warrington v Oldham  
Swinton v Wigan  
Widnes a bye

Matches to be decided on or before Thursday, 24th September, 1964

### BRIEFS

The new 'E' Stand seats are now completed and we trust that our members and patrons will welcome the change from the old dilapidated seats which had been in the Stand for over 50 years. To add to the comfort of users, we have now only 416 new seats in place of the 484 old ones.

Will our members and supporters please note that our match at Blackpool on Monday next is a 6 p.m. kick-off, NOT 3 p.m. as originally fixed.

### APPEARANCES AND SCORERS (All Matches)

Up to and including Saturday last

Player	A	G	T	P	Player	A	G	T	P
Dyson	5	27		54	Wilson	4½			
Sims	5		3	9	Major	5			
McCormack	4½		1	3	Parker	5		1	3
Nestor	1		4	12	Bott	4		1	3
Patterson	1		1	3	Price	4		5	15
Donovan	5		2	6	Robinson	1		1	3
Pycroft	5		2	6	Noon	½			
Mumberson	5		1	3	Smethurst	½			
McIntyre	5		1	3					

Appearances ½ indicates where a player has only played half the game

The Substitute Rule operating

### NEWS FROM THE MACKESON RUGBY LEAGUE CONTEST

PERIOD 1 — August 22nd to September 26th

Position after matches played on September 5th

CLUB	Played	Pts. F.	Average	Pts. A.
1—St. Helens .....	5	132	26.40	32
2—Hull K. R. ....	3	74	24.67	37
3—Wigan .....	5	118	23.60	38
4—Hull .....	5	107	21.40	38
5—Oldham .....	4	84	21.00	18
6—Halifax .....	5	98	19.60	72
7—Warrington .....	5	97	19.40	47
8—Workington .....	5	88	17.60	36

### 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	13-2	Jan. 2	Hunslet	.....	home	2.30	
Sept. 4	Whitehaven (Cup)	.....	away	6-30	31-10	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	