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## WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

We think we can consider ourselves making progress insomuch that we have won our last three away matches, against Huddersfield, Salford and Hunslet, but in our match against Wigan at home we evidently caught them on top of their form and on the day were beaten by the better team. Our latest away victory at Hunslet was well merited and although we appeared to have the worst of the game territorially, our defence was well nigh perfect. Strength in defence is as necessary as strength in attack. There is a tendency in some players and in some teams (and amongst some spectators) to underrate defence. There is an old saying, that attack is positive and defence is negative. We naturally rate more highly the man who does things; rather than the man who prevents them from being done. The aim of the player is to score. The desire of the crowd is to see scores. The attacking player—the man who gets tries and places goals—is a public hero, on a very different level in popular estimation from the defensive player who prevents scores. Even the man who is as great in defence as he is in attack is only given full credit by the discriminating few.

Yes, our defence at Hunslet was as important as attack and every man did his part, good sound tackling, hard tackling and the quality of anticipation enabled our players to be in the right place at the right time and made the tackles in the moment of the greatest danger. The Hunslet ground is indeed one of our lucky grounds.

## FOOTBALL FINANCE

Wherever one goes in Rugby League football, behind the scenes there is a general lament at the smallness of the 'gates' and the lack of adequate income to meet the ever increasing cost of running a club. Many clubs are living from hand to mouth and it is only by being subsidised by various outside efforts, such as pools and club draws, that clubs can make, or one can hardly say make, ends meet. Football finance especially in Rugby League is getting in low water, and it is obvious that something will have to be done about it. If the revenue does not come along from increased attendances, then clubs will have to cut the suit according to the cloth. One hates to suggest a reduction in playing terms, but we are afraid that this must come along.

Some of the poorer clubs attempt to keep pace with the wealthier clubs, and some of the so-called wealthier clubs cannot afford to pay the rates at the present time. There can be only one solution to this, and that is a basic wage, or a standardisation of maximum wages. Attempts have been made in the past to introduce this but it has fallen by the wayside. Necessity knows no law, and something will have to be introduced to save some of our clubs from extinction.

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## OUR VISITORS

We entertain today the Blackpool Club, and we give them a welcome to Watersheddings. In their ranks today we hope to see one of our old players, Roger Dufty, who after a period in the London Police, has secured a transfer to the Blackpool Borough Police, and in Rugby League parlance he has just been transferred from the Barrow Club, along with W. Wookey ex Workington and Barrow, plus cash, for the transfer of their star scrum half, Bishop. There is no doubt that the Blackpool Club must be admired for the way they have set about matters to establish themselves on the coast. Their ground and the appointments under the main stand, compare with any in the Rugby League. We hope that their efforts will be eventually rewarded, now that the ground is near the centre of the town.

## NEXT HOME MATCH

Our next first team home game is against the top club in the league, St. Helens, on Saturday, 26th December, and we are hoping for a fine day and a good 'gate', to assist the finances of the club. Can we prophesy for us to be the first team to lower the Saints colours this season? Make a note of the date and get that holiday feeling, with a visit to Watersheddings.

## MEMBERS CHRISTMAS DRAW

May we remind members of the Christmas Draw, which takes place on Monday next in the Pavilion, at 8 p.m. To those members who have not returned the counterfoils and monies, please do so before the above time. From the look of things it appears it will be the usual success.

## PROGRAMME PRIZES

Have you noticed the number of this programme? If so, listen out at half time and watch for the boards going round the ground, your number may appear in the list of prizes. There are cash prizes of 10/- each so look out, you may be one of the lucky ones.

## WEMBLEY 1965

All seating accommodation tickets for the 1965 Wembley Final have been sold at Headquarters in Leeds and only standing ground tickets at 5/- each remain. We ourselves have a limited number of 30/- and 20/- tickets for disposal, but early application should be made to the Secretary's office for reservation. To delay will probably mean disappointment and you will have only yourself to blame.

## INJURED PLAYERS

Although Dave Parker has had another operation on his nose and spent practically a full week in hospital, his progress is very slow and as far as we hear he will be out of action a few more weeks yet. Dave has had a rough time since his injury against Hull Kingston Rovers in the semi-final of the Challenge Cup at Leeds last season.

Geoff Crowther has cartilage trouble and is now awaiting news to report to hospital for an operation.

Terence Tomlinson has a small bone broken in the wrist and he too is awaiting the call to hospital for a bone grafting operation.

Trevor Simms, who broke his leg at Leigh on October 3rd, has had the plaster removed and has resumed his scholastic duties, but here again progress is very slow, and it will be a surprise if we see him in action again this season.

## APPEARANCES AND SCORERS (All Matches)

Up to and including Saturday last

Player	A	G	T	P	Player	A	G	T	P
Dyson	17½	67	5	149	Price	12		9	27
Sims	19	6	5	27	Robinson	3		1	3
McCormack	18		2	6	Smethurst	14		3	9
Nestor	12		4	12	Gaskell	7		1	3
Patterson	3½		2	6	Collins	6½		2	6
Donovan	14		4	12	Howarth	4			
Pycroft	14		3	9	Crowther	2			
Mumberson	11½		1	3	Hill	1½			
McIntyre	15½		5	15	Whitehead	6			
Wilson	15½				Tomlinson	½	1		2
Simms	½		1	3	Broomhead	½			
Wilkinson	1				Taylor	4			
Major	11½				Elliott	5			
Parker	16		4	12	McLeod	4		1	3
Bott	17		2	6	Delooze	1½			

Appearances ½ indicates where a player has only played half the game  
The Substitute Rule operating

## NEWS FROM THE MACKESON RUGBY LEAGUE CONTEST

MAIN CONTEST — Position after matches played on December 5th

CLUB	Played	Pts. F.	Average	Pts. A.
1—St. Helens .....	18	458	25.44	139
2—Wigan .....	18	403	22.39	132
3—Hull K. R. ....	17	329	19.35	193
4—Halifax .....	20	370	18.50	197
5—Leeds .....	20	333	16.65	233
6—Workington .....	18	297	16.50	227
7—Hunslet .....	18	276	15.33	230
8—Warrington .....	20	304	15.20	207
9—Castleford .....	18	268	14.89	169
10—Oldham .....	19	267	14.05	181

## 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	42-5	16	Rochdale H.	away	2.30	
14	Blackpool	away	6.0	13-2	23	Salford	home	3.0	
19	Widnes	away	3.0	21-2	30	Warrington	away	3.0	
26	Whitehaven	home	3.0	4-21	Feb. 6	(1st Rnd. R.L. Cup)			
Oct. 3	Leigh	away	3.0	20-10	13	Keighley	home	3.0	
10	Rochdale H.	home	3.0	14-5	27	(2nd Rnd. R.L. Cup)			
17	Workington	away	3.0	5-21	Mar. 6	Leigh	home	3.0	
24	Warrington	home	3.0	6-15	13	Workington	home	3.0	
31	St. Helens	away	3.0	6-22	20	Wigan	away	3.0	
Nov. 7	Barrow	home	3.0	21-4	27	Huddersfield	home	3.0	
14	Huddersfield	away	2-30	12-10	Apr. 3	(Semi-Final R.L. Cup)			
21	Wigan	home	2.30	9-18	10	(Semi-Final R.L. Cup)			
23	Salford	away	2.30	9-5	16	Swinton (G.F.)	away	3.0	
Dec. 5	Hunslet	away	2.30	7-4	17	Whitehaven	away	3.0	
12	Blackpool	home	2.30		19	Dewsbury (E.M.)	home	3.0	