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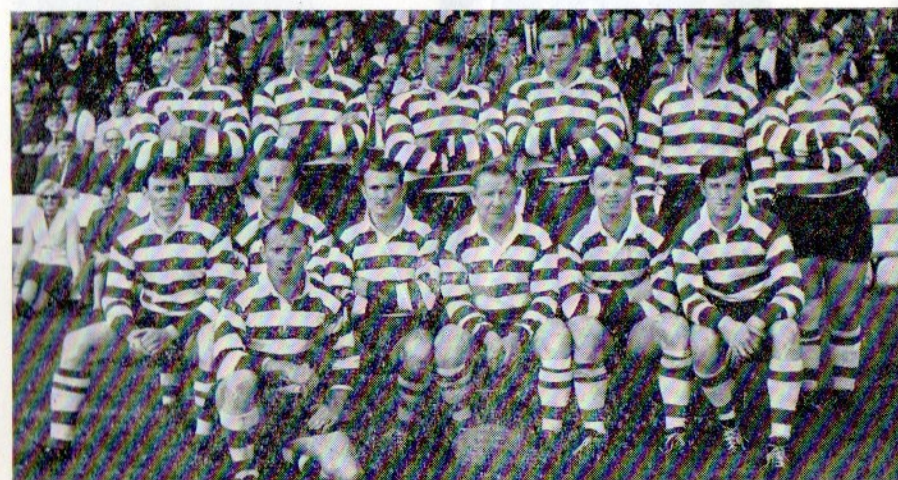
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Saturday, 2nd January, 1965—

OLDHAM v. HUNSLET

—Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

CLUB NEWS AND VIEWS

As far as the so called holiday fixtures go we have drawn a blank, but it is poor consolation to think we are not the only club. One is now apt to agree with the late Lance Todd when manager of Salford, when he went all out for summer football, but no matter how often he tried, his efforts fell on stoney ground. We have now four League matches postponed and we are going to have a busy time ahead to complete all our League Fixtures by Easter Monday, April 19th, this being the scheduled last day, for after then the top sixteen clubs play off. The top eight have preference of a home fixture so every effort must be made to finish in the top eight.

Our postponed League matches are as follows :— Blackpool Borough at Watersheddings ; Liverpool away ; St. Helens at Watersheddings ; and Keighley away.

OUR VISITORS

Today we welcome the Hunslet Club to Watersheddings in the return match. We played at Hunslet on December 5th, and we must admit that we were rather fortunate—thanks to a great defence—in winning the game by 7 point to 4 points. The Hunslet Club are fourth in the League table, having played 20 matches, won 14 and lost 6, scoring 307 points against 246. They have achieved some very good victories both at home and away, and it is up to our team to give of their best to record the double. So here's wishing for a good game and satisfaction to all our patrons and members.

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 its 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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Once again our Christmas Draw for Members has been a success and we must thank all members and patrons for their support in this effort.

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OVERSEAS NEWS

The writer's Christmas mail included the usual one from one of our old mascots, in fact the first mascot we had. Older members and supporters will probably remember the small boy by the name of Vincent Jackson. It was in the pre war era that he used to lead the team on the field at home and away. Eventually this small boy grew up and too old to be the mascot eventually joined the local Rugby Union Club. Time marches on, when a call to overseas came he eventually arrived in Australia with recommendations from us to the Australian Board of Control. He eventually settled in Wallongong in Queensland and played Rugby League with the local team. At the present time he is a selector to the Wallongong team. He sends his good wishes to the Club and all connected with it. Maybe he will be sending us one or two good players—one never knows.

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.

CUP DRAWS

The first round of the Challenge Cup Competition will be played on Saturday, 6th February, 1965, but the Draw for this round will be made on Friday, 15th January from the Manchester studios of the B.B.C. The Draw will be televised in the evening programme shortly after 6 p.m.

The Draws for the subsequent rounds will also be televised on Monday evenings following the date of each round, i.e. 8th February, 1st March and 15th March.

Supporters are reminded that clubs are numbered alphabetically and keep the same numbered ball throughout the whole of the competition. The two Junior Clubs are allocated the numbers 31 and 32.

The other teams are numbered as follows:— 1—Barrow; 2—Batley; 3—Blackpool Borough; 4—Bradford Northern; 5—Bramley; 6—Castleford; 7—Dewsbury; 8—Doncaster; 9—Featherstone Rovers; 10—Halifax; 11—Huddersfield; 12—Hull; 13—Hull Kingston Rovers; 14—Hunslet; 15—Keighley; 16—Leeds; 17—Leigh; 18—Liverpool City; 19—Oldham; 20—Rochdale Hornets; 21—St. Helens; 22—Salford; 23—Swinton; 24—Wakefield Trinity; 25—Warrington; 26—Whitehaven; 27—Widnes; 28—Wigan; 29—Workington Town; 30—York.

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
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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS & SUPPORTERS

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	9-10	10	(Semi-Final R.L. Cup)			
21	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	