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OUR GAME

Much has been written and said decrying our game of Rugby League football, but the writer who has been in the game a few moons will state that there is nothing wrong with our game. There is an old saying, that the world is alright and it is the people who are in it that make it what it is, and so it is with any organisation, they make it what it is. What is the remedy for the apathy that exists in our game today? The destiny of every club must lie in its own management. Some clubs are better managed than others, and there must always be one team at the top and one at the bottom. No set of rules are perfect and there are always evil doers who are prepared to break them with monotony, such breakers of rules should be seen off, whether they are players or officials or directors. We consider that 95% of our rules that we play under are very good, but to keep chopping and changing them, possibly to suit the players, leads one nowhere and becomes confusing to the man in the street, not that the man in the street is lacking intelligence, far from it, one can learn from some of the arguments of the man on the terraces.

Attendances at all sports are on the decline. What effort is being made to stop this decline and re-kindle the interest once shown? One may ask if the quality of the 'show' has declined, if so, it is up to all managements to insist on their 'performers' giving a 'show' that is well worthy of the money the public pays to see it. Remember, they are professionals and all are well paid, possibly too well paid, and they must give of their best, otherwise they should be seen off and replacements tried who will do so.

Let us all stop going to the wailing wall, climb to the top of the wall and you will see on the horizon a brightness that can be achieved by honesty of purpose and a sense of duty to the organisation one represents.

One has only to cast one's memory back to our own game against Hunslet on January 2nd, what was wrong with that game? Although the match attracted only just over 4,000 spectators (weather conditions being adverse), every person was well satisfied with the show of Rugby League given by our team. Let us all stop running our game down, it is a great game if played according to the rules. Many times one hears we have the finest game in the world, and so it is, let the knockers go somewhere else to give vent to their feelings, as there is no room for them in Rugby League football.

OUR VISITORS

Today we entertain near neighbours from Salford and we give them a welcome to Watersheddings. We consider that the Salford team are one of the most improved teams in the Rugby League, thanks to the advent of their new manager, our old friend Griff Jenkins. We must hand it to Griff and his directors for such an improvement, which has been made with the minimum expenditure of cash. They appear to be improving each week and our team will have to give of its best to record the double. So here's hoping for a good game and good value for money for our paying patrons.

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- 11—SMETHURST
- 12—MAJOR
- 13—PARKER (Capt.)

Substitutes :

- 14—ROBINSON
- 15—KENNY

Referee :

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(Red)

- 1—SOUTHWARD
- 2—DORNING
- 3—CRANK
- 4—CRITCHLEY
- 5—MURPHY
- 6—BRENNAN
- 7—TAYLOR
- 8—KEEGAN
- 9—HARPER
- 10—HALSALL
- 11—SPARKS
- 12—HARDACRE
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BRIEFS

Now that the cup-ties are coming upon us, there is one ex-Oldham player who holds a R.L. Cup record and that is Bob Sloman, whom many old members will recall, of the Knapman, Brough, Hilton era. His record is that of playing in 30 consecutive R.L. Cup ties, and that will require some overtaking. Bob is still living in his 'Glorious Devon' in the Torqay district, so too is Ernest Knapman, at Watcombe (Torquay).

POSTPONED FIXTURES

We had a fruitless journey to Rochdale on Saturday last, for after an inspection of the waterlogged pitch, it was decided to postpone yet another match. We have now a total of five matches to bring up to date and we visualise a very busy time towards the close of the season. The matches are as follows:— Blackpool home; Liverpool away; St Helens home; Keighley away; Rochdale away.

THE CHALLENGE CUP

Once again we are blazing the trail to Wembley, and the grand final will be on Saturday May 8th.

The Draw for the first round proper is as follows:—

Dewsbury v Wakefield
Keighley v Salford
Leeds v Liverpool
Doncaster v Whitehaven
Warrington v Hull
Hunslet v Oldham
Halifax v Rochdale Hornets
Hull Kingston Rovers v Batley
Swinton v Dewsbury Celtic
Huddersfield v Bramley
Featherstone Rovers v York
Crosfields v Blackpool
Wigan v Barrow
Leigh v Bradford Northern
Widnes v Workington
St. Helens v Castleford

The above matches will be played on Saturday, 6th February, 1965

CUP TICKETS

Our match with Hunslet will not be an all ticket match

Reserved Stand seats will be 7/6 each, and standing under cover on popular side will be 5/-.

There is ample covered accommodation behind the goal posts

The time for sale of tickets will be announced in the local press. Seatholder members will have preference in purchasing the 7/6 Reserved Stand tickets. Applications to be made to the Secretary, Pavilion, Water-sheddings, enclosing remittance, stamped addressed envelope, and coupon No. 55 from the back of the Membership Card.

APPEARANCES AND SCORERS (All Matches)

Up to and including Saturday last

Player	A	G	T	P	Player	A	G	T	P
Dyson	18	67	5	149	Price	12		9	27
Sims	21	13	6	44	Robinson	5		1	3
McCormack	19		2	6	Smethurst	16		3	9
Nestor	14		4	12	Gaskell	7		1	3
Patterson	3½		2	6	Collins	6½		2	6
Donovan	16		5	15	Howarth	4			
Pycroft	16		4	12	Crowther	2			
Mumberson	11½		1	3	Hill	2			
McIntyre	15½		5	15	Whitehead	6½			
Wilson	17½				Tomlinson	½	1		2
Simms	½		1	3	Broomhead	½			
Wilkinson	1				Taylor	6		1	3
Major	12		1	3	Elliott	7		2	6
Parker	16		4	12	McLeod	6		4	12
Bott	19		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 January 16th

CLUB	Played	Pts. F.	Average	Pts. A.
1—St. Helens	22	506	23.00	160
2—Wigan	24	462	19.25	177
3—Hull K. R.	23	415	18.04	228
4—Halifax	25	434	17.36	256
5—Workington	22	342	15.55	256
6—Leeds	26	403	15.50	298
7—Hunslet	23	343	14.91	303
8—Oldham	21	308	14.67	196

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	36-7
Sept. 4	Whitehaven (Cup)	away	6.30	31-10	9	Barrow	away	2.30	5-8
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)			
29	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	