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**1964/5**

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### OUR VISITORS

This evening we entertain the Blackpool Club and give them a welcome to Watersheddings. This match should have been played on December 12th last but was postponed owing to the waterlogged state of the ground. We visited Blackpool in the early part of the season and won an evenly contested game by 13 points to 10 points. The Blackpool Club are keeping the flag flying on the coast and their directors must be complimented on their enterprise and faith in the Rugby League, and for the fine ground and enclosure they have built at Rigby Road, Blackpool. They possess a super modern stand and the appointments under the stand are a credit to the Club. Although not enjoying the best of seasons, having played 27 matches, won 5, drawn 2 and lost 20, scoring 217 points against 454 points. However, their players can put up a good show, as was evident by their displays of the Challenge Cup competition. We give a special welcome to Roger Dufty, one of our ex players, who is skipper of the side and who appears to be in fine condition. After a period of service with Barrow, he joined the Metropolitan Police at Twickenham, but the game of Rugby League was still in Roger's blood and he eventually secured a transfer to the Blackpool Borough Police, who granted the necessary permission for him to play professional Rugby League football.

### 'A' TEAM FOOTBALL

The number of times we have written and complained about the lack of interest taken by clubs and other people in authority has always fallen on stoney ground.

Now comes along a request and which has been granted, for a transfer owing to the lack of fixtures for 'A' teams and the continued 'unemployment' that is created. Apart from a personal view of keeping fit it is most annoying for a player to come training each Tuesday and Thursday and then to find that their is no game on the Saturday, an odd occasion must arise now and then, but to continue for a period of four to five weeks is just beyond any sense of reason. One must not forget that the large majority of players who constitute the 'A' teams are professional Rugby League players and to continue working for the club by way of training and no financial reward is what we may call an un-British way of life.

The application for transfer of Bill Patterson, always a good club man and consistent trainer, has been granted and may we say regretfully, but then again these boys must have their game of Rugby League, hence the club's decision to release him.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to John Donovan upon his marriage on Saturday last. May we all wish Mr. and Mrs. Donovan much happiness in their married life.

## TOUR BY NEW ZEALAND — 1965/66

We have applied to the Rugby Football League that we should like to play the New Zealand Touring Team of 1965/66. The tour will be of a short duration, from the beginning of August to December.

An indication that we should like a game does not necessarily mean that we will be automatically awarded a game. A lot will depend on the favourable replies received from and the number of club games which the Tourists are willing to play.

## REMAINING FIXTURES

After today's match our remaining games at home are as follows :-

Monday April 5th at 6-15 p.m. — v. Workington  
Tuesday, April 13th at 6-30 p.m. — v. Salford  
Monday, April 19th at 6-30 p.m. — v. Dewsbury

Our away games are :-

Friday, April 9th at 6-30 p.m. — v. Rochdale Hornets  
Friday, April 16th at 3 p.m. — v. Swinton  
Saturday, April 17th at 3 p.m. — v. Whitehaven

It is essential that we secure maximum points from all the above matches for us to partake in the first sixteen clubs play-off and particularly to finish in the first eight so that we may have a home fixture, giving us a better chance of playing in the quarter-finals.

## INJURED PLAYERS

No sooner do we get one player fit to resume activities than we have someone to take his place. Peter Smethurst is now fit, but Joe Collins now takes his place with a dislocated shoulder received in scoring a try against Huddersfield.

Harry Major feels confident to resume but would prefer a game with the 'A' team as a try-out. Our Orthopaedic Surgeon has given Geoff Crowther permission to go into full training and a try-out with the 'A' team.

We consider that we have had our share of injuries this season. In our first team we have had 36 players making an appearance, of course not all the changes have been rung for injuries, but a great percentage have. The most severe injury has been to Trevor Simms, who received a broken leg at Leigh on October 3rd last and he has been out of the game ever since. We have every confidence that Trevor will be able to resume football next season. This broken leg has been a very troublesome one and has taken longer to knit together owing to the severity of the break and cut skin. However we hope for the best.

## APPEARANCES AND SCORERS (All Matches)

Up to and including Saturday last

Player	A	G	T	P	Player	A	G	T	P
Dyson	23	80	5	175	Gaskell	7		1	3
Sims	29	16	7	53	Collins	14½		4	12
McCormack	24		2	6	Howarth	4			
Nestor	21		4	12	Crowther	2			
Patterson	4		3	9	Hill	4½			
Donovan	23		10	30	Whitehead	10½		1	3
Pycroft	22		5	15	Tomlinson	½	1		2
Mumberson	18½		2	6	Broomhead	2			
McIntyre	24½		5	15	Taylor	6		1	3
Wilson	20½				Elliott	10		2	6
Simms	½		1	3	McLeod	13½		8	24
Wilkinson	1				Delooze	½			
Major	13		1	3	Kenny	1			
Parker	23		4	12	Irving	6		1	3
Bott	28		2	6	Warburton	2			
Price	12		9	27	Morgan	1			
Robinson	5		1	3	Winton	2	5		10
Smethurst	20		3	9	Forsyth	½			

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

## NEWS FROM THE MACKESON RUGBY LEAGUE CONTEST

MAIN CONTEST — Position after matches played on March 27th

CLUB	Played	Pts. F.	Average	Pts. A.
1—St. Helens .....	33	624	18.91	239
2—Halifax .....	33	584	17.70	342
3—Wigan .....	33	570	17.27	226
4—Hull K. R. ....	31	506	16.32	348
5—Castleford .....	32	504	15.75	284
6—Leeds .....	36	555	15.42	364
7—Hunslet .....	32	431	13.47	420
8—Oldham .....	30	401	13.37	314

## 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	Jan. 2	Hunslet	home	2.30	36-7
29	Swinton	home	3.0	13-2	9	Barrow	away	2.30	5-8
Sept. 4	Whitehaven (Cup)	away	6-30	31-10	16	Rochdale H.	away	2.30	
12	Liverpool	home	3.0	42-5	23	Salford	home	3.0	
14	Blackpool	away	6.0	13-2	30	Warrington	away	3.0	5-19
19	Widnes	away	3.0	21-2	Feb. 6	Hunslet	away	3.0	4-17
26	Whitehaven	home	3.0	4-21	13	Keighley	home	3.0	26-6
Oct. 3	Leigh	away	3.0	20-10	20	Wigan	away	3.0	12-20
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	0-25
24	Warrington	home	3.0	6-15	13	St. Helens	home	3.0	9-15
31	St. Helens	away	3.0	6-22	20	Keighley	away	3.0	10-12
Nov. 7	Barrow	home	3.0	21-4	27	Huddersfield	home	3.0	12-2
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)			
28	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	