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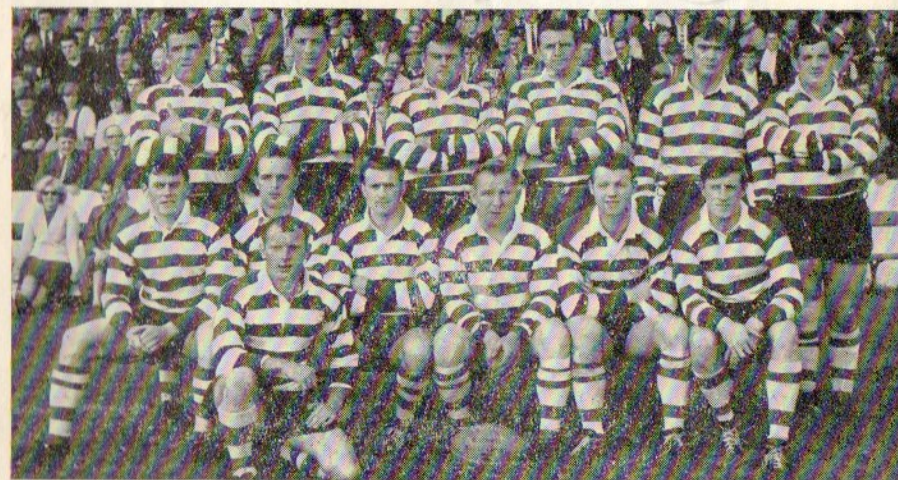
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No 255

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—Kick-off 6-15 p.m.

OUR VISITORS

This evening we welcome the Workington Club in a match that was postponed on March 13th owing to them being engaged with Wigan in the Challenge Cup Competition.

The Workington Club are just above us in the League table, occupying ninth position, having played 26 matches, won 17, drawn 1 and lost 8, scoring 380 points against 294. We visited Workington on October 17th last and were well beaten by 21 points to 5, so we have to seek our revenge today. We hope that our old player Ike Southward is available in their side. Ike has taken on the chief role of goal kicker. The strong point with our visitors is their forwards, and although they have disposed of Gardner to Wigan and Foster to Hull Kingston, they have ample replacements to keep up their reputation.

So here's hoping for a good game and one that will send our members and patrons home well satisfied.

OUR GAME

An extraordinary General Meeting of the Northern Rugby Football League is convened to be held at the Rugby League Offices, Leeds for Wednesday April 7th at 2 p.m., to obtain various opinions on various items connected with the game, which, if approved by the majority, can be submitted for adoption at the Annual General Meeting.

Items which are submitted for consideration are set out below :—

- Fixture Formula which is an extensive alteration of the present system.
- Signing-on Fees limited to a maximum of £100. If there is a standard fee, which is very doubtful, but if adopted, it is suggested that the qualifying period for a benefit should be reduced from ten years to seven.
- The number of players on a club register to be reduced from fifty to forty.
- Colts Team. The Club to sponsor a LEAGUE of under-17 or under-19 teams. If a club were to sponsor a LEAGUE the senior club would get the first choice of the players it has helped to develop.

BRIEFS

Although at this late stage of the season we have only just started issuing team sheets, we should be glad to forward one to any person who applies, each week next season.

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PLAY-THE-BALL

Several alternative systems have already been submitted and the general opinion of the public is the sooner we return to the old play-the-ball the better it will be for our game.

In the opinion of the writer, and this is only one opinion, all that is required to make our game what it was is, a higher standard of refereeing, a greater sporting conduct on the field of play (and it is essential to have more sporting activity in the boardroom). A more difficult law regarding the lawbreakers and players dismissed from the field for unsportsmanlike actions. Reckless kicking at play-the-ball should be eliminated. The hooker to keep both feet on the ground until the ball enters the scrum. Standing offside, which is a persistent blot on our game, should be given a more severe penalty. A player sent off for stiff arm tactics to receive a minimum sentence of ten matches suspension. A basic standard wage with special bonuses at the end of the season subject to confirmation by the ruling authority. Any club that has above three players sent off during the season to have a stiff fine imposed. Dismiss from the game any person found giving or receiving illegal payments.

By all means let us have the game played fair and clean, more sportsmanship shown, think of our game before Club, give the spectators their money's worth, then they will roll back once again. We have got the finest game in the world and let no one tarnish same, they are better keeping away and letting the good and respectable people get on with it.

THE TWO FINALS

Apart from the finalists' allocation of tickets, all seating tickets for the Rugby League Cup Final have long been sold. Since the Stadium was altered, all standing accommodation is now covered and tickets for the standing enclosures at 5/- each can be obtained from the Rugby League Offices, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7. Supporters should apply now to avoid disappointment. Send a stamped and addressed envelope with their money.

Seating tickets for the League Championship Final to be played at Station Road, Swinton on Saturday May 22nd are already on sale from the Rugby League Offices. Price are £1/0/0; 15/-; 12/6; and 7/6. Apply now.

WE WONDER

We often wonder if the substitution of players at half time is being somewhat abused. The rule reads as follows, "Injured players up to two in number can be replaced prior to the commencement of the second half provided that the replacements are sanctioned by the referee and the names of the two reserves for any one game are made known to the referee before the game commences."

We wonder how many times the referee has sanctioned the replacement, and maybe how many cases are genuine. This rule is too elastic and will come into abuse, so we consider that it should be abolished in an endeavour to clean up the game and stop evil-doers taking advantage of opponents by bringing on fresh conditioned players after the interval.

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	1½			
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	15-8
22	Dewsbury	away	3.0	17-4	26	St. Helens	home	2.30	16-9
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	12-10
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)			
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	16-2	19	Dewsbury (E.M.)	home	3.0	