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Tuesday, 13th April—

OLDHAM v. SALFORD

—Kick-off 6-30 p.m.

OUR VISITORS

This evening we entertain near neighbours from Salford. There is no doubt that since the acquisition of Griff Jenkins as Secretary/Manager matters have brightened up down Salford way in many ways, and happily the club has come out of the doldrums and one notices a difference when visiting Weaste.

The match this evening would have been played on January 23rd, but was postponed because of the frozen state of the ground. We played at Salford on November 28th and won a well contested game by 9 points to 5.

Our visitors have played 30 matches, won 10, drawn 2 and lost 18, scoring 28 points against 365. We hope for a good game this evening and to finish on the right side.

OUR GAME

Practically everyone agrees that there is something wrong with our game, but recently whatever attempts have been made to try to improve same, appear to have fallen on stoney ground.

They appointed seven members of the Rugby League Council to hold a 'post-mortem' on our game with a view to increasing its popularity, seeking the opinion of clubs at a special meeting, and reviewing the game from top to bottom. Much time and money must have been spent by the sub-committee after holding five meetings. Even the referees society was represented at two of them.

Their findings were given at an Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Northern Rugby Football League on Wednesday April 7th held in Leeds, when all senior clubs were invited to be represented.

The following is a small portion of the business transacted:—

Signing-on fees to be limited to a maximum of £100.

Number of players on the retained list to be reduced from 50 to 40.

To sponsor an under-17 League better known as a Colts Team. We considered this a splendid suggestion, but that there should be no ties on the player as to which senior club he should play for.

Play-the-Ball Law. This must have caused some careful thought, and no doubt something will have to be done regarding this.

All the above recommendations were turned down. Plenty of talk but very little action. We sometimes wonder what we are coming to, not that we are in favour of continually altering the Laws of the game; if you have something good then you should hold on to it. There is something needed to lift our game from the doldrums. There are various remedies, whatever the arguments are.

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PLAYING THE BALL

It is obvious that there is something wrong here, and may we quote from the February issue of the Rugby League News of Australia.

As the four nations, England, France, New Zealand and Australia cannot come to a mutual understanding and a common decision on their rules, it is most unfortunate. The points of issue are those which start a game after a stoppage, i.e. the scrimmage and play-the-ball rules.

Somebody once said that there is no game in existence in which the printed rules are so much ignored as in Rugby League. We are beginning to wonder if this is not true. The suggestion at least calls for analysis.

The play-the-ball rule calls for :- The tackler to immediately roll off his opponent, allowing him to rise. The player with the ball to drop it IN FRONT OF HIM. The feet of both players to remain on the ground until the ball touches the ground. The dummy half to stand directly behind his own player. The players of both sides to be three yards behind their man playing the ball.

This involves six points at least (and there are more) which the referee must watch for simultaneously, during which time the player behind his back may sneak up inside the three-yard rule. That this rule is never played correctly is therefore obvious. That the referee cannot watch all these points at once is even more obvious.

As a result the ball is put any distance behind the foot, thus ensuring that the man in possession retains possession. This is a feature that annoys so many.

If the rule of putting the ball in front of the player and giving both sides an equal chance of getting it is observed and the rest ignored, we feel that the rest of the rule could look after itself. After all the play-the-ball is purely a two-man scrum and in the scrimmage rule the ball must be put in the centre of the scrum to give both hookers an equal chance.

We wonder why this is so totally ignored in the two-man scrum, i.e. the playing of the ball ?

Recently the scrimmage rule was changed to the hooker striking with the foot furthest from the ball as it enters the scrum, and it has to come out behind the second row, and there was to be no advantage rule applicable to the scrum. How often is this played correctly ?

When it is played correctly, what of the opposing side who have lost the ball, the forwards must stay in the scrum until the ball is out.

The slightest blemish in the rules of other sports, cricket, tennis, golf, athletics, hockey or any other form of sport, is detected and corrected immediately. Why not in Rugby League ? Why do we worry about altering the rules when the rules are not acted upon according to the book ?

Played correctly and in the spirit of sportsmanship, we have the finest game in the world, and it is only by keeping to the rules that can make our game as attractive as it was in the past. For then and then only will the crowds come back to receive value for money, it is the people that are in the game that make it what it is today.

Saturday Next at Watersheddings — Kick-off 3 p.m.

OLDHAM 'A' v. WHITEHAVEN 'A'

Easter Monday, 19th April at Watersheddings — Kick-off 6-30 p.m.

OLDHAM v. DEWSBURY

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	33	16	7	53	Collins	14½		4	12
McCormack	26		2	6	Howarth	4			
Nestor	23		4	12	Crowther	2			
Patterson	4		3	9	Hill	4½			
Donovan	25½		10	30	Whitehead	12½		1	3
Pycroft	25		5	15	Tomlinson	½	1		2
Mumberson	21½		2	6	Broomhead	2			
McIntyre	27½		5	15	Taylor	6		1	3
Wilson	20½				Elliott	13		2	6
Simms	½		1	3	McLeod	16		8	24
Wilkinson	1				Delooze	1½			
Major	13		1	3	Kenny	1			
Parker	26		5	15	Irving	7½		1	3
Bott	31		3	9	Warburton	2			
Price	12		9	27	Morgan	1			
Robinson	5		1	3	Winton	5	15		30
Smethurst	22½		5	15	Forsyth	½			

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

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	Workington	.....home	6.15	10-5
21	Wigan	.....home	2.30	9-18	9	Rochdale	.....away	6.15	12-10
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	