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**THE RUGBY LEAGUE CHALLENGE**

**CUP — Round 3**

Huddersfield v Featherstone Rovers, Keighley v Wigan, Wakefield Trinity v  
Castleford, and Oldham v Leeds.

That's the line up for today's Rugby League Challenge Cup third round, and  
four games which will draw a lot of fans to the terraces.

There is a likelihood of the Huddersfield v Featherstone Rovers game being  
played tomorrow afternoon although the Huddersfield Police have objected to the  
game being played on a Sunday.

Nevertheless, the only Cup-tie we personally are interested in at this stage is  
our own clash against League leaders Leeds. This should be a cracker and the  
way things are going ticket-wise it looks like being a sell-out. We certainly hope  
so as the cash from the 'gate' receipts will help both clubs tremendously.

Our League game against Workington is best forgotten. Our 36 points to five  
beating by the Cumbrians was certainly something which was not expected. It is  
true that only a few supporters expected an all-out effort in view of today's vital  
Cup clash, but no one at all expected a 30-point plus margin between the sides.

Whilst we were sliding to defeat here at Watersheddings, Leeds were recording  
a valuable if not spectacular win against Keighley at Lawkholme Lane.

The Leeds win at Keighley was their 13th League and Cup success in succession  
and this itself proves that the Headingley outfit are going to be a hard nut to crack.

An interesting point about today's game is that it will be controlled by  
Wakefield referee Fred Lindop. Mr. Lindop, by coincidence, also controlled the

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Oldham v Leeds Cup-tie last season. This game, which was a second round fixture which Leeds won, was one of Mr. Lindop's first important matches.

We are glad to see a referee of Mr. Lindop's youth making the grade as a senior referee and his appointment for the three Test matches between Great Britain and Australia recently completed proves he is an outstanding and popular official.

Mr. Lindop is certainly in line for a Wembley appearance this term and if Wakefield Trinity are not involved in the final, Mr. Lindop looks a firm favourite to land the job in only his second full season.

### WELCOME TO LEEDS

It is indeed a pleasure to welcome to Watersheddings for this important Cup tussle our friends from Leeds.

The incredible Leeds scoring spree goes on! The Headingley based club not only made it 13 League and Cup wins in a row by winning at Keighley on Saturday, but also won their third successive set of Mackeson Contest silver tankards.

In the six year history of the Mackeson points scoring contests no team has ever before won three consecutive period contests. After seeing Bradford Northern win period one with a 25.63 average, Leeds have now taken the next three with scores of 22.43, 24.00 and 23.22, quite remarkable consistency for well over five months.

Leeds also look to be set for the main season long contest prize of 200 guineas. Their average of 21.80 over 35 games puts them well clear of Hull K.R. (18.26) and Wakefield Trinity (17.71).

Because of their outstanding successes on the field the Leeds camp is on top of the world and hoping for a Wembley appearance this year. Leeds must remember that this is a very important Cup-tie and our boys want to get to Wembley just the same.

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The Leeds full back is Bev Risman, who has turned out to be a bargain buy from Leigh over two years ago. Bev recently won his Great Britain cap with two games against the French. He is a brilliant goalkicker and also a deadly force as an extra man in the threequarter line.

Winger Atkinson is former Roundhay R.U. player, and Atkinson will be remembered for a great try he scored against us in the Cup game last season.

Dick Gemmell has left this highly successful Leeds outfit to join Hull but Hynes and Langley are threequarters in fine form, and together with wingman Smith, complete a highly formidable threequarter line.

It is interesting to note that just three years ago the Atkinson, Hynes, Langley, Smith back line were playing together in the "A" team.

Halves Mike Shoebottom and Barry Seabourne are one of the most dangerous combinations in the game and our own Wilf Briggs and Tom Canning will have their work cut out to keep these live wires in check.

The Headingley side are blessed with a good pack of forwards. They recently bought Bill Ramsey from Hunslet for £10,000 and Bill is expected to play this afternoon following an injury sustained at Halifax recently.

Another international at Leeds is prop-forward Mick Clark, who is playing fine football and leading the pack well.

The duel for possession between Kevin Taylor, the Oldham No. 9, and Alan Crosby, his opposite number for Leeds, will be one of interest, and also a point of interest will be the back three formation of the Leeds pack.

The scene is set then for a great match. We hope the match lives up to expectation, and as one local supporter pointed out when he applied for his ticket this week, "I don't care who wins as long as it's Oldham!" . . . We shall have to see what happens. Luck will play a big part. Let the best team win.

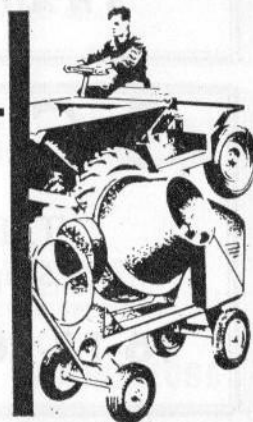
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- 14—DAVIES, T.
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### A TRIBUTE

Following our game against Bradford Northern in the Cup replay, the club received a short letter from the League chairman, Mr. John Smallwood.

Mr. Smallwood said: "I would like to congratulate you on a very good win and the excellent arrangements made generally for the whole match.

"It was indeed a pleasure to be present and to see a packed ground, full of enthusiastic spectators and a first-class match won by a fine side."

It is pleasing to receive letters of this nature from the top officials in the Rugby League and may we say to Mr. Smallwood how pleased we are to see his team, Keighley, enjoying success in the Cup competition.

### ANOTHER REPLAY?

In the event of the game today ending in a draw after eighty minutes, no extra time will be played but a replay will take place at Headingley on Wednesday evening, kick-off 7.30 p.m.

### RUGBY QUEEN DANCE

The Oldham Supporters' Club have organised a Rugby Queen Dance, which will be held in the Social Club, Watersheddings, on Thursday, March 28th, 1968.

Dancing will be from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. to Jeff Warne and his band. Tickets, which are 2/6 each, can be purchased from any member of the Supporters' Club Committee. Proceeds from the dance will go towards the Supporters' Club new canteen.

A new Rugby Queen will be selected by a panel of judges during the evening.

Entry forms are still being accepted for the competition. These can be obtained from the Social Club Manager or from the Supporters' Club Secretary, Mr. A. Craig, 247 Greenacres Road, Oldham.

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The first game will be the under-17's match and the second game will involve the open-age teams.

Admission will be by programme and these will be available tomorrow outside the ground.

The kick-off for the under-17's game will be 1.45 p.m. and the open-age game will follow immediately afterwards.

Both games should be worth watching. The best of the amateur talent will be on view.



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Aug. 15	(Tu) Liverpool City	Home	L 12-13	Dec. 30	(S) Barrow	Home	W 15-10
" 19	(S) Leigh (Lancs Cup - 1)	Home	W 17-11	Jan. 1	(M) Workington Town	Away	L 5-10
" 23	(W) Bradford Northern	Away	L 10-28	" 6	(S) Batley	Away	W 22-7
" 26	(S) Hull	Away	L 20-29	" 13	(S) Wigan	Away	P'poned
Sept. 2	(S) Whitehaven	Home	W 34-14	" 20	(S) St. Helens	Home	L 14-26
" 4	(M) Blackpool Borough	Away	L 19-15	" 22	(M) Wigan	Away	L 3-39
" 7	(Th) Swinton (Lancs C - 2)	Away	L 8-11	" 27	(S) Barrow	Away	L 13-14
" 9	(S) Warrington	Away	L 2-26	Feb. 3	(S) Hunslet (RL Cup Rd 1)	Away	W 9-4
" 16	(S) Rochdale H.	Home	W 13-12	" 14	(W) Batley	Home	W 17-7
" 23	(S) Whitehaven	Away	W 24-12	" 17	(S) Widnes	Home	19-12
" 30	(S) Wigan	Home	L 13-17	" 24	(S) (2) Rochdale H.	Away	17-12
Oct. 3	(Tu) Hull K.R.	Home	L 7-9	Mar. 1	(F) Rochdale H.	Away	17-12
" 14	(S) Bradford Northern	Home	L 14-25	" 9	(S) Workington Town	Home	L 5-36
" 20	(F) Salford	Away	L 6-12	" 24	(Su) Leigh	Home	
" 28	(S) Blackpool Boro'	Home	W 13-4	Apr. 12	(F) Swinton	Home	
Nov. 4	(S) Leigh	Away	L 2-29	" 15	(M) Hull K.R.	Away	
" 11	(S) Australia	Home	L 8-18				
" 13	(M) Salford	Home	L 0-4				
" 17	(F) Widnes	Away	L 14-33				
" 25	(S) Hull	Home	W 31-7				
Dec. 3	(S) Liverpool City	Away	W 13-0				
" 8	(F) Warrington	Home	P'poned				
" 16	(S) St. Helens	Away	L 2-10				
" 26	(Tu) Swinton	Away	L 18-22				

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