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## FIRST TEAM

Date	Opponents	Pts.
1961 12	Liverpool C. (C.C.)	H 29 14
Aug. 19	Leeds	H 20 5
26	Swinton	A 6 15
30	Wakefield T.	
	Wed. 6-30 p.m.	H 10 5
Sept. 2	Leigh (Lancs. Cup)	H 43 8
9	Salford	A 24 7
12	Rochdale, Tues. 6 p.m.	A 14 2
16	Whitehaven	H 44 0
23	Barrow	A 34 2
30	Hull	H 22 25
Oct 2	Oldham (Lancs. Cup)	H 30 7
7	Whitehaven	A 10 3
10	Salford (S-Final L.C.)	H 21 2
14	NEW ZEALAND	H 25 10
28	Warrington	A 7 11
Nov. 4	Swinton L. Cup Final	25 9
18	Widnes	A 12 13
25	Workington T.	H 16 7
Dec. 2	Hull K.R.	A 5 12
9	Wakefield T.	A 10 12
16	Oldham	H 8 9
Jan. 6	Barrow	H 30 4
1962 13	Leeds	A 3 20
20	Warrington	H 11 7
27	Workington T.	A 7 23
Feb. 3	Huddersfield	H 36 5
10	Salford 1st Rd. RLCC	A 15 2
17	Salford	H 17 12
24	Leigh	A 6 7
Mar. 3	Huddersfield 2nd Rd.	H
10	Rochdale H.	H
13	Liverpool C.	H
17	Oldham	A
24	Widnes	H
31	Swinton	H
April 3	Hull K.R.	H
7	Hull	A
9	Leigh	H
14	Blackpool B.	A
20	Wigan (Good Friday)	H
21	Liverpool C.	A
23	Blackpool B.	H
28	Wigan	A
May 2	Huddersfield	A
12	WEMBLEY FINAL	

## "A" TEAM

Date	Opponents	Pts.
1961 19	Wigan	A 23 11
Aug. 21	Leigh (Mon. 6-30)	A 8 17
26	Swinton	H 24 3
Sept. 2	Leigh (L.C.C.S.)	A 10 10
9	Salford	H 41 7
11	Leigh (L.C.C.S.)	H 25 3
16	Whitehaven	A
23	Barrow	H 27 5
25	Wigan	H 30 10
Oct. 7	Whitehaven	H 33 9
14	Liverpool C. (L.C.C.S.)	24 2
21	Swinton	A 15 7
28	Warrington	H 33 14
Nov. 4	Warrington L.S. Final	H 37 7
11		
18	Widnes	H 18 4
25	Workington T.	A 26 3
Dec. 2		
9	Junior League	H 23 10
16	Oldham	A 28 8
23		
30	Wigan	H
1962 6	Barrow	A 2 6
Jan. 13	Swinton (F)	H 9 4
20	Warrington	A 9 10
27	Workington T.	H 13 5
Feb. 3		
10	Liverpool C.	A 12 6
17	Salford	A 9 7
24	Leigh	H 37 11
Mar. 10	Rochdale H.	A
17	Oldham	H
24	Widnes	A
31	Wigan (F)	A
April 7		
14	Blackpool B.	H
21	Liverpool C.	H
28	Blackpool B.	A
	—Rochdale H.	H

# Saints

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### AN IMPROVING SAINTS

When the Saints and Huddersfield met at the beginning of February the Saints with their rejuvenated side signalled their breakaway from the spell of bad luck — or indifferent play — that had dogged them since the end of October.

The signing of Major, coupled with the inclusion of Knowles, Watson, Ashcroft and French, gave the Saints pack a virility that so often has seemed lacking. Until last Saturday at Leigh our forwards have recently more than held their own, both in the pack and in the open. At Leigh there was nothing to be ashamed of in being just out-pointed by a desperate tackling Leigh pack.

The effectiveness of these young forwards in our earlier game against Huddersfield allowed Dick Huddart to show his paces as a centre and right well did he justify his choice in that position. For a long time Tom Vollenhoven has not had so little tackling to do as he had in that game. Alec Murphy too was able to bend his energies to making openings for other players and no one can do this better than he.

Young forwards, even if they are not fully experienced, and a player as capable at handling as Major can make the Saints again into a team from which we can expect victory, and which can again begin to earn winning money for itself. And despite what a lot of people say about the average supporter wanting to see good rugby and the player enjoying his rugby, we both of us, first and foremost, want to win.

### TO-DAY'S TEAMS

To-day, while the Saints are almost identical with last month's team — Rhodes substituting Northey — Huddersfield have six changes. Dyson comes in at full-back, Smales is scrum-half and Clark and Ramsden take the place of Devereux and Redfearn.

The principal difference will probably be at full-back where Dyson is in good form. Whether Wicks and young Deighton will be an improvement on Brown and Curry remains to be seen. At any rate we cannot guarantee that the Saints will be in the same sparkling form that they were a month ago.

Whoever wins will have a very faint chance of getting an easy passage through the next round for the draw has not favoured the teams of lesser skill.

# St. Helens 2 (13) Huddersfield

Full Back (H.T. 2-7)	Full Back
1 RHODES 1G	1 DYSON 2G
Threequarters	Threequarters
2 VOLLENHOVEN	2 HAYWOOD 1T
3 HUDDART	3 DEIGHTON
4 MCGINN	4 STOCKS
5 SULLIVAN	5 WICKS
Half Backs	Half Backs
6 MURPHY	6 DAVIES
7 SMITH, W.	7 SMALES 1T



Forwards	Forwards
8 KNOWLES	8 SLEVIN
9 DAGNALL	9 CLOSE
10 WATSON	10 NOBLE
11 ASHCROFT	11 BOWMAN 1T
12 FRENCH	12 CLARK
13 MAJOR, W.	13 RAMSDEN

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Touch Judges: A. Shaw, (Red) R. J. Percival, (Orange)

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If we win to-day it will mean postponing the Widnes match which is due for the 24th.

### LAST WEEK'S GAME

Those of us who went to Leigh last Saturday saw an extremely exciting game. We may not have been entirely satisfied with what we saw. But from the Leigh point of view, it meant two points. Their defence was excellent. Right through the game every man tackled to the full extent of his ability. The Saints tackling was not as instantaneous as that of their opponents but still it was good enough to make this a model of a strong defensive game.

On attack, both sides faltered when opportunities presented themselves, but the Saints could not be blamed any more than Leigh. If Smith dropped the ball with the line at his mercy, so did Leadbetter. It was a great fight for first division points and Leigh were probably just the better by 7 points to 6.

Any record of the game would not be complete without reference to Keith Northey's two goals, one from each side of the half-way line. He will never kick two better goals in the whole of his career. In the second half he seemed a little over-anxious with two possible chances and changed his technique when a little freedom might have brought him success. Still Botha for Leigh missed repeatedly with similar attempts.

### CALLS ON OUR GOOD PLAYERS

The French game at Wigan played havoc with the Saints match against Salford a fortnight ago. The attendance was one of, if not the lowest for years. Not only did television upset us there, but with Murphy and Huddart away, the Saints were far from being up to standard. Last week too, the absence of Murphy probably counted more against the Saints than did that of Brian Howard and Mick Martyn to Leigh. We still have to face the second French game and the trial games for the touring side, but there is a distinct possibility that the R.A.F. will not make as heavy a call as was feared on the services of Murphy. This is a relief to us all for we need every advantage we can get if we are to finish the season with anything like satisfactory results.

Just now we are lying sixteenth in the League and every point counts.

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