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Members are admitted to the meeting only on production of this Official Balance Sheet and Report.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

SEASON 1955-56

REPORT and BALANCE SHEET

for 12 months ending 31st March, 1956.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in the

LARGE HALL, KING STREET STORES, on THURSDAY, 17th MAY, 1956.

Chair to be taken at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS :

1. Acceptance of Standing Orders as circularised.
2. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting.
3. Secretary's Report.
4. Passing of the Balance Sheet.
5. Appointment of Scrutineers.
6. General Business.

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT (One Required).

***HOWARD, W.,**
11, Ashton Road East,
Failsworth.

PROPOSED BY

E. Watkins,
79, Burlington Avenue,
Oldham.

SECONDED BY

E. Thomas,
139, Oldham Road,
Springhead, Oldham.

ACTING VICE-PRESIDENT (One Required).

***COULTHARD, J.,**
10, Baytree Avenue,
Chadderton.

P. G. Carter,
4, Pierce Street,
Oldham.

A. Cordwell,
22, London Road,
Oldham.

HON. TREASURER (One Required).

***CORDWELL, A.,**
22, London Road,
Oldham.

R. L. Thomas,
16, Acre Lane,
Oldham.

A. F. Campbell,
3, Abbey Hills Road,
Oldham.

STRETCH, S.
110, Clarksfield Road,
Oldham.

A. E. Roylance,
68, Owlter Lane,
Chadderton.

W. Stretch,
284, Lees Road,
Oldham.

COMMITTEE (Three Required).

BURKE, J.
Bank Top Inn,
New Street, Oldham

F. Wright,
307, Featherstall Road, N.
Oldham.

H. Simpson,
23, Dundee Street,
Oldham.

***CAMPBELL, A. F.,**
3, Abbey Hills Road,
Oldham.

F. S. Holt,
314, Abbey Hills Road,
Oldham.

F. W. Ashworth,
109, Haven Lane,
Moorside, Oldham.

COCKER, J. H.
53, Abbotsford Road,
Oldham.

D. W. R. Whittaker,
101, Turf Pits Lane,
Moorside, Oldham.

J. Howell,
Kolverlow Street,
Oldham.

DAY, B.
Boundary Inn,
Higginshaw, Oldham.

W. Nield,
143 Broadoak,
Ashton-u-Lyne.

L. Fenton,
24 Trevor Street,
Oldham.

ERROCK, J.,
207, Waterloo Street,
Oldham.

D. Richardson,
9, Ripponden Road,
Oldham.

F. L. Collier,
71, Oldham Road,
Grasscroft, Nr. Oldham.

FLETCHER, J. F.,
20, Belgrave Avenue,
Flixton.

J. M. Moll,
229 Chamber Road,
Oldham.

C. Nicholson,
231 Windsor Road,
Oldham.

GOODWIN, H.,
Oldham Hotel,
Rhodes Bank, Oldham.

G. E. Gore,
Parkfield,
Chadderton.

J. W. Lewthwaite,
22, Middle Gate,
Oldham.

HALKYARD, F.
Lannermoor Bungalow,
Beech Avenue, Chadderton.

R. Butterworth,
428, Burnley Lane,
Chadderton.

K. Clough,
10, Eustace Street,
Chadderton.

HILTON, T.
112, Chadderton Park Road,
Chadderton.

J. Kershaw,
8, Edgar Street,
Oldham.

J. Marlor.,
41, Sunfield Road,
Oldham.

HYNE, S.,
8, York Avenue,
Oldham.

H. Whittaker,
Denehurst,
Moorside, Oldham.

C. F. Marshall,
158, Chamber Road,
Oldham.

JACKSON, R. L.,
8, Oldham Road,
Delph.

S. Gartside,
11, Midgrove,
Delph.

C. Carrington,
2, Dunfries Avenue,
Denshaw.

KENYON, F.,
11, Harrow Avenue,
Oldham.

H. Rushton,
7, Vernon Street,
Oldham.

F. Crabtree,
23, Brookfield Street,
Oldham.

KERSHAW, B.
22, Richmond Avenue,
Chadderton.

C. Stone,
6, Frankhill Street,
Oldham.

R. Mills,
4, Marsden Street,
Oldham.

McCALLUM, J.,
61, Long Lane,
Chadderton.

W. E. Critchley,
9, Wesley Street,
Royton.

A. Gartside,
249, Oldham Road,
Springhead, Oldham.

***RIDGWAY, F. L.,**
53, Henshaw Street,
Oldham.

P. G. Carter,
4, Pierce Street,
Oldham.

A. Cordwell,
22, London Road,
Oldham.

SELLERS, S. M.,
35, Byrom Street,
Hollinwood.

T. Dunkerley,
165, King Street,
Oldham.

H. Jones,
8, Buxted Road,
Oldham.

SHERIDAN, T.,
103, Kolverlow Street,
Oldham.

T. Ingham,
12, Platting Road,
Lydgate, Oldham.

W. Howard,
11, Ashton Road East,
Failsworth.

SLINGER, J. M.,
34, Dingle Road,
Alkington, Middleton.

G. Hitchen,
19, Victoria Street,
Chadderton.

H. Barnes,
407, Middleton Road,
Chadderton.

TAYLOR, G. F.,
109, Chadderton Hall Road,
Chadderton.

P. Harrop,
245, Roundthorn Road,
Oldham.

J. Newby,
6, Coppice Street,
Oldham.

WATKINS, E.,
79, Burlington Avenue,
Oldham.

C. F. Marshall,
158, Chamber Road,
Oldham.

E. Brooks,
114, Haven Lane,
Moorside, Oldham.

* Denotes retiring Committee.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year Ended 31st March, 1956.

EXPENDITURE.		1955	£	s.	d.	INCOME.		1955	£	s.	d.
To	Players' Wages and Bonuses.....	12,714	10	207	12	By	Ordinary Subscriptions	5,580	7	678	10
	Ground Staff, Checkers and Police	2,521	3	547	13		Gate and Stand Receipts	19,850	28	193	17
	Referees and Touch Judges	301	33	14	9		Share of Gates Away	2,287	3	420	4
	Hotel Bills and Refreshments	947	1	542	11				31	614	1
	Ground Accounts	900	1	118	10		Less : Share of Gates to				
	Players' Outfits and Laundry	406	7	28	4		Visiting Clubs	1,970	4	212	13
	Medical and Chemists' Accounts	378	10	10	5		Transfer Fees received	20,167			
	Registration Fees	6	6	12	0		(2,000)	—			
	Players' Expenses	1,355	1	740	0		Profit on Match televised	—			
	Railway Fares and Conveyances	519	5	54	14		Programmes :				
	Rugby League Subscriptions	10	9	19	0		Receipts	—	6	73	5
	Protection of Ground	88	4	95	4		Payments	222	4	27	8
	Printing, Posting and Advertising	727	6	53	18		Balance carried down	1,788			
	Insurance—Players, Stands, etc.	756	7	83	7						
	Rates.....	359	2	81	5						
	Gas, Coal, Coke and Electricity	120	1	32	17						
	Telegrams, Telephone and Postages	240	6	26	6						
	Bank Charges	93	1	15	3						
	Deputations	363	3	20	5						
	Entertainment Tax	4,132	6	436	7						
	Transfer Fees	2,650	7	1	1						
	Audit Fees and Accountancy Charges	55	5	6	10						
	Sundries	97	2	00	17						
	British Playing Fields	20	6	5	4						
	Balance carried down	—	3	082	8						
		£29,757	£37,366	9	9						
To Balance brought down		1,788	2	2	0	By Balance brought down		—	3	082	8
	Donations to Charities, etc.	8	204	19	7		Rents received :				
	Charges on Property Let	155	23	16	0		Properties	205	175	2	7
	Corporation Duty	18	305	7	3		Oldham Stadium Ltd.	572	572	0	0
	Income Tax 1955/56	328	280	0	0						
	Provision for Income Tax 1956/57	—					Receipts re Charity Match :				
	Depreciation :						Less Expenses	620	286	11	10
	Land, etc.	125					Less Grants to :				
	Stands, etc.	616	£181	6	3		Junior Organisations £260	260			
	Properties	275	688	13	4		Charities	40	40		
		—	275	0	0		Rochdale Hornets ...	310	—		
	Profit for Year carried down.....	—	1,144	19	7				300	0	0
			3,030	10	5		Transferred from Reserve Account	10	13	8	2
		£3,313	£4,991	14	10		Income Tax Reclaimed for 1953/54 and 1954/55	669			
To Loss for Year brought down		1,807					Loss for Year carried down	1,867	1	162	4
	Loss on Pavilion Account	24									
	Transfer to Reserve for New Stand and	582									
	Ground Improvements	—									
	Renewal of Stand	1,040									
	Excess of Income over Expenditure	—									
	transferred to Accumulated Fund	—	3,948	5	3						
		£3,513	£3,948	5	3						

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st March, 1956.

1955	LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund.						
8,048	Amount at 31st March, 1955	8,047	15	Land, etc., at cost	5,228	0
	Add : Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year to 31st March, 1956	3,948	5	Additions	2,391	6
					7,619	6
880	Mortgages on Houses	11,996	1	Less Depreciation :		
1,613	Sundry Creditors	832	0	Amount at 31/3/55	356	0
3,475	Bank Overdraft—General Account	1,594	3	Year 1956	181	6
	Reserves.	2,361	17		537	6
20	For Grants to Charity Organisations	19	13	Stands, etc.—Reconstruction at cost...	7,650	17
	Less : Amount utilised	13	8	Additions	1,345	13
					8,996	10
—	For Income Tax 1956/57	6	5	Less Depreciation :		
		280	0	Amount at 31/3/55	2,113	17
				Year 1956	688	13
					2,802	10
					6,194	0
Properties at cost :						
	59, Stanley Road	860	0			
	80, Greenwood St.	625	0			
	161, Ripponden Rd.	450	0			
	14, Somerset St. ...	820	0			
					2,755	0
	Less Depreciation :					
	Amount at 31/3/55	825	0			
1,930	Year 1956	275	0			
					1,100	0
255	Stock—Pavilion					
1,018	Sundry Debtors					
	Cash at Bank :					
20	Charity Match Account				6	5
259	New Stand Account				131	2
49	Pavilion Account				373	16
						9
	Cash in Hand :					
49	General Account				44	9
47	Pavilion				48	15
						10
					93	4
						11
					£17,070	8
						0
£14,036						

I have audited the above Balance Sheet with the books and vouchers, and have obtained all the information and explanations required. I certify that, in my opinion, such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up, so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of affairs, in accordance with the information and explanations received, and as shown by the books.

P. OGDEN, F.A.C.C.A.,
Certified Accountant,
15, Queen Street, Oldham.

1st May, 1956.

OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB PAVILION ACCOUNT.

	1955	f.	s.	d.
To Stock—31st March, 1955	180	254	15	9
Purchases	2,230	2,458	4	5
Wages	448	465	12	0
Balance carried down	378	592	13	11
		<u>£3,771</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>
To Gas, Water, Electricity and Coke	149	152	19	0
Rates, Telephone and Insurance	106	108	15	5
Repairs	50	38	3	6
Painting and Decorating	62			
Cleaning Materials, etc.	11	7	18	2
Printing, Stationery, Newspapers,				
Postages and Sundries	8	8	9	5
Bar Requisites	5	14	16	9
Audit Fees	6	5	15	6
Bank Charges	5	5	9	6
Profit transferred to Income and				
Expenditure Account		250	6	8
		<u>£592</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>
				<u>£402</u>
By Bar Receipts	1955			
Stock—31st March, 1956	2,981			
	255			
		<u>£3,236</u>		
By Balance brought down	378			
Loss transferred to				
Income and Expenditure Account	24			
				<u>£592</u>
				<u>13</u>
				<u>11</u>
				<u>£402</u>

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

I herewith present you the Annual Report and Financial Statement of Accounts for twelve months ending 31st March, 1956. This shows a profit from all sections of £3948 5s. 3d. The profit on the Pavilion Account is £250 6s. 8d.

Thanks to the splendid support that the Club has received the income has been considerably increased as shown by the previous years working but against this, expenditure has risen owing to the continued rising costs of running the Club. As in previous years we have defrayed the costs of private telephone lines to the following hospitals, Oldham Royal, Boundary Park and Strinesdale for the broadcasting of our first team matches, an action which will be endorsed by all members. The broadcasts are very much appreciated by the patients and hospital staffs. The amount of rental paid for the hospital lines amount to £53. For the period under review from 1st April, 1955 to 31st March, 1956, we have played 20 Northern League matches at home plus 6 other matches, (Leeds, semi-final of League, Keighley (friendly), Leigh (Lancs. Cup), New Zealand, Dewsbury (Challenge Cup) and the Lancashire and Yorkshire County match, a total of 26 matches. These matches have been watched by 242,296 spectators, an average per match of 12,180, against the previous season of 24 matches, 200,350 spectators, and an average of 9,540. This is a wonderful tribute to our game and the Club. Entertainment Tax is still with us and the sum of £6,436 7s. 1d. has been paid to the Revenue of Customs & Excise. This in itself is a burden and we consider an unjust tax imposed on professional sport.

The attendances at "A" team matches again shows a decline, the total attendance for 13 matches played at home attracted only 6,886 spectators, an average of 529, against the previous season, 15 matches, 9,109 average 675 (members excluded in both cases).

I hope that the support to our "A" team matches will be considerably better for next season and that the excellent support accorded our first team matches will continue and not diminish owing to the indifferent playing season we have had.

Playing Record.

The season 1955/56 can be put down as one of unfulfilled promise after the previous season's feast of good football. Up to Christmas the position being good, we had hopes that we should with a little luck get amongst the season's honours. The loss of three consecutive matches during the Christmas fixtures damped our hopes and our chances faded away. Loss of form of certain key men and injuries considerably upset the team which never appeared to settle down as in the previous season. Inconsistency on the field of play brought about by forced changes appeared to affect the morale of the team and we lost matches which we expected to win. The inconsistency of form is one which requires deep thought and requires to be corrected. The last two league matches played at home gives plenty of hope for next season by the way the team excelled itself. This was achieved with several first team players on the injured list. It is obvious that we have in the "A" team a few young players who will be knocking at the door for a place in the first team next season, and this makes an "A" team worth while. We look forward to next season full of hope and confidence that the past season will be improved upon.

We have the players who are capable of making us a great team and I trust that this talent will be utilised to the best ability to bring us some long overdue honours to Watersheddings.

Comparison of our League final position for the past seven years is as follows :—

			Position	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Against
1949/50	...	...	18	36	15	4	17	395	411
1950/51	...	...	15	36	17	2	17	403	347
1951/52	...	...	5	36	25	1	10	558	331
1952/53	...	...	9	36	22	2	12	599	280
1953/54	...	...	12	36	17	4	15	504	366
1954/55	...	...	2	36	29	2	5	632	313
1955/56	...	...	9	34	20	—	14	658	455

The following are the first team appearances and scorers out of a total matches of 41 played, (League, Cup-ties and friendly).

	Appear- ances	Goals	Tries		Appear- ances	Goals	Tries
W. B. Ganley ...	21	75	1	J. Rogers ...	29	50	8
B. V. Goldswain ...	22	18	1	S. D. Little ...	35	2	8
A. Davies ...	34	1	19	R. Barrow ...	7		5
F. Pitchford ...	33		18	T. O'Grady ...	15		8
F. Stirrup ...	32		12	R. Cracknell ...	32		17
J. Noon ...	35		13	A. Jones ...	2		1
F. Daley ...	27		4	A. Kellett ...	7		1
J. O'Brien ...	2		2	V. Nestor ...	9		5
D. G. Vines ...	9		1	H. Ogden ...	24		2
J. W. Etty ...	29		22	C. Winslade ...	9		1
R. Rowbottom ...	6		2	K. Jackson ...	17		1
D. Ayres ...	1		1	D. Turner ...	28		7
J. Kieth ...	37		6	A. Tomlinson ...	8		
H. Lomas ...	2			I. Carruthers ...	4		
D. McKeown ...	7			J. Doughty ...	1		
J. H. Edwards ...	3						

Players' Honours during 1955/56.

A. Davies

Gt. Britain v. France in France.
Gt. Britain v. France in England.
Gt. Britain v. New Zealand.
Lancashire v. Cumberland.
Lancashire v. Yorkshire.

T. O'Grady	England v. Other Nationalities. Lancashire v. Cumberland. Lancashire v. Yorkshire. Lancashire v. New Zealand.
F. Pitchford	England v. Other Nationalities. Lancashire v. Cumberland. Lancashire v. Yorkshire.
S. D. Little	Cumberland v. Lancashire.
D. Turner	Yorkshire v. Lancashire.

Players.

The following players have been signed professionally during season 1955/56.

R. Needham	... wing ...	Oldham R.U.
L. Lavery	... scrum half ...	Ex-Schoolboys R.L.
J. O'Brien	... wing ...	St. Mary's R.L.
D. McKeown	... forward ...	St. Anne's R.L.
I. Carruthers	... hooker ...	Oldham R.U.
J. H. Edwards	... centre ...	Clock Face R.L.
D. G. Vines	... forward ...	Newbridge R.U.

The undermentioned players have left the Club.

R. Barrow	... centre ...	Transferred to Huddersfield
A. Murray	... forward ...	Transferred to Batley.

The following players have been signed on transfer from other Clubs.

J. Rogers		Transferred from Salford.
D. Turner		Transferred from Hull Kingston
R. Rowbottom		Transferred from Widnes.

It would be remiss not to mention the fact that Harry Ogden has retired from the game. I should like to place on record the valuable service this player has rendered the Club. Signing professional forms for the Club on October 23rd, 1940, thus having given 16 years service. A local boy, honoured in the game, and a real club man. All of us can say many thanks for your services to the game and the club and may you still enjoy watching your football at Watersheddings and elsewhere.

Lancashire Cup.

After our previous season's entry into the final of the Lancashire Cup, we anticipated going one better and achieving some cup that was long overdue at Watersheddings. In the first round of the cup we were drawn to play away at Blackpool and we passed into the second round by winning the match by 18 points to 8 points. In the second round we were favoured with a home tie against Leigh and after having the best of the game an intercepted pass by an opponent caused our downfall and we lost the match by 13 points to 11 points. We consider ourselves very unfortunate in passing out of the County Cup Competition and the result of the match was a big disappointment to our members and supporters who had expected so much in the way of the season's honours coming our way.

Challenge Cup.

As in the Lancashire County Cup our advancement in the Rugby League Challenge Cup ended in round number two. In the first round we were drawn at home against Dewsbury and easily passed into the second round by winning the match by 31 points to 2 points. In the second round our luck was out for a draw at home and we had to travel to Leeds. Our team were confident they could record a victory and the game appeared to be ending in a drawn game of seven points each when Leeds managed to snatch victory in the last two minutes by scoring a converted try and we lost the match by 12 points to 7 points. This was another disappointment and dashed our Wembley hopes for another season, a case of something attempted and nothing done.

Charity Match.

The Annual Charity Match was played against Rochdale Hornets at Rochdale on Saturday, 13th August, 1955, and resulted in the Hornets still retaining possession of the Law Cup. The net amount received by this club from the above match was £286 11s. 10d. which with a balance brought forward of £19 13s. 11d. made the amount of £306 5s. 9d. available for distribution. The sum of £300 was distributed to the undermentioned charities and organisations, leaving a balance of £6 5s. 9d. to carry forward to next season's Charity Match Account.

Account.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
Oldham Junior Rugby League	...	144	0	0	St. Dunstans	...	5	0	0
Oldham Continuation League	...	50	0	0	R.L. Secretaries Benevolent Fund	...	5	0	0
Oldham Schoolboys League	...	66	0	0	Inskip League of Friendship	...	5	0	0
Oldham Mayor—Distress Fund	...	5	0	0	St. John Ambulance	...	5	0	0
Limblex Ex-Servicemen	...	5	0	0	Christie Cancer Hospital	...	5	0	0
Oldham Blind Children	...	5	0	0					

In addition to the above donations, the receipts of the final trial match at Watersheddings on Saturday, August 6th, 1955, the net receipts of £97 4s. 6d. were handed to the Oldham Junior Rugby League for their Insurance Premium Fund Account.

Supporters' Club.

To our Supporters' Club one must extend thanks for the splendid donation of £200 towards the cost of the New Score Board. The Supporters Club have rendered great service on our ground in running the canteens, and have also assisted on sub-committees with the Oldham Football Club Committee in connection with the Christmas Draw and the B. V. Goldswain Testimonial Fund. Their assistance has been very valuable in these efforts and is much appreciated. Once again I must appeal for more members of the Supporters' Club, we cannot have too many members. This section of our club is an asset, the more members we have the greater the organisation, and we desire willing workers to come along and assist the Supporters' Club in their worthy efforts to assist the parent body.

Committee Meetings.

The Committee have had 47 meetings for the period under review and the attendances have been as follows :

	Possible	Attendance	Sick	Absent
W. Howard. ...	47	45		2
J. Coulthard ...	47	46		1
A. Cordwell ...	47	47		
F. W. Ashworth ...	47	47		
A. F. Campbell ...	47	46	1	
P. G. Carter ...	18	18		
F. S. Holt ...	47	44	2	1
T. W. Hurtley ...	47	41	6	
F. Ridgway ...	47	47		
E. Thomas ...	47	46		1
E. Watkins ...	47	47		
R. L. Thomas ...	31	30	1	

Mr. J. W. Lewthwaite resigned from the Committee on September 19th, 1955 and Mr. R. L. Thomas was co-opted in his place for the unexpired period of office.

It is with regret that the Committee have to record the death of Mr. Frank Knowles on the 11th December, 1955, and to convey their deepest sympathy with the relatives in the sad loss they have sustained.

Mr. Lewthwaite and the late Mr. Knowles rendered great service to the Club whilst in office.

Mr. P. G. Carter was co-opted on the Committee in place of the late Mr. Knowles for the unexpired period of office.

Mr. Thomas and Mr. Carter were elected in accordance with the rules of the Club.

Mr. F. L. Ridgway has been the Club's representative on the Rugby League Council and was chosen by the Rugby League Council for representation on the Northern Rugby League Management Committee. Mr. F. W. Ashworth has represented the Club on the Lancashire County Committee and during season 1955/56 has been vice-chairman of this committee.

Mr. Ashworth is Chairman elect for Lancashire County Committee for season 1956/57, an honour that has been worthily earned. Both gentlemen, as delegates have reported to your Committee upon meetings they have attended.

Membership.

The membership of the Club shows a splendid increase from the previous season and your Committee would like to see the membership still grow.

Members and Old Age Pensioners subscriptions this season amount to £7,678 10s. 0d. and Entertainment Duty of £1,030 13s. 4d. has been paid on these subscriptions.

	1947/48	1948/49	1949/50	1950/51	1951/52	1952/53	1953/54	1954/55	1955/56
Life Members ...	97	93	91	91	90	89	87	85	84
Enclosure and 'E' Stand ...	826	958	890	776	761	932	911	920	1027
Centre Stand ...	762	910	716	373	357	400	425	374	487
Side Stand ...	543	550	491	526	599	750	620	593	779
Ground ...	470	423	366	168	170	250	242	80	292
Juvenile ...	82	120	98	95	74	110	129	144	250
Paddock ...				153	153	249	166	139	229
	2780	3054	2652	2182	2204	2778	2580	2335	3148

Nomination for Scutineers.

The counting of the votes will be made on Thursday, 24th May, 1956 and nominations for twenty scutineers will be made at the Annual Meeting. Papers will be provided in the entrance hall of the meeting to be filled in by each proposer and seconder. No other nominations will be received.

Election of Committee.

Attention is drawn to Club Rule No. 3, reference to the marking of ballot papers.

"Each member shall have one vote for each vacancy as [an official or on the Committee and any paper marked with an excess of votes shall be deemed to be spoiled and none of the votes counted thereon."

There is one vacancy for the position of Treasurer and three vacancies for the Committee and the first three persons elected for the Committee hold office for a period of three years. The Treasurer is elected annually. Each ballot paper must not contain more than one vote for the Treasurer and not more than three votes for the Committee, a total of not more than four votes to be recorded on each ballot paper, if more are recorded then the ballot paper will be declared void. Ballot papers must be returned in the enclosed envelope only, which will be received by our Accountant, at 15 Queen Street, Oldham and to be received not later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, 24th May, 1956, on which date the votes will be counted according to Rule.

Conclusion.

I think it is a duty to offer thanks on behalf of the Club to individuals who have rendered good service to the Club, especially to Dr. John Oliver, (Hon. Medical Officer) and Mr. Charles Buckley (Hon. Solicitor) for their many duties and help they have given the Club. Also to St. John Ambulance Brigade for their ever presence at our matches at home and the service they have rendered to players and spectators alike. We have also added to our list of Hon. Advisors, Mr. Harold Sanger of Messrs. Sanger & Rothwell, Architects, and we hope to have their service for the benefit of our members and supporters for any major improvements to our ground. And lastly I would like to thank Mr. N. McGoogan for his advice on our playing area and his work and advice on the present new drainage system we are at present putting in the playing area. And to all that little help that means so much, I say, many thanks.