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FOREWORD

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once again it is my pleasure to write the foreword to our Annual Brochure, and I do so in the sure knowledge that whatever may befall our club we can always rely upon the valiant band now forming our Supporters Club.

The work done during the past twelve months has once again been invaluable and proved of benefit to the parent body.

By their efforts we are enabled to enjoy a cup of tea at the matches, a fact which many are apt to overlook when assessing the value of a good Supporters Club.

The work put in by those who sit on the various sub-committees which are formed from time to time, to organise the Members Xmas Draw, and testimonial fund efforts, is very much appreciated, and most necessary.

Then the ability to organise efforts such as the football pool, dances and penny on the ball, all add to the general well being of our Football Club, as from these efforts flows the money to help develop our ground.

This last year our Club has benefited by having had half the cost of the score board borne by the Supporters Club and I would like to take this opportunity of saying a big thank you for the help and assistance for this needy project.

Much remains still to be done and to accomplish these tasks many willing hands are needed.

May I appeal to all members of our Football Club, and other interested people, to join the Supporters Club, take an active interest in its work, and by so doing increase the assistance now being given to the Football Club.

Let us all become active workers then we can develop into interested, constructive, critics.

In conclusion may I give my thanks to the President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee for their work during the past years, and to all Vice-Presidents and Members of the Supporters Club for their support.

May the efforts continue, unabated, growing ever stronger to the everlasting benefit of the Football Club to which we are all proud to belong.

Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM HOWARD, M.B.E., J.P.,
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Sportsmen,

During the last season we have had a very successful season, and we have paid £240 for the terracing under the G. F. Hutchins stand for the comfort of old age pensioners and boys, and also given £200 towards the new score board and at the close of the financial year we have a substantial amount in the bank for to help the senior club in its projects.

We are very fortunate in working hand in glove with the senior committee who have given us every assistance, and will do so again in the forthcoming season.

I would like to thank all our officials and committee who have served during the 1955-56 season for their services, also the canteen staff for the work they have put in, also I would like to thank all members of the Supporters' Club and visitors for their patronage, and sincerely hope that they give us their support during the forthcoming season.

Many thanks must be given to our host and hostess at our Headquarters for their hospitality, namely Mr. and Mrs. J. Rogers, of the Artizans Rest, Yorkshire Street, Oldham.

Signed,

R. MOORES,

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"	28	Leigh (7 p.m.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
Sept.	1	COUNTY CUP							
"	8	St. Helens	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
"	15	Wakefield T.	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
"	22	Barrow	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
"	29	Liverpool C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
Oct.	6	Wigan	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
"	13	Halifax	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
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"	27	Keighley	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
Nov.	3	Workington T.	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
"	7	AUSTRALIANS (mid-week)	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
"	10	Workington T.	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
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"	5	Hunslet	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
"	12	Salford	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
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SURVEY

by Jack McNamara, "Manchester Evening News"

If it's been a pretty topsy-turvy season for Oldham one thing can never be disputed — when Oldham strike form they play the most attractive rugby in the league. And in these days when too many games are won by bash and crash methods and the keep possession merchants, it's as good as a tonic to see Oldham run riot.

In a poor man's Gallup Poll round the Press boxes it's generally agreed that the two finest exhibitions of attacking rugby seen this season have both been given by Oldham. And it doesn't require any memory feat to remember the games — against Wigan and St. Helens.

Saints' fans have a good argument when they say their lads were tired after their hefty mid-week programme, but most critics agree that on Saturday, April 14, at Watersheddings, Oldham would have won in any circumstances.

But if Oldham have the ability to thrill the rugby crowds, they can also drive their supporters up the wall on an off-day. Just remember "Black Christmas" and those shock losses to Blackpool Borough and Swinton!

When they are good they are very, very good and when they are bad they are darn near hopeless. It's easy to pick faults with them on these days, but one must always remember that they at least try to play football. There are still plenty of fans who would rather watch a losing Oldham than a team that wins by negative steamroller methods. It is the Oldhams who play the REAL Rugby League game.

And one man who has a lot to do with the Oldham style of play is Frank Stirrup, a man who deserves more honours than he has won. For Stirrup is the ideal clubman — loyal and uncomplaining, and a mighty fine player. It is hard to recall seeing Stirrup have a bad game. You may have seen him when he has made mistakes, but never has he really slipped wholly into the category of a "bad player."

Rugby means more to a player like Stirrup than a big winning bonus; it is still as much a game as a job to him. He enjoys playing. A few more players of Stirrup's calibre and there wouldn't be so many complaints about the poor standard of the game.

Stirrup is aged 30 years. "Why," he asks, "do people think I'm an old man just because I've been playing a long time?"

He joined Oldham from Salford where he is still remembered with affection for his willingness to help the club out in any position in which they chose to play him.

Stirrup's cheerful personality has made him a great favourite at Watersheddings and he is sure to have a bumper benefit when his testimonial falls due.

And it's nice to think that he'll be pleasing the home crowds for a long time to come. As one Oldham committeeman remarked: "If Frank stays at full-back he'll still be playing well at 40."

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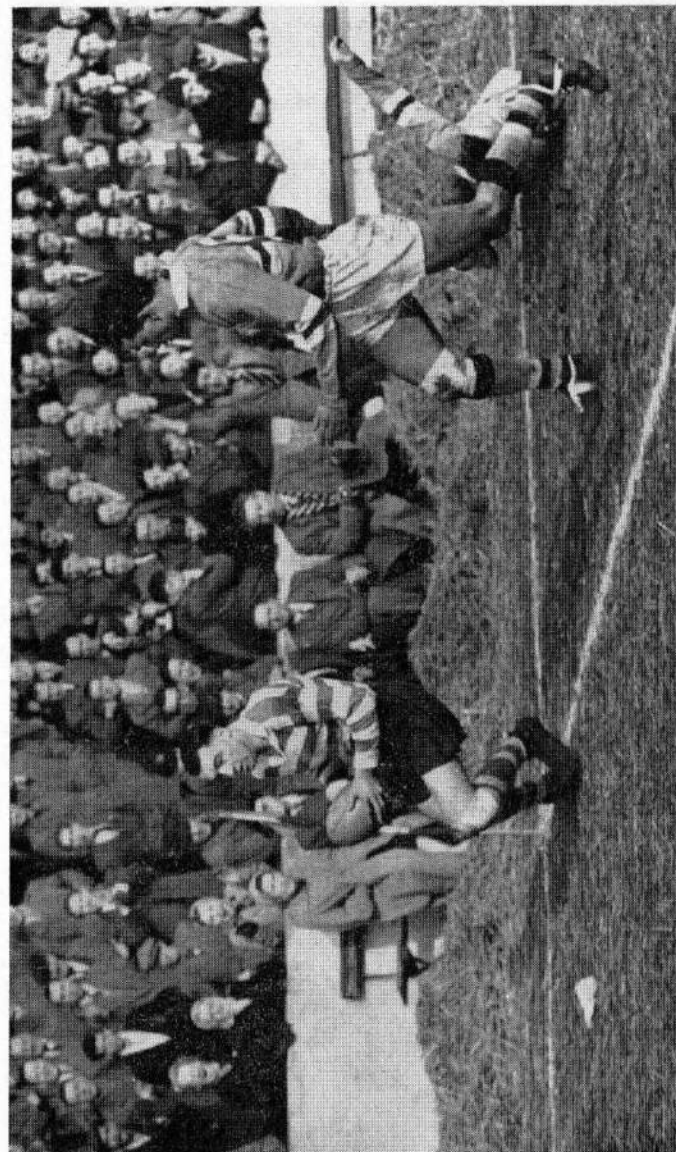
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UP, DOWN – and UP again?

by W.D. of the Oldham Chronicle

When last season started, I commenced the business of reporting and commenting on the Oldham Football Club. The current record was good and like all the supporters I anticipated at least equal success this season. Following a poor start it soon became frustratingly obvious that Oldham were not even going to repeat their success of the previous year.

Defeats were followed by transfer requests and a general dis-satisfaction by an abnormally high proportion of the playing staff. What was the trouble?

The same talent was available and supplemented to the tune of £3,500 in a start-to-the-season outlay. Everything pointed to a record breaking session.

Staunch supporters excused the early surprise defeats and waited for what was surely inevitable. But before many weeks had past it became clear that despite some stirring rugby, Oldham were just not clicking into the victory gear.

Hopes rose when the team dished out a record 48—23 thrashing to Wigan. There was still time and matches enough for Oldham to make a mid-season bid for a place in the top four.

Then came that fateful Christmas holiday. Defeat at St. Helens followed by a humiliating slap in the face by Swinton. Prestige dropped to zero when tiny Blackpool Borough put the final black touches to what everyone supposed would be a merry Christmas.

The top four gone, loyal fans continued to fill the terraces, for even though Oldham were turning in some exasperating results, they were turning out some first class rugby. And there was still the Challenge Cup.

Dewsbury faced Oldham in the first round and the result was never in doubt. Leeds filled the second round and the before-match comments were "If Oldham can cope with the Yorkshire forwards they will prove the best in the backs".

Oldham more than coped with the burly Leeds forwards, they completely neutralised them. In fact the supremacy was too complete for the Watersheddings six forgot about the speedy seven behind them and tried to make the third round their way.

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The result was too many solo efforts, too much mid-field forward battling and too few tries to make the game safe. A draw was in many respects — and particularly because of Oldham's tactics — a fair way to end the game. The last minute "Sunday punch" from Leeds was hard to take, but the Watersheddings team had a host of earlier chances which could have made that final try harmless.

Nothing but the prospects of entertaining rugby remained for the fans. Now for the test. Would they still roll up to watch the team with all the trophies on their way elsewhere ?

They did, and what is more the Watersheddings boys made their every journey worthwhile. New combinations were tried and succeeded in those final league games.

The fans and the critics were given plenty to think about for season 1956/57. And what is the promise as the team prepare for another season ?

No doubting Oldham's ability to go places. No doubting the committee's ability to spend money filling in gaps. But other important considerations will have to receive more careful attention this time.

Team selection is high on the list. Drastic changes in make-up are out. The chance for experiments is limited and Oldham must quickly find the right combination.

Form can resolve the problem. FRANK PITCHFORD in the mood can be the springboard to success. ALAN DAVIES with support and the right approach can put plenty of punch back in the side.

For most of the back positions there will be plenty of competition, and at long last this is the happy position in the forwards. Two good hookers, several second-row players and a real star blind side prop-forward in DON VINES.

Some positions need prompt attention. At out-half and in the loose-forward position settled faces are a must. They are two vital positions and cannot be subject to neglect or passed into the hands of different players almost every game.

Doubtless these and other minor ailments have and are still receiving attention and on the strength of this, I think Oldham will be back to their more natural selves.

With freedom from injury and sufficient luck, those dreams of last year may be yet achieved. One thing is certain. Whether they are or not, I along with all the fans can be sure of watching the brand of rugby that is truly a credit to the club, the town and the code.

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Aug. 13	Rochdale H. (Law Cup)	Away	L	17—23
" 20	Keighley (Friendly)	Home	W	35—14
" 27	Blackpool Borough	Away	W	18—8
	(County Cup)			
" 30	Rochdale Hornets	Away	L	4—12
Sept. 3	Hunslet	Home	L	8—15
" 7	Leigh	Home	L	11—13
	(County Cup, 2nd Rd.)			
" 10	Leeds	Away	L	15—22
" 17	Warrington	Home	W	18—3
" 24	York	Away	L	10—16
Oct. 1	Featherstone R.	Home	W	25—6
" 8	Hunslet	Away	W	26—11
" 15	Barrow	Home	W	18—16
" 22	Warrington	Away	L	13—15
" 29	New Zealand	Home	L	13—15
Nov. 2	Featherstone R.	W	W	8—7
	(Ass. Rediffusion Cup at Queens Park Rangers Ground)			
" 5	Leigh	Away	W	30—21
" 12	Liverpool City	Home	W	22—13
" 19	Wigan	Away	W	48—23
" 26	Widnes	Home	W	24—5
Dec. 3	Liverpool City	Away	W	26—16
" 10	Salford	Away	W	24—0
" 17	Salford	Home	W	27—14
" 24	St. Helens	Away	L	7—18
" 26	Swinton	Home	L	8—10
" 27	Blackpool Borough	Away	L	5—9
" 31	Whitehaven	Home	W	34—10

1956

Jan. 2	Workington	Away	L	4—18
" 7	Whitehaven	Away	L	13—29
" 21	Widnes	Away	L	10—11
" 28	Rochdale H.	Home	W	26—13
Feb. 11	Dewsbury	Home	W	31—2
	(1st Rd. R. L. Challenge Cup)			
" 18	Wigan	Home	W	14—5
" 25	Featherstone R.	Away	L	4—14
Mar. 3	Leeds	Away	L	7—12
	(2nd Rd. R. L. Challenge Cup)			
" 10	York	Home	W	29—8
" 17	Blackpool Borough	Home	W	37—19
" 24	Leigh	Home	W	27—22
" 30	Swinton	Away	L	6—7
" 31	Leeds	Home	W	15—12
Apr. 2	Barrow	Away	L	9—23
" 14	St. Helens	Home	W	40—8
" 21	Workington	Home	W	32—8

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August 13th, 1955. Law Cup. Away. Lost 23—17.

Hornets—Cahill; W. Jones, Short, L. Jones, Roach; Taylor, Helme; Livesey, Dagnall, Dooney, Gallagher, Scholes, McNally.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Barrow, Davies, O'Grady; Nestor, Pitchford; Ogden, Keith, Jarman, Watson, Murray, Goldswain. Oldham scorers—Tries: Davies, Barrow, Keith. Goals: Ganley (4).

Hornets scorers—Tries: Short (2), Gallagher (2), Roach. Goals: L. Jones (4).

Referee: G. S. Phillips (Widnes).

Attendance: 9,200.

OLDHAM v. KEIGHLEY

August 20th, 1955. Friendly. Home. Won 35—14.

Oldham—Stirrup; Cracknell, Barrow, Davies, O'Grady; Daley, Pitchford; Ogden, Keith, Goldswain, Winslade, Little, Rogers.

Keighley—Ward; O'Hara, Verrenkamp, Smith, Holgate; Barrett, Gallagher; Woosey, Traill, Hopkins, Deveney, Raines, Holbrook. Oldham scorers—Tries: Davies (2), Barrow, Pitchford, O'Grady, Stirrup, Cracknell, Goldswain, Rogers. Goals: Rogers (2), Little (2).

Keighley scorers—Tries: Verrenkamp (2). Goals: Ward (3), Verrenkamp (dropped goal).

Referee: E. Howgate (Dewsbury).

Attendance: 7,304.

BLACKPOOL BOROUGH v. OLDHAM

August 27th, 1955. Lancs. County Cup 1st Rd. Away. Won 8—18.

Blackpool—Bebe; Emmitt, Hurst, Wilkinson, Fearis; Ryder, Dunn; Wright, Lester, Fisher, Armitt, Walsh, Lannon.

Oldham—Stirrup; Cracknell, Barrow, Davies, O'Grady; Daley, Pitchford; Ogden, Keith, Jackson, Winslade, Little, Rogers. Blackpool scorers—Goals (1), Bebe 1. Tries (2), Wright 1, Emmitt 1.

Oldham scorers—Goals (3), Rogers 3. Tries (3), Barrow 1, Cracknell 1, Pitchford 1.

Referee: E. Clay (Leeds).

Attendance: 5,700.

ROCHDALE HORNETS v. OLDHAM

August 30th, 1955. R.L. Away. Lost 12—4.

Rochdale—Roach; W. S. Jones, Short, L. Jones, Chisnall; Taylor, Evans; Livesey, Dagnall, Appleton, Tierney, Gallagher, McNally.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Barrow, Noon, Etty; Daley, Pitchford; Ogden, Keith, Jackson, Rogers, Little, Murrey.

Rochdale scorers—Goals (3), L. Jones 3. Tries (2), Tierney 1, Short 1.

Oldham scorers—Goals (2), Ganley 2.

Referee: A. Hill (Dewsbury).

Attendance: 15,000.

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OLDHAM v. HUNSLET

September 3rd, 1955. R.L. Home. Lost 8—15.

Oldham—Ganley; Watson, Etty, Barrow, O'Grady; Noon, Pitchford; Ogden, Keith, Jackson, Little, Rogers, Turner.

Hunslet—Langton; Williams, Evans, Harrison, Williamson; Gabbitas, Talbot; Hatfield, Smith, Shaw, Carroll, Clues, James.

Oldham scorers—Goals (1): Ganley 1. Tries (2): Barrow 1, Noon 1.

Hunslet scorers—Goals (3): Talbot 3. Tries (3): James 1, Williamson 1, Hatfield 1.

Referee: R. Gelder (Wakefield).

Attendance: 12,960.

Gate: £1,010.

OLDHAM v. LEIGH

September 7th, 1955. Lancs. County Cup 2nd Rd. Home. Lost 11—13.

Oldham—Stirrup; Cracknell, Noon, Davies, O'Grady; Daley, Pitchford; Ogden, Keith, Little, Winslade, Rogers, Turner.

Leigh—Ledgard; Kindon, Gullick, Moore, M. Davies; Baxter, Chadwick; Robinson, Tabern, Owen, Crook, Martyn, Foster.

Oldham scorers—Goals (4): Rogers 4. Tries (1): O'Grady 1.

Leigh scorers—Goals (5): Ledgard 5. Tries (1): Moore 1.

Referee: R. Gelder (Wakefield).

Attendance: 17,210.

Gate: £2,003.

LEEDS v. OLDHAM

September 10th, 1955. R.L. Away. Lost 22—15.

Leeds—Jones; Turnbull, McLellan, Wilkinson, Broughton; Stephenson, Pratt; Skelton, Wood, Hopper, Poole, Sewell, Blan.

Oldham—Stirrup; Barrow, Noon, Davies, O'Grady; Daley, Pitchford; Ogden, Keith, Little, Rogers, Goldswain, Turner.

Leeds scorers—Goals (5): Jones 5. Tries (4): Broughton 1, Skelton 1, Turnbull 1, McLellan 1.

Oldham scorers—Goals (3): Rogers 3. Tries (3): O'Grady 1, Ogden 1, Pitchford 1.

Referee: T. W. Watkinson (Manchester).

Attendance: 15,000.

Gate: £1,593.

OLDHAM v. WARRINGTON

September 17th, 1955. R.L. Home. Won 18—3.

Oldham—Stirrup; Barrow, Noon, Davies, O'Grady; Kellet, Pitchford; Ogden, Keith, Little, Rogers, Goldswain, Turner.

Warrington—Frodsham; Bevan, Honey, A. Naughton, Day; Price, Helme; D. Naughton, Wright, Lowe, Bath, Phillips, Ryan.

Oldham scorers—Goals (3): Rogers 3. Tries (4): Little 1, Davies 1, Rogers 1, Barrow 1.

Warrington scorers—Tries (1): Bevan 1.

Referee: S. Abram (Wigan).

Attendance: 16,432.

Gate: £1,373.

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YORK v. OLDHAM.

September 24th, 1955. R.L. Away. Lost 16—10.

York—Hargreaves; Hamblett, Holmes, G. Smith, B. Smith; Robinson, Riley; Illingworth, Milner, Harker, Watts, Dooler, Dawson.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Noon, Davies, O'Grady; Nestor, Pitchford; Ogden, Keith, Little, Rogers, Goldswain, Turner.

York scorers—Goals (5): Harker 5. Tries (2): B. Smith 1, Robinson 1.

Oldham scorers—Goals (2): Ganley 2. Tries (2): O'Grady 1, Cracknell 1.

Referee : A. Howgate (Dewsbury).

Attendance : 7,610.

Gate : £647.

OLDHAM v. FEATHERSTONE ROVERS

October 1st, 1955. R.L. Home. Won 25—6.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Noon, Davies, O'Grady; Kellett, Jones; Ogden, Keith, Little, Goldswain, Rogers, Turner.

Featherstone—Fennell; Marchant, Metcalfe, Hirst, Mitchell; Mul-laney, D. Fox; Welburn, Fawley, Shreeve, Hulme, Lambert, P. Fox.

Oldham scorers—Goals (5): Ganley 5. Tries (5): O'Grady 1, Jones 1, Keith 1, Little 2.

Featherstone scorers—Goals (3): Fennell 3.

Referee : A. Hill (Dewsbury).

Attendance : 14,752.

Gate : £1,163.

HUNSLET v. OLDHAM

October 8th, 1955. R.L. Away. Won 11—26.

Hunslet—Langton; Williams, Harrison, Evans, Williamson; Talbot, Burnell; Hatfield, Smith, Cooper, Carroll, Boland, Waite.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Noon, Nestor, O'Grady; Kellett, Stirrup; Ogden, Keith, Little, Tomlinson, Rogers, Goldswain.

Hunslet scorers—Goals (4): Talbot 4. Tries (1): Talbot 1.

Oldham scorers—Goals (4): Ganley 4. Tries (6): Nestor 3, O'Grady 1, Stirrup 1, Ogden 1.

Referee : G. Battersby (Barrow).

Attendance : 6,300.

Gate : £510.

OLDHAM v. BARROW

October 15th, 1955. R.L. Home. Won 18—16.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Noon, Nestor, O'Grady; Daley, Stirrup; Ogden, Keith, Little, Rogers, Tomlinson, Goldswain.

Barrow—Ball; Lewthwaite, Jackson, Goodwin, Castle; Horne, Toohey, Woosey, McKeating, Barton, Grundy, Parker, Parr.

Oldham scorers—Goals (3): Ganley 3. Tries (4): Ganley 1, Stirrup 1, Rogers 1, Cracknell 1.

Barrow scorers—Goals (2): Horne 2. Tries (4): Horne 1, Goodwin 1, Lewthwaite 1, Castle 1.

Referee : S. Abram (Wigan).

Attendance : 13,672.

Gate : £1,083.

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WARRINGTON v. OLDHAM

October 22nd, 1955. R.L. Away. Lost 15—13.

Warrington—Frodsham; Bevan, McFarlane, Horton, Fraser; Price, Helme; D. Naughton, McKinney, O'Toole, Bath, Glover, Ryan.

Oldham—Stirrup; Cracknell, Noon, Davies, O'Grady; Nestor, Pitchford; Ogden, Keith, Little, Rogers, Winslade, Goldswain.

Warrington scorers—Goals (3): Bath 3. Tries (3): Glover 1, Fraser 1, Horton 1.

Oldham scorers—Goals (5): Rogers 5. Tries (1): Davies 1.

Referee: T. W. Watkinson (Manchester). Attendance: 17,496.

Gate: £1,584.

OLDHAM v. NEW ZEALAND (KIWIS)

October 29th, 1955. Home. Lost 13—15.

Oldham—Stirrup; O'Grady, Davies, Daley, Noon; Kellett, Pitchford; Ogden, Keith, Little, Rogers, Winslade, Goldswain.

New Zealand—Haggie; McNichol, McKay, Baxter, Bakalich; Sorenson, Robertson; McLennan, Kil Kelly, Yates, McDonald, Percy, Atkinson.

Oldham scorers—Goals (2): Rogers 2. Tries (3): O'Grady 1, Little 1, Pitchford 1.

New Zealand—Goals (3): Haggie 3. Tries (3): Bakalich 2, McKay 1.

Referee: T. Armitage (Huddersfield). Attendance: 14,700.

Gate: £2,063.

OLDHAM v. FEATHERSTONE ROVERS

November 2nd 1955. Associated Rediffusion Cup Game. Won 8—7.
Queens Park Rangers Ground, London.

Oldham—Ganley; O'Grady, Kellett, Noon, Needham; Daly, Stirrup; Jackson, Keith, Little, Rogers, Tomlinson, Turner.

Featherstone Rovers—Allen; Elford, Fennell, Clamp, Tennant; Mullaney, Smales; Ogden, Bradley, Hulme, Storey, Boothroyd, Lambert.

Oldham scorers—Goals (1): Rogers 1. Tries (2): Needham 1, Noon 1.

Featherstone scorers—Goals (2): Allen 2. Tries (1): Fennell 1.

LEIGH v. OLDHAM

November 5th, 1955. R.L. Away. Won 21—30.

Leigh—Ledgard; Holden, Gullick, Gibson, Moore; Chadwick, Fallon; Barton, Tabern, Owen, Hurt, P. Davies, Foster.

Oldham—Stirrup; Cracknell, Noon, Davies, Eddy; Daley, Pitchford; Ogden, Keith, Little, Rogers, Goldswain, Turner.

Leigh scorers—Goals (6): Ledgard 6. Tries (3): Fallon 1, Gullick 1, Barton 1.

Oldham scorers—Goals (6): Goldswain 5, Rogers 1. Tries (6): Little 1, Turner 1, Noon 1, Cracknell 1, Keith 1, Eddy 1.

Referee: G. S. Phillips (Widnes). Attendance 11,000.

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OLDHAM v. LIVERPOOL CITY

November 12th, 1955. R.L. Home. Won 22—13.

Oldham—Stirrup; Cracknell, Noon, Davies, Etty; Daley, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Little, Rogers, Goldswain, Turner.

Liverpool City—Farnall; Barton, Hockenhull, Adair, Walsh; Birch, Parkes; Coffey, O'Mara, Crosby, Giles, Teggin, Davies.

Oldham scorers—Goals (5): Rogers 5. Tries (4): Cracknell 1, Pitchford 1, Davies 1, Little 1.

Liverpool C. scorers—Goals (2): Teggin 2. Tries (3): Adair 1, Barton 1, Farnall 1.

Referee : Mr. C. F. Appleton (Warrington). Attendance : 10,728.
Gate : £728.

WIGAN v. OLDHAM

November 19th, 1955. R.L. Away. Won 23—48.

Wigan—Cunliffe; Hurst, Broome, McGillicuddy, Ashton; Chisnall, Hooper; Armstrong, Mather, Hayward, Cherrington, Collier, Street.

Oldham—Stirrup; Cracknell, Noon, Davies, Etty; Daley, Pitchford; Ogden, Keith, Little, Rogers, Goldswain, Turner.

Wigan scorers—Goals (4): Ashton 4. Tries (5): Hayward 1, Cherrington 1, McGillicuddy 1, Armstrong 1, Chisnall 1.

Oldham scorers—Goals (6): Goldswain 3, Rogers 3. Tries (12): Cracknell 2, Davies 2, Daley 2, Etty 1, Keith 1, Pitchford 1, Noon 1, Rogers 1, Turner 1.

Referee : T. W. Watkinson (Pendlebury). Attendance : 16,450
Gate : £1,555.

OLDHAM v. WIDNES

November 26th, 1955. R.L. Home. Won 24—5.

Oldham—Stirrup; Cracknell, Noon, Davies, Etty; Daley, Pitchford; Ogden, Keith, Little, Rogers, Goldswain, Turner.

Widnes—Sale; Williamson, Kinsey, Calligan, Ratcliffe; Butler, Davies; Rowbottom, Hayes, Bate, Simpson, Smith, Kemel.

Oldham scorers—Goals (3): Rogers 2, Davies 1. Tries (6): Davies 1, Daley 1, Rogers 1, Etty 1, Cracknell 1, Pitchford 1.

Referee : N. T. Railton (Wigan). Attendance : 9,469.
Gate : £644.

LIVERPOOL CITY v. OLDHAM

December 3rd, 1955. R.L. Away. Won 16—26.

Liverpool City—Farnall; Barton, Hockenhull, Grundy, Adair; Birch, Parkes; Coffey, O'Mara, Crosby, Knight, Teggin, Davies.

Oldham—Stirrup; Noon, Kellett, Davies, Etty; Daley, Pitchford; Ogden, Keith, Little, Rogers, Goldswain, Turner.

Liverpool scorers—Goals (5): Teggin 5. Tries (2): Adair 1, Farnall 1.

Oldham scorers—Goals (4): Rogers 4. Tries (6): Etty 2, Little 1, Davies 1, Pitchford 1, Stirrup 1.

Referee : R. Welsby. Attendance : 2,500.

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SALFORD v. OLDHAM

December 10th, 1955. R.L. Away. Won 0—24.

Salford—Chadderton; Fairhurst, Cheshire, Duffy, Dodds; Jones, Keavney; Marston, Boardman, Grainger, Council, Brown, Todd.

Oldham—Stirrup; Cracknell, Noon, Nestor, Etty; Daley, Pitchford; Ogden, Keith, Little, Rogers, Goldswain, Turner.

Oldham scorers—Goals (6): Goldswain 4, Rogers 2. Tries (4): Pitchford 3, Rogers 1.

Referee: Mr. W. Rigby (Leigh).

Attendance: 5,000.

OLDHAM v. SALFORD

December 17th, 1955. R.L. Home. Won 27—14.

Salford—Chadderton; Jones, Fairhurst, Cheshire, Dodds; Keavney, Ryan; Marston, Boardman, Grainger, Council, Duffy, Parr.

Oldham—Stirrup; Cracknell, Noon, Nestor, Etty; Daley, Pitchford; Ogden, Keith, Little, Rogers, Goldswain, Turner.

Salford scorers—Goals (1): Keavney 1. Tries (4): Dodds 2, Parr 1, Cheshire 1.

Oldham scorers—Goals (3): Goldswain 3. Tries (7): Noon 2, Daley 1, Rogers 1, Nestor 1, Etty 1, Cracknell 1.

Referee: J. C. Clapham (Wigan).

Attendance: 9,300.

Gate: £671.

ST. HELENS v. OLDHAM

December 24th, 1955. R.L. Away. Lost 18—7.

St. Helens—Moses; Llewellyn, Greenall, Howard, Carlton; Dickinson, Rhodes; Prescott, McCabe, Silcock, Parsons, Karalius, Garbler.

Oldham—Stirrup; Cracknell, Noon, Davies, Etty; Daley, Pitchford; Ogden, Keith, Little, Rogers, Goldswain, Turner.

St. Helens scorers—Goals (6): Rhodes 6. Tries (2): McCabe 1, Greenall 1.

Oldham scorers—Goals (2): Rogers 2. Try (1): Davies 1.

Referee:

Attendance:

OLDHAM v. SWINTON

December 26th, 1955. R.L. Home. Lost 8—10.

Oldham—Stirrup; Cracknell, Noon, Davies, Etty; Daley, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Little, Rogers, Tomlinson, Turner.

Swinton—Tobin; Hardman, Critchley, Morgan, Berry; Parkinson, Cartwright; Woods, Osmond, Billington, Norburn, Holder, Haynes.

Oldham scorers—Goal (1): Rogers 1. Tries (2): Etty 1, Cracknell 1.

Swinton scorers—Goals (2): Tobin 2. Tries (2): Hardman 1, Parkinson (penalty try).

Referee:

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December 27th, 1955. R.L. Away. Lost 9—5.

Blackpool Boro'—S. Davies; Emmitt, Ryder, Fearis, Peace; Bren-
nand, Dunn; Wright, Mundy, Booth, Collier, Walsh, Armitt.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Noon, Davies, Eddy; Daley, Stirrup;
Ogden, Keith, Little, Rogers, Tomlinson, Goldswain.

Blackpool scorers—Goals (3): S. Davies 3. Try (1): Peace 1.

Oldham scorers—Goals (1): Ganley 1. Try (1): Cracknell 1.

OLDHAM v. WHITEHAVEN

December 31st, 1955. R.L. Home. Won 34—10.

Oldham—Stirrup; Cracknell, Noon, Davies, Eddy; Nestor, Pitchford;
Ogden, Keith, Little, Rogers, Lomas, Turner.

Whitehaven—McKeown; Smith, Garratt, Lowden, Mullinder; Nixon,
Reid; McAlone, McGuinness, Killen, McCourt, Robinson, Short.

Oldham scorers—Goals (5): Rogers 5. Tries (8): Noon 2, Eddy 2.
Pitchford 1, Keith 1, Davies 1, Nestor 1.

Whitehaven scorers—Goals (2): McKeown 2. Tries (2): Robin-
son 1, Lowden 1.

Referee: Mr. M. Coates (Pudsey).

Attendance: 9,787.

Gate: £707.

WORKINGTON v. OLDHAM

January 2nd, 1956. R.L. Away. Lost 18—4.

Workington—Vickers; Southward, Faulder, Gibson, McCarten;
Archer, Moore; Armstrong, Richardson, Watchorne, Edgar, Edgar,
Herbert.

Oldham—Stirrup; Cracknell, Noon, Davies, Eddy; Nestor, Pitchford;
Ogden, Keith, Lomas, Rogers, Goldswain, Turner.

Workington scorers—Goals (3): Moore 1, Edgar 1, Southward 1.
Tries (4): Southward 2, Gibson 2.

Oldham scorers—Goals (2): Rogers 2.

Referee: R. Gelder (Wakefield).

Attendance: 9,000.

WHITEHAVEN v. OLDHAM

January 7th, 1956. R.L. Away. Lost 29—13.

Whitehaven—McKeown; Smith, Garratt, Lowden, Mullinder;
McAvoy, Reid; McAlone, McGuinness, Killen, McCourt,
Robinson, Short.

Oldham—Stirrup; Cracknell, Noon, Kellett, Eddy; Jones, Pitchford;
Tomlinson, Carruthers, Little, Goldswain, Watson, Daley.

Whitehaven scorers—Goals (7): McKeown 7. Tries (5): Smith 3,
Reid 1, McAvoy 1.

Oldham scorers—Goals (2): Goldswain 2. Tries (3): Noon 1,
Kellett 1, Eddy 1.

Referee: E. Clay (Leeds).

Attendance: 4,000.

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WIDNES v. OLDHAM

January 21st, 1956. R.L. Away. Lost 11—10.

Widnes—Sale; Williamson, Kinsey, Galligan, Ratcliffe; Myler, Davies; Smith, Hayes, Bate, Royle, Tobin, Kemel.

Oldham—Stirrup; Cracknell, Noon, Davies, Etty; Kellett, Pitchford; Rowbottom, Keith, Jackson, Little, Rogers, Turner.

Widnes scorers—Goals (1): Sale 1. Tries (3): Ratcliffe 1, Kemel 1, Royle 1.

Oldham scorers—Goals (2): Rogers 2. Tries (2): Etty 2.

Referee: A. Howgate (Dewsbury).

Attendance: 4,900.

Gate: £330.

OLDHAM v. ROCHDALE HORNETS

January 28th, 1956. R.L. Home. Won 26—13.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Noon, Davies, Etty; Daley, Stirrup; Rowbottom, Keith, Jackson, Rogers, McKeown, Turner.

Rochdale—Mullane; Oldroyd, Short, L. Jones, W. Jones; Birchall, Evans; Featherstone, Dagnall, Hanson, Gallagher, Tierney, Blam.

Oldham scorers—Goals (4): Ganley 4. Tries (6): Etty 2, Noon 1, Cracknell 1, Rowbottom 1, Davies 1.

Referee: R. Gelder (Wakefield).

Attendance: 13,552.

Gate: £1,070.

OLDHAM v. DEWSBURY

February 11th, 1956. 1st Rd. R.L. Chal. Cup. Home. Won 31—2.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Noon, Davies, Etty; Daley, Stirrup; Rowbottom, Keith, Little, Rogers, McKeown, Turner.

Dewsbury—Cox; Pollard, Clark, Todd, Westbury; Poplewell, Lea; Danter, Waring, Dolan, Burnell, Withington, Callighan.

Oldham scorers—Goals (5): Ganley 5. Tries (7): Etty 1, Noon 1, Davies 1, Cracknell 1, Stirrup 2, Turner 1.

Dewsbury scorers—Goals (1): Clark 1.

Referee: E. Clay (Leeds).

Attendance: 10,383.

Gate: £1,330.

OLDHAM v. WIGAN

February 18th, 1956. R.L. Home. Won 14—5.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Noon, Davies, Etty; Pitchford, Stirrup; Rowbottom, Keith, Vines, Little, McKeown, Turner.

Wigan—Platt; Boston, Cunliffe, Ashcroft, Ashton; Bolton, Parr; Armstrong, Mather, Bretherton, Cherrington, Griffin, McGurrian.

Oldham scorers—Goals (4): Ganley 4. Tries (2): Stirrup 1, Rowbottom 1.

Wigan scorers—Goals (1): Ashton 1. Tries (1): Ashton 1.

Referee: G. S. Phillips (Widnes).

Attendance: 15,137.

Gate: £1,246.

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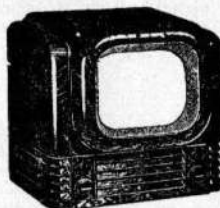
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February 25th, 1956. R.L. Away. Lost 14—4.

Featherstone—Fennell; Johnson, Metcalf, Clamp, Marsden; Hirst, D. Fox; Welburn, Bradshaw, Hulme, Storey, Lambert, P. Fox.

Oldham—Ganley; O'Grady, Noon, Davies, Eddy; Daley, Doughty; Rowbottom, Keith, Jackson, McKeown, Little, Rogers.

Featherstone scorers—Goals (1): Fennell 1. Tries (4): P. Fox 1, Clamp 1, Lambert 1, D. Fox 1.

Oldham scorers—Goals (2): Ganley 2.

Referee: C. F. Appleton (Warrington).

Attendance: 5,500.

Gate: £440.

LEEDS v. OLDHAM

March 3rd, 1956. 2nd Rd. R.L. Chal. Cup. Away. Lost 12—7.

Leeds—Dunn; Scholes, McLellan, Lendill, Broughton; Brown, Stevenson; Anderson, Wood, Hopper, Robinson, Poole, Street.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Noon, Davies, Eddy; Daley, Stirrup; Rowbottom, Keith, Jackson, Little, Tomlinson.

Leeds scorers—Goals (3): Dunn 3. Tries (2): McLellan 1, Robinson 1.

Oldham scorers—Goals (2): Ganley 2. Tries (1): Davies 1.

Referee: T. Watkinson (Manchester).

Attendance: 33,000.

Gate: £4,158.

OLDHAM v. YORK

March 10th, 1956. R.L. Home. Won 29—8.

Oldham—Ganley; O'Grady, Davies, Noon, Eddy; Stirrup, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Vines, Little, Tomlinson, Turner.

York—Hargreaves; Hamblett, Hansell, Robinson, Smith; Hunter, Riley; Moore, Illingworth, Yorke, Gargan, O'Brien, Priestly.

Oldham scorers—Goals (7): Ganley 7. Tries (5): Pitchford 2, O'Grady 1, Noon 1, Jackson 1.

York scorers—Goals (1): Yorke 1. Tries (2): Illingworth 1, Hansell 1.

Referee: G. Wilson (Dewsbury).

Attendance: 10,310.

Gate: £709.

OLDHAM v. BLACKPOOL BOROUGH

March 17th, 1956. R.L. Home. Won 37—19.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Edwards, Davies, Eddy; Stirrup, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Vines, Tomlinson, Winslade, Turner.

Blackpool—Davies; Emmitt, Wood, Fearis, McArthur; Bebe, Dunn; Wright, Munday, Collier, Armitt, Thornley, Lannon.

Oldham scorers—Goals (5): Ganley 5. Tries (9): Eddy 2, Cracknell 2, Pitchford 2, Stirrup 1, Keith 1, Turner 1.

Blackpool B.—Goals (5): McArthur 5. Tries (3): Fearis 2, Bebe 1.

Referee: S. Abram (Wigan).

Attendance: 10,016.

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OLDHAM v. LEIGH

March 24th, 1956. R.L. Home. Won 27—22.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Edwards, Davies, Etty; Stirrup, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Vines, Little, Winslade, Turner.

Leigh—Ledgard; Holden, Reakes, Atherton, Kindon; Baxter, Fallon; Robinson, Dickins, Owen, Hurt, Crook, Foster.

Oldham scorers—Goals (6): Ganley 6. Tries (5): Cracknell 1, Etty 1, Pitchford 1, Little 1, Davies 1.

Leigh—Goals (5): Ledgard 5. Tries (4): Atherton 1, Baxter 1, Kindon 2.

Referee: J. W. Jackson (Barrow).

Attendance: 9,663.

Gate: £629.

SWINTON v. OLDHAM

March 30th, 1956. R.L. Away. Lost 7—6.

Swinton—Tobin; Hardman, Critchley, Parkinson, Berry; Thomas, Cartwright; Billington, Osmond, Thompson, Roberts, Norburn, Haynes.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Noon, Davies, Etty; Daley, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Vines, Little, Winslade, Turner.

Swinton scorers—Goals (2): Tobin 2. Tries (1): Parkinson 1.

Oldham scorers—Tries (2): Noon 1, Etty 1.

Referee: R. Gelder (Wakefield).

Attendance: 14,500.

OLDHAM v. LEEDS

March 31st, 1956. R.L. Home. Won 15—12.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Edwards, Davies, Etty; Ayres, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Vines, Little, Winslade, Daley.

Leeds—Dunn; Scholes, McLellan, Wilkinson, Broughton; Stevenson, Pratt; Skelton, Wood, Tomlinson, Robinson, Poole, Street.

Oldham scorers—Goals (3): Ganley 3. Tries (3): Etty 1, Ayres 1, Davies 1.

Leeds scorers—Goals (3): Dunn 3. Tries (2): Wilkinson 1, Scholes 1.

Referee: G. Scott (Doncaster).

BARROW v. OLDHAM

April 2nd, 1956. R.L. Away. Lost 23—9.

Barrow—Toohey; Lewthwaite, Johnson, Rey, Castle; Horne, Harris; Woosey, McKeating, Barton, Grundy, Parker, Healey.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Noon, Davies, Etty; Daley, Pitchford; Jackson, Carruthers, Vines, Little, McKeown, Goldswain.

Barrow scorers—Goals (4): Horne 4. Tries (5): Parker 1, Johnson 1, Castle 1, Rey 1, Harris 1.

Oldham scorers—Goals (3): Ganley 3. Tries (1): Pitchford 1.

Referee: R. Welsby (Warrington).

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OLDHAM v. ST. HELENS

April 14th, 1956. R.L. Home. Won 40—8.

Oldham—Ganley; O'Brien, Noon, Davies, Etty; Stirrup, Pitchford; Jackson, Carruthers, Vines, McKeown, Turner, Daley.

St. Helens—Moses; Llewellyn, Smith, Howard, Carlton; Finnan, Rhodes; Prescott, McIntyre, Silcock, Parsons, Delves, Garbler.

Oldham scorers—Goals (8): Ganley 8. Tries (8): Etty 2, Turner 2, Stirrup 2, Vines 1, Davies 1.

St. Helens scorers—Goals (4): Rhodes 4.

Referee: E. Clay (Leeds).

Attendance: 13,800.

Gate: £1,091.

OLDHAM v. WORKINGTON

April 21st, 1956. R.L. Home. Won 32—8.

Oldham—Ganley; O'Brien, Noon, Davies, Etty; Stirrup, Pitchford; Jackson, Carruthers, Vines, Turner, McKeown, Daley.

Workington—Faulder; McCarten, Carr, Gibson, Moore; Archer, Roper; Armstrong, Nicholson, Lister, Edgar, Herbert, Eve.

Oldham scorers—Goals (4): Ganley 4. Tries (8): Stirrup 2, Turner 2, Davies 1, O'Brien 2, Noon 1.

Workington scorers—Goals (1): Faulder 1. Tries (2): Eve 1, Edgar 1.

Referee: G. Battersby (Barrow).

Attendance: 9,800.

Gate: £676.

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.
B. V. Goldswain	Other Nationalities.
T. O'Grady	England v. Other Nationalities. Lancashire v. Cumberland. Lancashire v. Yorkshire. Lancashire v. New Zealand.
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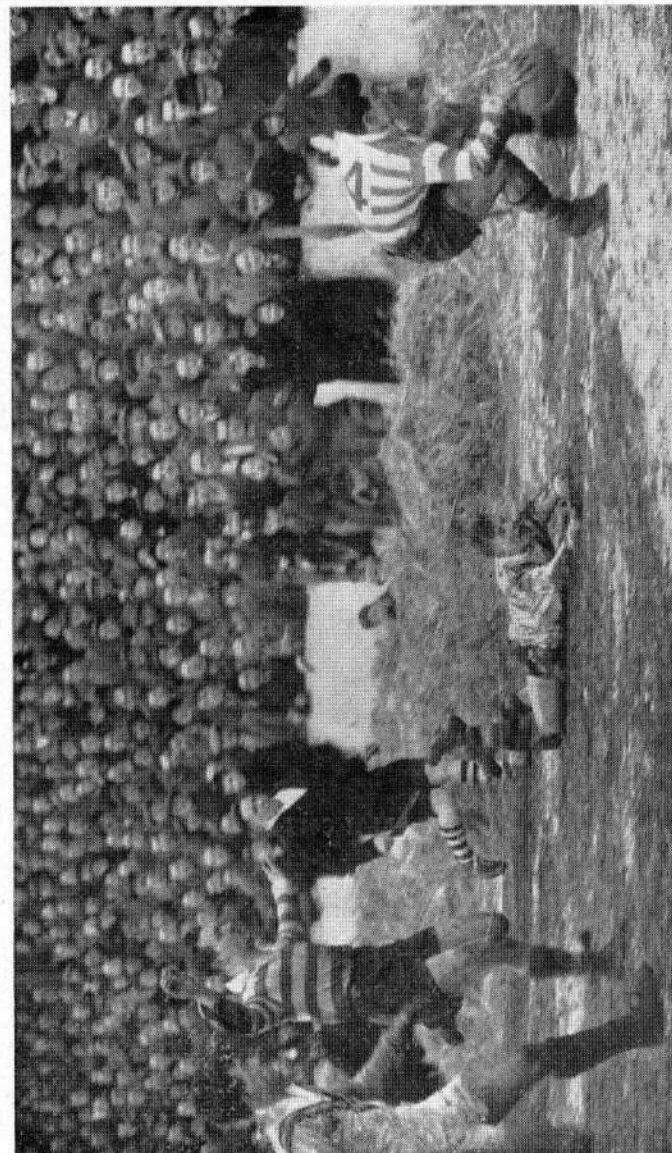
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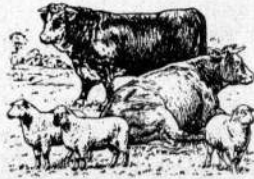
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An appreciation

Bryn Goldswain started to play football in his native Merthyr, South Wales, and was an adept at both soccer and rugby. He chose rugby and was a member of the Merthyr Rugby Union team before moving on to Neath, a crack team which regularly has fixtures with Cardiff, Newport and Swansea.

A commissioned officer in the R.A.F., Bryn had ample opportunity to play both kinds of football and in fact had a trial with Wolverhampton Wanderers and performed so well that he had only signed professional forms five days before representatives of the Wolves came along and asked him to sign. Had the Wolves been a week earlier, who knows, Bryn might have been an inside forward with a first division club instead of delighting the Water-sheddings fans with his brilliance.

Just before the war Bryn was working in accountancy in London and consequently played little rugby but on entering the R.A.F., he served with Ted Bedford, a Keighley and former Hull Kingston Rovers player, who arranged trials for Bryn with the Rovers. That Bryn was a success with the Robins no one can doubt for he was signed on as a professional in September 1949. Playing as a second row forward in that first season, Bryn scored nine tries for the Rovers, leading the try-scorers, which is a most unusual occupation for a forward. Six months after signing for Hull Kingston Rovers he received his first international cap for Wales against France in March 1946. Thus in his first season in rugby league he made his mark in no uncertain manner.

Accepting a place in a Liverpool Teachers' Training College, Bryn was unable to play as much as he liked as he was placed too far away from Hull to manage every game. A whisper that he would like a transfer reached Oldham and he was signed by the club in July 1949.

That day was a red letter day in the history of the Oldham Football Club and we have not looked back since. His play at loose forward completely revolutionised the Oldham team's play and his distribution of the ball was a joy to behold. Gradually we rose in the table and the team welded into a real combination which took us to the top and but for many injuries at vital times we would have been amongst the honours particularly in season 1954-55 when we lost two finals and finished runners-up in the Lancashire League.

He was a captain who led. Remember that not very long before the advent of Bryn, the easiest way to get on Oldham's transfer list was to accept the captaincy of the team. His leadership was so impressive that he was accorded the captaincy of the Welsh team.

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Bryn has done great service to his country, for he was grounded when on the way to receiving a decoration after eighty-three operational flights over Germany. He has won a place for himself in the sphere of schoolboy boxing. He is a "man's man."

IMPORTANT DATES

- 1895 Aug. 29—Formation of The Northern Rugby Football Union.
Sept. 7—First matches played.
- 1897 Mar. 20—First Round cup-ties of N.U. Challenge Cup.
July 20—Alteration in method of scoring. Line-out abolished.
- 1898 July 19—Professionalism adopted.
- 1906 June 12—Number of players in a team reduced to thirteen.
- 1907 Oct. 9—Opening of first New Zealand tour at Bramley.
- 1910 June 4—First match played by Northern Union touring team at Sydney.
- 1922 June 14—Name changed to The Rugby Football League.
- 1929 May 4—First R.L. Challenge Cup Final at Wembley.
- 1933 Sept. 20—First London competitive R.L. match under flood-light at White City Stadium.
- 1934 Sept. 1—Opening of Odsal Stadium, Bradford.
- 1945 Aug. 29—Jubilee of formation of The Northern Rugby Football Union.
Nov. 24—First R.L. game played on St. Helens ground, Swansea.

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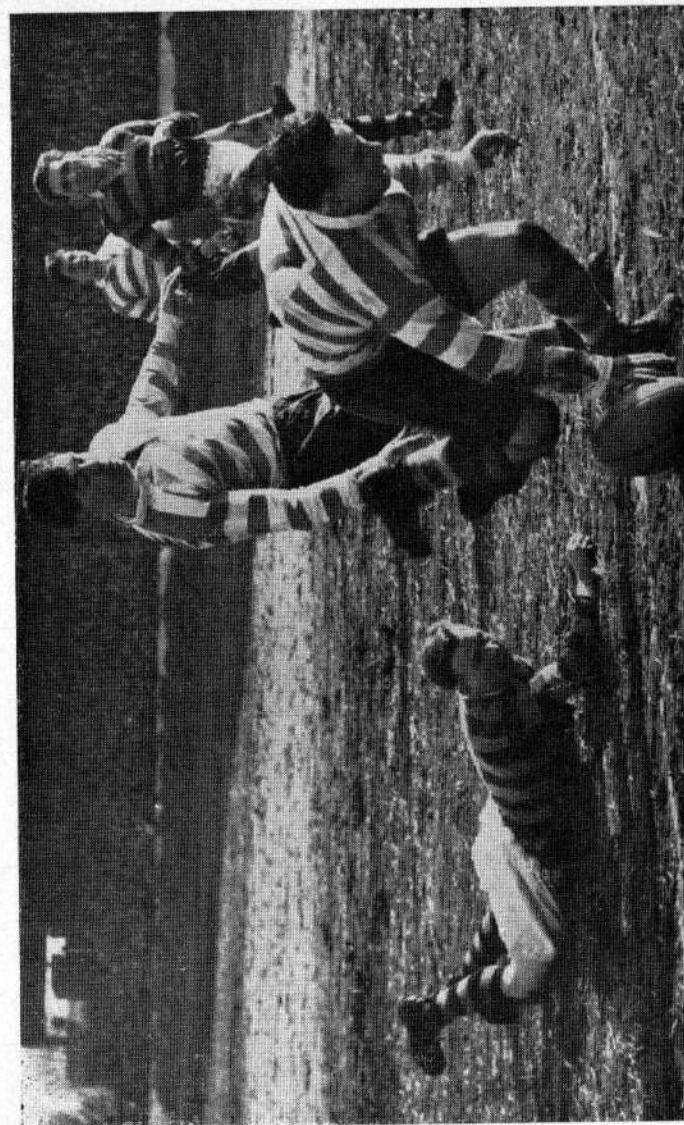
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- 1 What was the highest attendance at Watersheddings during 1955-6, and on what occasion?
- 2 Has the Challenge Cup Final ever been played on the Oldham ground?
- 3 In what year did Oldham last win the Challenge Cup, whom did they beat, and on what ground was the match played?
- 4 In what year was the Watersheddings ground first used?
- 5 Which are the clubs to have won all four cups in one season?
- 6 What year did the famous Bob Sloman sign for Oldham?
- 7 Who was the referee in the 1955-6 Challenge Cup Final between St. Helens and Halifax?
- 8 In what year was the first Challenge Cup Final played at Wembley?

Answers on page 111.

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Expand by all means, but not in the manner suggested by a few hurried thinkers. Let us first of all have a better playing code, a more attractive one, let us first swell our already small grounds attendance capacities to burst points, then we can offer bigger prizes and better ways of sharing them to all the clubs, be they great or small.

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The first man to gain county honours was A. M. Fletcher, closely followed by J. B. Rye. Other early county players included John Armstrong, a former Clerk of the Peace, C. Barlow and H. Court.

The first game was on Glodwick Lows on October 21st, when Stalybridge beat Oldham by two goals, a poster, one try and one touch down to one try, four touch downs and one dead ball. A "poster" was a shot at goal that went higher than the goal posts and which the scoring side claimed would have been a goal if the posts had been high enough, and which the defending side claimed would have hit the posts had they been high enough.

Oldham's first season saw the team win seven, lose six and draw three of its games, scoring seven goals and eighteen tries and conceding seven goals and eight tries.

Oldham were probably the first Lancashire side to play a game in Yorkshire, meeting Wakefield Trinity on October 6th, 1877.

On December 16th, 1876, in the first season the Oldham club left the ground following a disputed decision.

Mr. Fred Wild of Croft Bank Mills and Mr. J. Fletcher were among the early secretaries of the club.

In addition to the first team Oldham had a second team in its first season and by the next season were able to put out a third team for a few matches.

On the 21st November, 1878, a football game was played under electric light in Oldham but was only partially successful.

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The games with Southport Olympic were a cross between rugby and soccer.

Robert Stott was club president in 1885-6. John Saville and Albert Hall shared the secretarial work.

In the game with Mossley in 1893 the two teams played four three quarters probably being the first occasion on which Oldham adopted this system which had been started by Hartlepool Rovers and adopted by Durham County.

Oldham were the champions of the Lancashire Senior Competition in 1893-4 and the following year were runners-up. This was in the rugby union period.

In 1895-6 Oldham were level with Runcorn at the top of the Lancashire Senior Competition of the Northern Union but lost the play-off. That year the club spent a thousand pounds on improving the stands, showing how much more interest there was playing under professional rules.

In 1896-7 Councillor Kempsey was re-elected president and Mr. J. Platt treasurer. Mr. S. Taylor retired after being secretary for fifteen years and Councillor J. C. Buckley, who had been his assistant, was elected secretary.

When Oldham won the Northern Union Cup for the first time in 1898-9, the team won six games in the process, scoring sixteen goals and forty-one tries and conceding four goals and two tries. That year S. Williams scored forty tries for the club.

George Kilner, of Brighouse, was chosen secretary out of over eighty applicants, following the resignation of J. C. Buckley in August, 1899. The salary was £130 per year.

In 1900-1 the first and second teams both won the Lancashire Championship and out of a combined fixture list of sixty-five games, fifty-eight were won.

In the three seasons 1898 to 1901, S. Williams scored one hundred and ten tries.

Leading scorers in 1902-3 were Spottiswoode 13 tries, Cash 9 tries, Ferguson 18 goals and S. Lees, jun., 12 goals.

Bert Avery was captain in 1908-9.

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Alf Wood kicked 63 goals in 1910-11 and G. W. Smith scored 21 tries.

Holbrook was top try scorer in 1914-15 with 16. He was the only man to play for Oldham Rugby, Oldham Athletic and Oldham Cricket Clubs.

From 1940-1 to 1944-5 (five seasons) Oldham participated in the Yorkshire Cup.

The first club colours were black and amber jerseys. At one time the club turned out in the club caps.

Bill McCutcheon was the first Welshman to play for Oldham and he gained honours in the Rugby Union and the Northern Union, and at the end of his career as a player he became a top grade referee.

Bernard Ganley has recorded five hundred and fifty goals so far for Oldham.

"Guardsman" Tommy Rees, the only full back who was able to displace Jimmy Sullivan from a representative team, played ten years for Oldham, in which he scored six hundred and sixty eight goals and eight tries. He made one hundred and twenty-one consecutive appearances for Oldham and in all wore the first team colours four hundred times. He gained representative honours under both rugby union and rugby league rules. He made one appearance at Wembley as a touch judge, and has just retired from top rank refereeing.

Some early clubs in Oldham and district were the Oldham Juniors, Oldham Hornets, Oldham Rangers, Royton, Glodwick, and the 31st L.R.V. (Volunteers).

Oldham played the Maoris at Clarksfield on 4th March, 1889, and won easily.

Watersheddings ground first used September 28th, 1889, against Swinton when seven thousand spectators attended. Oldham wearing their new shirts, red and white, lost. The Watersheddings Ground is 776 feet above sea level, one of the highest grounds belonging to any professional club.

A special meeting of the Rugby Union held in Manchester in April 1891 cleared Oldham of the charge of professionalism. A previous meeting of the Lancashire County Rugby Union had also cleared the club saying "that no fault could be found with the club".

Ab Ashworth played for England versus Ireland at Whalley Range on February 6th, 1892.

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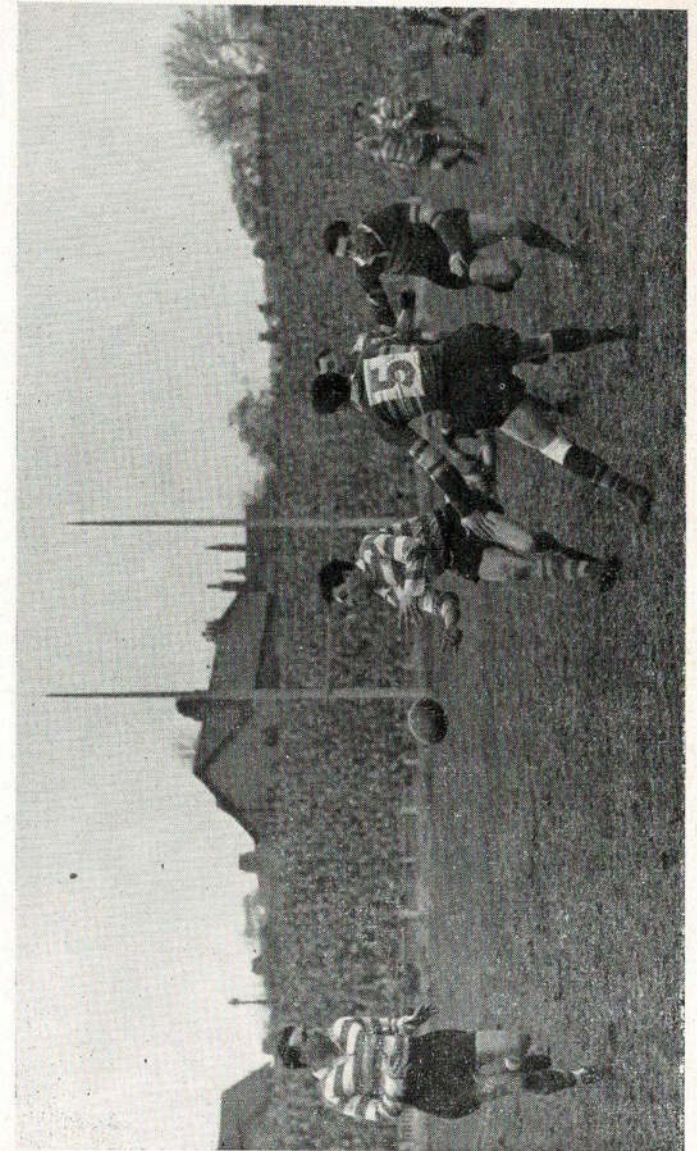
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COMINGS and GOINGS

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

R. Needham	Wing	Oldham R.U.
L. Laverty	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. We 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.

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APPEARANCES - SCORERS 1955-56

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

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

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Don Vines keeps fit by lifting weights

Oldham Rugby Club had their first training night of the new season this week, but one player who didn't need to loosen-up after the summer lay-off was prop-forward Don Vines. Throughout the summer this 24-year-old Welshman, who came to Oldham last season, has been keeping fit with snatching and jerking and pressing.

Don, you see, is a keen weight-lifter. Twice a week, sun, rain, hail or snow he takes out the mammoth chest of weights and equipment at his new home in Greenwood Street.

His weights alone total over 550lb., and that does not include the additional equipment that keeps him fit. With the same care as he adds the pounds to his lifts, he collected together the £50 that made his "weight" the pride of Monmouthshire.

It was almost two years ago when Donald Vines, of New-bridge, got a bit tired of Rugby Union and turned to weight-lifting. He joined the "Bosco Barber" club and in quick time was thumping the pounds around with the ease of a veteran.

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His progress in the new-found sport was remarkable and he should have entered a competition to find the champion of Monmouthshire. But the Rugby League came on the Welsh scene. The "intruders" were from Oldham and they wanted Don to use his weight for them. Two trials and Vines gathered his wife, child—and weights—and moved North.

"What energy?" the Oldham rugby fans said: "Where does he get it from?" And Don would go home and look at the box of tricks that held the answer.

"Twice a week I get my weights out," he told me in a soft Welsh drawl. "It's the finest way I know to keep fit and keep control of your weight." Don admitted that few rugby players practice the sport, but quickly added that it could be a fine asset to any Rugby League programme.

One word of warning came from Oldham's prize forward. "Weight-lifting can only be done under strict supervision. If any young amateur rugby player likes the sport he can see me—having a go himself can be dangerous."

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SUNDAY RUGBY

By JOHN BURKE

(Secretary Oldham Junior Rugby League)

After six years of trying to influence the Rugby League Council that by allowing the Amateurs to play Rugby on Sundays they would be doing a great service to the code, the Council have at their recent Annual Meeting, given this permission.

By playing Sunday Rugby the amateur clubs could, by the support of the followers of our code, provide the amenities so long needed by the players. We will also be able to complete our fixtures in the specified time and so be able to play our Championship Final in the right and proper place at Watersheddings. Sunday Rugby could also be beneficial to the Senior Clubs in the respect that when the attractive fixtures of the Seniors clashed with an attractive fixture of the Amateurs then the Amateur game could be put off until the Sunday, thereby both fixtures would gain that little bit of extra financial support.

I must make our position clear on Sunday Rugby to all followers of our game that although we are now able to play every Sunday, it is not our intention to do so. We do intend to use this privilege to the interest of all concerned in the Amateur side of the game.

In case there are any supporters who are not aware of where Sunday Rugby may be played, here is a list grounds in the Oldham District:—

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- 1908 Winners of Lancashire League.
- 1909 Northern R.L. champions.
- 1910 Northern R.L. and Lancashire League champions.
- 1911 Northern R.L. champions and Lancashire Challenge Cup winners.
- 1913 Lancashire Challenge Cup winners.
- 1919 Lancashire Challenge Cup winners.
- 1922 Lancashire League champions.
- 1924 Lancashire Challenge Cup winners.
- 1925 R.L. Challenge Cup winners.
- 1927 R.L. Challenge Cup winners.
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Australian Test Match Appearances of Oldham Players

Bert Avery	Forward	Sydney 1910 Newcastle 1911 Birmingham 1912
A. Brough	Forward	Sydney (2) 1924
W. Hall	Centre threequarter	Sydney (1) 1914 Sydney (2) 1914 Sydney (R.D.) 1914
H. Hilton	Forward	Brisbane 1920 Sydney (1) 1920 Sydney (2) 1920 Salford 1921
D. Holland	Forward	Sydney (1) 1914 Sydney (2) 1914 Sydney (R.D.) 1914
W. Longworth	Forward	London 1908 Newcastle 1909 Birmingham 1909
J. Oster	Stand-off half	Swinton 1930
T. E. Rees (Guardsman)	Fullback	Hull 1929
S. Rix	Wing threequarter	Sydney (1) 1924 Sydney (2) 1924 Brisbane 1924
R. Sloman	Forward	Brisbane 1928 Sydney (1) 1928 Sydney (2) 1928
A. Smith	Forward	London 1908 Newcastle 1909 Birmingham 1909
G. Tyson	Wing threequarter	London 1908 Newcastle 1909 Birmingham 1909
Alf Wood	Fullback	Edinburgh 1911 Birmingham 1912 Sydney (R.D.) 1914
T. O'Grady	Winger	Sydney (1) Auckland (2) Greymouth (1)

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Barrow	...	26	17	8	1	428	330	35
Oldham	...	26	16	8	2	511	383	34
Leigh	...	26	16	10	0	526	351	32
Swinton	...	26	14	10	2	421	401	30
Whitehaven	...	26	14	11	1	320	284	29
Workington Town	...	26	11	14	1	313	364	23
Salford	...	26	11	15	0	359	409	22
Rochdale Hornets	...	26	10	16	0	281	476	20
Blackpool Borough	...	26	8	18	0	291	414	16
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1898	Batley	2	1	7	Bradford	0	0	0	Headingley
1899	Oldham	2	5	19	Hunslet	3	1	9	Fallowfield
1900	Swinton	2	4	16	Salford	1	2	8	Fallowfield
1901	Batley	0	2	6	Warrington	0	0	0	Headingley
1902	Broughton R.	5	5	25	Salford	0	0	0	Rochdale
1903	Halifax	2	1	7	Salford	0	0	0	Headingley
1904	Halifax	1	2	8	Warrington	0	1	3	Salford
1905	Warrington	0	2	6	Hull K.R.	0	0	0	Headingley
1906	Bradford	1	1	5	Salford	0	0	0	Headingley
1907	Warrington	4	3	17	Oldham	0	1	3	Broughton
1908	Hunslet	4	2	14	Hull	0	0	0	Huddersfield
1909	Wakefield T.	1	5	17	Hull	0	0	0	Headingley
1910	Leeds	2	1	7	Hull	2	1	7	Huddersfield
1910	Leeds (Replay)	7	4	26	Hull	3	2	12	Huddersfield
1911	Broughton R.	2	0	4	Wigan	0	0	0	Salford
1912	Dewsbury	1	2	8	Oldham	1	1	5	Headingley
1913	Huddersfield	0	3	9	Warrington	1	1	5	Headingley
1914	Hull	0	2	6	Wakefield T.	0	0	0	Halifax
1915	Huddersfield	5	9	37	St. Helens	0	1	3	Oldham
1920	Huddersfield	3	5	21	Wigan	2	2	10	Headingley
1921	Leigh	2	3	13	Halifax	0	0	0	Broughton
1922	Rochdale H.	2	2	10	Hull	0	3	9	Headingley
1923	Leeds	5	6	28	Hull	0	1	3	Wakefield
1924	Wigan	3	5	21	Oldham	2	0	4	Rochdale
1925	Oldham	2	4	16	Hull K.R.	0	1	3	Leeds
1926	Swinton	3	1	9	Oldham	0	1	3	Rochdale
1927	Oldham	4	6	26	Swinton	2	1	7	Wigan
1928	Swinton	1	1	5	Warrington	0	1	3	Wigan
1929	Wigan	2	3	13	Dewsbury	1	0	2	Wemby
1930	Widnes	2	2	10	St. Helens	0	1	3	Wemby
1931	Halifax	5	4	22	York	1	2	8	Wemby
1932	Leeds	4	1	11	Swinton	4	0	8	Wigan
1933	Huddersfield	6	3	21	Warrington	4	3	17	Wemby
1934	Hunslet	1	3	11	Widnes	1	1	5	Wemby
1935	Castleford	1	3	11	Huddersfield	1	2	8	Wemby
1936	Leeds	3	4	18	Warrington	1	0	2	Wemby
1937	Widnes	3	4	18	Keighley	1	1	5	Wemby
1938	Salford	2	1	7	Barrow	2	0	4	Wemby
1939	Halifax	4	4	20	Salford	0	1	3	Wemby
1940	No Competition								
1941	* Leeds	2	5	19	Halifax	1	0	2	Bradford
1942	* Leeds	3	3	15	Halifax	5	0	10	Bradford
1943	* Dewsbury	2	4	16	Leeds	3	1	9	
	Dewsbury	0	0	0	Leeds	3	0	6	
					(Dewsbury won on aggregate 16-15)				
1944	* Bradford N.	0	0	0	Wigan	0	1	3	
	Bradford N.	1	2	8	Wigan	0	0	0	
					(Bradford N. won on aggregate 8-3)				
1945	* Huddersfield	2	1	7	Bradford N.	2	0	4	
	Huddersfield	0	2	6	Bradford N.	1	1	5	
					(Huddersfield won on aggregate 13-9)				
1946	Wakefield T.	2	3	13	Wigan	0	4	12	Wemby
1947	Bradford N.	1	2	8	Leeds	2	0	4	Wemby
1948	Wigan	1	2	8	Bradford N.	0	1	3	Wemby
1949	Bradford N.	3	2	12	Halifax	0	0	0	Wemby
1950	Warrington	5	3	19	Widnes	0	0	0	Wemby
1951	Wigan	2	2	10	Barrow	0	0	0	Wemby
1952	Workington T.	3	4	18	Featherstone R.	2	2	10	Wemby
1953	Huddersfield	3	3	15	St. Helens	2	2	10	Wemby
1954	Warrington	0	0	4	Halifax	0	0	4	Wemby
	Warrington (Replay)	0	0	8	Halifax	0	0	4	Odal
1955	Barrow	3	6	21	Workington	3	2	12	Wemby
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1903-04	Bradford	Salford
1904-05	Oldham	Bradford
1905-06	Leigh	Hunslet
1906-07	Halifax	Oldham
1907-08	Hunslet	Oldham
1908-09	Wigan	Oldham
1909-10	Oldham	Wigan
1910-11	Oldham	Wigan
1911-12	Huddersfield	Wigan
1912-13	Huddersfield	Wigan
1913-14	Salford	Huddersfield
1914-15	Huddersfield	Leeds
1919-20	Hull	Huddersfield
1920-21	Hull	Hull K.R.
1921-22	Wigan	Oldham
1922-23	Hull Kingston Rovers	Huddersfield
1923-24	Batley	Wigan
1924-25	Hull Kingston Rovers	Swinton
1925-26	Wigan	Warrington
1926-27	Swinton	St. Helens R.
1927-28	Swinton	Featherstone R.
1928-29	Huddersfield	Leeds
1929-30	Huddersfield	Leeds
1930-31	Swinton	Leeds
1931-32	St. Helens	Huddersfield
1932-33	Salford	Swinton
1933-34	Wigan	Salford
1934-35	Swinton	Warrington
1935-36	Hull	Widnes
1936-37	Salford	Warrington
1937-38	Hunslet	Leeds
1938-39	Salford	Castleford
1945-46	Wigan	Huddersfield
1946-47	Wigan	Dewsbury
1947-48	Warrington	Bradford N.
1948-49	Huddersfield	Warrington
1949-50	Wigan	Huddersfield
1950-51	Workington	Warrington
1951-52	Wigan	Bradford N.
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1908	Wigan	1933	Oldham
1909	Wigan	1934	Salford
1910	Oldham	1935	Salford
1911	Rochdale H.	1936	Salford
1912	Wigan	1937	Warrington
1913	Oldham	1938	Wigan
1914	Rochdale H.	1939	Swinton
1918	Rochdale H.	1940-44	No competition
1919	Oldham	1945	Widnes
1920	Broughton R.	1946	Wigan
1921	Warrington	1947	Wigan
1922	Wigan	1948	Wigan
1923	St. Helens R.	1949	Wigan
1924	Oldham	1950	Wigan
1925	Swinton	1951	Wigan
1926	St. Helens	1952	Leigh
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1911-12	Wigan	Oldham
1912-13	Wigan	Broughton R.
1913-14	Wigan	Salford
1914-15	Wigan	Rochdale
1915-18	Competition Suspended	
1918-19	Rochdale H.	Leigh
1919-20	Widnes	Oldham
1920-21	Wigan	Warrington
1921-22	Oldham	Wigan
1922-23	Wigan	Swinton
1923-24	Wigan	Oldham
1924-25	Swinton	Wigan
1925-26	Wigan	Swinton
1926-27	St. Helens R.	Swinton
1927-28	Swinton	St. Helens R.
1928-29	Swinton	Wigan
1929-30	St. Helens	Salford
1930-31	Swinton	Wigan
1931-32	St. Helens	Swinton
1932-33	Salford	Barrow
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1934-35	Salford	Warrington
1935-36	Liverpool S.	Widnes
1936-37	Salford	Liverpool S.
1937-38	Warrington	Barrow
1938-39	Salford	Swinton
1939-40	Swinton	Salford
1940-41	Wigan (Emergency League Champ.)	Warrington
1941-45	Competition Suspended	
1945-46	Wigan	Barrow
1946-47	Wigan	Widnes
1947-48	Warrington	Wigan
1948-49	Warrington	Wigan
1949-50	Wigan	Leigh
1950-51	Warrington	Workington
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1912-13	Yorkshire	1947-48	Lancashire
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- 3 1927, when they beat Swinton 26 - 7 at Wigan.
- 4 September 28th, 1889, against Swinton.
- 5 Hunslet (1907-8).
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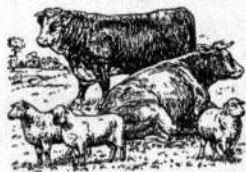
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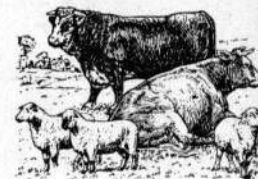
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