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Oldham F.C. President's Message

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is once again my pleasure to write the foreword to the Year Book of the Oldham F.C. Supporters' Club, and in doing so I would commend the work of the Club to all men and women interested in the future welfare of the Oldham Football Club.

The past efforts of the Supporters' Club have been appreciated by the Oldham F.C., and it is hoped that the work will go on, and from the concerted efforts of all, our Football Club will emerge as the equal of the best in the League.

The Supporters' Club has now many sub-branches with headquarters in almost every part of Oldham and District.

It is, therefore, hoped that more and more of our loyal supporters and members will join the Supporters' Club, join in the activities, and enjoy the pleasure that is derived from giving that little extra to the Club which I am sure we are all so proud of.

Yours sincerely

WILLIAM HOWARD, M.B.E., J.P.
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Oldham Football Club Secretary's Report

I herewith present you the Annual Report and Financial Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 31st March, 1958. This shows a profit from football of £1,084 11s. 11d.

The Pavilion Account shows a profit of £146 12s. 6d.

The period under review covers 26 matches played by the first team against 21 matches at home for the period ending March, 1957.

The profit shown is after allowance of £800 for taxation. We have played 19 Northern Rugby League matches at home which has attracted 253,188 spectators, giving an average of 13,325 per match against 1957 average of 12,526 and 1956 of 12,180. We have also played at home 2 Lancashire Cup ties which attracted 30,007 and 2 Challenge Cup ties before 35,437 and 1 League play-off before 18,286. An increase in the average attendance is a tribute to our game and the type of football that has been given. The attendance at our "A" team matches shows a large decrease from the previous twelve months for in the 14 matches played only 10,823 have watched, showing an average of 773 against an average of 1,014. It is evident that more of our supporters have been travelling to watch our first team away from home. This is proved by noting when the first team travelled long distances (Whitehaven, Workington and Hull), our "A" team attendances have been up. We have defrayed once again the cost of private telephone lines for private radio broadcast to the following hospitals : Oldham Royal, Boundary Park and Strinesdale. The amount paid for this service is £53 and is considered money well spent. The appreciation of these broadcasts is shown by the letters we have received from patients, who have fallen temporary sick and also from the staffs of the institutions. Many thanks to the gentlemen who give the running commentary, which is a splendid service to suffering humanity.

Playing Record

The playing record of the first team during season 1957-58 speaks again for itself, and praise cannot be expressed in words for the wonderful games that our first team has put over. In a very few games this season our team has not been showing that great football expected, as consistency was the key word of the previous season, but then once again results prove that the team throughout the season is the best in the Rugby League. We cannot always win, and a comparison of the last two seasons shows that we have played 76 Northern Rugby League matches, won 66, lost 9 and drawn 1, points for 1,693 and points against 780.

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This season we have just gone one better than the previous season inasmuch as we are one point better off. We have finished at the top of the Northern Rugby League with 67 points against 66 of last season. This is a record for the Rugby League table since its inception. One more record has been created also, that of the 19 matches played away we only lost 2 matches and drew 1 (St. Helens, Hull and Wakefield respectively). 2 matches were lost at home (St. Helens and Swinton). Every match we have played has been the equal of a cup-tie and every club we have met has pulled that little extra out to beat this famous team of ours. Our players have stood the test. It would be unfair to individualise the merits of each player but mention must be made of the record of our full back, William Bernard Ganley, on the great feat of scoring 223 goals and 5 tries (up to and including April 26th, Workington). This includes all matches he has played in. This is a world record and we are very proud to possess a player of this ability. Several times this season his goal kicking has won matches when all appeared to be lost. Although our scoring record is less than last season, points against this does not discount the class of football we have played. Possibly some teams we have met have improved their play and when two good teams meet that goes to make a good game. Taking our first team all round it is a comparatively young one, but the committee are fully aware that some of the players cannot last for ever and replacements must take place, and the right class of player must be secured or brought up through the "A" team. The past season has given us one of pleasure and thanks must go to the players that they have played the game. May we now look forward to next season being as great as the past two seasons have been.

Lancashire League Championship

For the second year in succession we are the Lancashire League Champions which naturally follows our good work against Lancashire teams. We are proud of this fact. One must realise that the opposition in Lancashire is considerably greater than in Yorkshire. A better style of football appears to be played, hence the greater honour in being styled Lancashire Champions.

Playing Records

Comparison of our League positions for the past nine 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
1956/57	1	38	33	—	5	893	365
1957/58	1	38	33	1	4	803	415

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Players

A very quiet period has been experienced in the acquisition of new players. The under-mentioned players have been signed :—

R. J. Dufty, forward from London Irish and R.A.F.

P. Goddard, hooker.

R. Moat, out-half from Hull.

The following players have been transferred :—

R. Bailey to Rochdale Hornets.

A. Jarman to Halifax.

Lancashire Cup

For the second season in succession we won the Lancashire Cup and our displays in this competition left no doubt that we were the undisputed winners.

Barrow at home in the first round were heavily defeated by 44 points to 10 points. In the second round we met Warrington at home and won by 18 points to 10 points. In the semi-final we were drawn to play St. Helens away. In this match our team gave a great exhibition of football and before a record crowd we won the match by 29 points to 9 points. In the final we met mighty foes in Wigan at Swinton and there is no doubt we played as winners and ultimately landed the trophy by 13 points to 8 points.

Challenge Cup

Everybody thought that this was going to be our Wembley Year, even the National Press without exception wanted our team to grace the holy turf at Wembley, to play the game as it should be played. There is no doubt that the Challenge Cup is a nightmare: there must be a hoodoo around it. Never had we a better chance of going to Wembley. In the first round we met Hull Kingston Rovers at home and won by 23 points to 6 points. The second round we had to travel to Blackpool and won a hard game against our opponents by 12 points to 5 points. The third round we had Wigan as visitors to Watersheddings and they created a surprise by winning 8 points to nothing (this is the only match we have failed to score in this season). In this match our forwards for some reason came off second best, and the whole team appeared to lose confidence after the unfortunate injury to Alan Davies which left him a passenger for three parts of the game. This match was the biggest disappointment of the season after promising so much. Our exit from the Challenge Cup is the one black mark on a great season and a great team.

Representative Honours

The following players have received representative honours during season 1957-58 :—

John Etty and Derek Turner played for Yorkshire against Cumberland.

John Etty played for Yorkshire against Lancashire.

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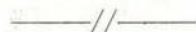
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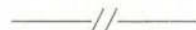
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Sid Little was chosen for Cumberland against Yorkshire but withdrew for business reasons.

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England v. France at Wigan — Bernard Ganley, Alan Davies, Ken Jackson, Sid Little and Derek Turner.

England v. France at Grenoble — Bernard Ganley, Alan Davies, Sid Little and Derek Turner.

Ken Jackson was chosen for the above game but withdrew owing to injury.

Australian Tour

Alan Davies, Frank Pitchford, Ken Jackson and Derek Turner have been selected to tour Australia and New Zealand during the close season. Sid Little was selected to tour but withdrew owing to business reasons.

Congratulations to the above players who by their play have fully justified their selection for the various representative matches.

Charity Match

The Annual Charity Match was played at Rochdale on Saturday, 10th August, 1957, and our share of the receipts were £373 8s. 5d. A sum of £3 9s. 11d. being brought forward from the previous season, giving a disposable balance of £376 18s. 4d. The sum of £370 has been distributed as follows (the sum of £6 18s. 4d. has been carried forward to next season):—

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Oldham Junior Rugby League	175
Oldham Continuation R.L.	70
Oldham Schoolboys' R.L.	80
Mayor's Distress Fund	5
Oldham Limbless Ex-Servicemen	5
Oldham Blind Children	5
St. Dunstons	5
R.L. Secretaries' Benevolent Fund	5
Inskip League of Friendship	5
Christie Hospital	5
St. John Ambulance Brigade	10

Donation from the General Fund of the Football Club of £50 has been made to Oldham Schoolboys for equipping three new schoolboys' teams.

The pre-season trial match held at Watersheddings realised the sum of £50 9s. 10d., and the net proceeds of this match of £45 0s. 10d. being handed to the Oldham Junior League towards their Insurance Premium Fund.

Committee Meetings

The period under review the Committee have held 46 meetings and the attendances have been as follows:—

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J. Coulthard	46	38	7	1
A. Cordwell	46	45	1	-
F. W. Ashworth	46	44	2	-
A. F. Campbell	46	41	5	-
P. G. Carter	46	46	-	-
E. Day	46	43	1	2
F. S. Holt	46	44	1	1
F. L. Ridgway	46	44	2	-
E. Thomas	46	46	-	-
R. L. Thomas	46	45	1	-
E. Watkins	46	46	-	-

Mr. F. L. Ridgway has been the representative of the Club on the Rugby League Council and during the past season has been Vice-Chairman of the Rugby Football League, and also the Vice-Chairman of the Northern Rugby Football League Management Committee. Following procedure Mr. Ridgway will be Chairman of the Rugby Football League Council next season, an honour which is richly deserved for his time given to the game and as a good legislator on the control of the game.

Mr. F. W. Ashworth has been the Club representative on the Lancashire County.

Both gentlemen, as delegates to their respective offices have filled same with dignity and have reported to the Committee upon the meetings they have attended. Thanks go to them for the time given and able representation of the Club.

Membership

Our membership shows an increase from the previous season which is a very encouraging sign.

A sum of over £8,900 to start the season off from membership fees is a great compliment to the members who rally round the Club. May the membership still increase for next season.

Supporters' Club.

Many thanks to the Supporters' Club for the service they have given in running the canteens at the ground. No donations in cash have been made to the parent body but there has been much activity by work done. A sum of approximately £650 has been spent from their funds in improving the amenities of the canteens, new equipment, plumbing, painting and new crockery and a host of other small items. Gifts have also been made to the four tourists from this Club. The canteens are most up-to-date and the profits from the canteens have been doubled from last season. Other efforts such as draws and dances have been ably handled by an enthusiastic band of officials. The Supporters' Club is well organised and several new branches have been added to their list. Our best thanks go to the officials and especially the ladies for the excellent service they have given.

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Match Results and Details 1957-8

August 10th, 1957. Law Cup (Charity). Away. Won 31-5.

ROCHDALE HORNETS v OLDHAM

Rochdale H.—Roach; Ralph. Short. L. Jones, Buxton; Chisnall. Fishwick; Gill, Bowden, Scholes, Kelly, Tierney, Trumble.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Nestor, Ayres, Eddy; Moat, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Vines, Little, Dufty, Turner.

Rochdale Scorers—Goals (1): Les Jones 1. Tries (1): Ralph 1.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (5): Ganley 5. Tries (7): Nestor 2, Turner 1, Eddy 1, Moat 1, Jackson 1, Little 1.

Referee : Mr. C. F. Appleton (Warrington) Attendance : 7,556.

OLDHAM v. HALIFAX.

August 17th, 1957. R.L. Home. Won 21-11.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Nestor, Ayres, Eddy; Moat, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Vines, Little, Dufty, Turner.

Halifax Scorers—Goals (4): Owen 4. Tries (1): Freeman 1.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (6): Ganley 6. Tries (3): Turner 2, Eddy 1.

Referee: Mr. E. Clay (Rothwell). Attendance 16,500.

Halifax—Owen; Asquith, Mather, Palmer, Freeman; Dean Kielty; Thorley, Moyser, Helliwell, Holmes, Clift, Traill.

BARROW v. OLDHAM.

Aug. 22nd, 1957. R.L. Away. Won 10-27.

Barrow—Ball; Hinchley, Leatherbarrow, Rea, Castle; Skeels, Davies; Woosey, Clarke, Royle, Grundy, Parker, Wilson.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Nestor, Ayres, Eddy; Stirrup, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Vines, Daley, Dufty, Turner.

Barrow Scorers—Goals (2): Ball 2. Tries (2): Skeels 2.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (6): Ganley 6. Tries (5): Ayres 1, Jackson 1, Cracknell 1, Turner 2.

Referee Mr. N. T. Railton (Liverpool). Attendance: 8,000.

WAKEFIELD v. OLDHAM.

August 24th, 1957. R.L. Away. Draw 12-12.

Wakefield—Lockwood; Houlden, Metcalfe, Mortimer, Cooper; Holliday, Rollin; Harrison, Shaw, Coverdale, Haigh, Firth, Chamberlain.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Nestor, Noon, Eddy; Stirrup, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Vines, Little, Jarman, Turner.

Wakefield Scorers—Goals (3): Mortimer 3. Tries (2): Holliday 1, Firth 1.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (3): Ganley 3. Tries (2): Noon 1, Eddy 1.

Referee Mr. F. Smith (Barrow). Attendance 11,650.

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OLDHAM v. ST. HELENS.

August 26th, 1957. R.L. Home. Lost 7-21.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Nestor, Noon, Etty; Daley, Pitchford; Rowbottom, Keith, Vines, Little, Jarman, Turner.

St. Helens—Moses; Finnan, Greenall, Forshaw, Carlton; Rhodes, Murphy; Prescott, McKinney, Terry, Silcock, Delves, Karalius.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (2): Ganley 2. Tries (1): Jarman 1.
St. Helens Scorers—Goals (3): Forshaw 3. Tries (5): Carlton 3, Forshaw 1, Karalius 1.

Referee: Mr. A. Howgate (Dewsbury). Attendance 16,900.

OLDHAM v. BARROW

August 31st, 1957. Lancs. Cup 1st Round. Home. Won 44-10.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Nestor, Noon, Etty; Daley, Pitchford; Jackson, Carruthers, Jarman, Little, Winslade, Turner.

Barrow—Ball; F. Jackson, Leatherbarrow, Rea, Castle; F. Goodwin, Black; Woosey, McIntyre, Royle, Suart, Lister, Wilson.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (10): Ganley 10. Tries (8): Little 3, Etty 1, Cracknell 2, Noon 1, Jarman 1.

Barrow Scorers—Goals (2): Ball 2. Tries (2): Wilson 1, McIntyre 1.

Referee: Mr. H. Harrison (Horbury). Attendance: 14,772.

HUDDERSFIELD v. OLDHAM.

September 2nd, 1957. R.L. Away. Won 12-38.

Huddersfield—Dyson; Henderson, Colburn, Barrow, Sullivan; Cecil, Gorman; Slevin, Wood, Heap, Briggs, Fairbank, Valentine.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Nestor, Noon, Etty; Moat, Pitchford; Jackson, Carruthers, Jarman, Little, Winslade, Turner.

Huddersfield Scorers—Goals (3): Dyson 3. Tries (2): Henderson 1, Valentine 1.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (10): Ganley 10. Tries (6): Noon 1, Nestor 2, Ganley 1, Pitchford 1, Cracknell 1.

Referee: Mr. D. T. H. Davies (Manchester). Attendance 18,460.

HALIFAX v. OLDHAM

September 7th, 1957. R.L. Away. Won 15-19.

Halifax—Owen; Burnett, Palmer, Riley, Freeman; Dean, Kieley; Thorley, Moyser, Pearce, Henderson, Clift, Traill.

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

Halifax Scorers—Goals (3): Owen 3. Tries (3): Dean 1, Kieley 1, Freeman 1.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (5): Ganley 5. Tries (3): Cracknell 1, Etty 1, Nestor 1.

Referee: Mr. T. W. Watkinson (Manchester). Attendance 16,374.

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September 10th, 1957. 2nd Round Lancs. Cup. Home. Won 18-12.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Nestor, Noon, Eddy; Moat, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Jarman, Little, Winslade, Turner.

Warrington—Fraser; Bevan, Horton, Naughton, Gilfedder; Edwards, Arnold; Gallagher, Hudson, O'Toole, Thompson, Gaskell, Storey. Oldham Scorers—Goals (6): Ganley 6. Tries (2): Little 1, Pitchford 1.

Warrington Scorers—Goals (3): Gilfedder 3. Tries (2): Edwards 1, Naughton 1.

Referee: Mr. E. Clay (Rothwell).

Attendance 15,200.

OLDHAM v. WARRINGTON

September 14th, 1957. R.L. Home. Won 17-15.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Noon, Ayres, Eddy; Moat, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Vines, Little, Winslade, Jarman.

Warrington—Horton; Bevan, Gilfedder, Naughton, Glover; Edwards, Arnold; Gallagher, Hudson, O'Toole, Storey, Gaskell, Major. Oldham Scorers—Goals (4): Ganley 4. Tries (3): Little 1, Moat 1, Cracknell 1.

Warrington Scorers—Goals (3): Gilfedder 3. Tries (3): Gilfedder 1, Major 1, Naughton 1.

Referee: Mr. R. Gelder (Wakefield)

Attendance 14,000.

OLDHAM v. LEIGH

September 21st, 1957. R.L. Home. Won 23-5.

Oldham—Ganley; Davies, Nestor, Ayres, Eddy; Moat, Stirrup; Jackson, Keith, Vines, Little, Jarman, Turner.

Leigh—G. Davies; Hutson, Gullick, Holden, Kindon; Bright, Fallon; Robinson, Clarke, Crook, Hurst, McFarlane, Foster.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (7): Ganley 7. Tries (3): Keith 2, Moat 1.

Leigh Scorers—Goals (1): Fallon 1. Tries (1): Bright 1.

Referee: Mr. G. Scott (Wakefield)

Attendance 11,520.

WORKINGTON v. OLDHAM

September 28th, 1957. R.L. Away. Won 13-24.

Workington—Stephenson; Southward, O'Neil, Archer, Eve; Toohey, Roper; Herbert, Lymer, Holland, Edgar, Stamper, Ivison.

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

Workington Scorers—Goals (2): Stephenson 2. Tries (3): Eve 1, Archer 1, Southward 1.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (6): Ganley 6. Tries (4): Davies 1, Ayres 1, Cracknell 1, Keith 1.

Referee: Mr. C. F. Appleton (Warrington).

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ST. HELENS v. OLDHAM

October 2nd, 1957. Lancs. Cup Semi-Final. Away. Won 9-29.

St. Helens—Pimblett; Robinson, Greenall, Howard, Johnson; Finnian, Rhodes; Prescott, McKinney, Terry, Silcock, Delves, Karalius.

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

St. Helens Scorers—Goals (3): Pimblett 3. Tries (1): Silcock.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (7): Ganley 7. Tries (5): Davies 2, Nestor 1, Etty 1, Winslade 1.

Referee: Mr. R. Gelder (Wakefield).

Attendance 20,000.

ROCHDALE v. OLDHAM

October 12th, 1957. R.L. Away. Won 29-21.

Rochdale—Mullane; Ralph, Short, Taylor, Buxton; Chisnall, Fishwick; Livesey, Bowden, Hanson, Parsons, Bailey, Kelly.

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

Rochdale Scorers—Goals (3): Kelly 3. Tries (5): Buxton 2, Taylor 2, Hanson 1.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (7): Ganley 7. Tries (5): Turner 1, Noon 2, Nestor 1, Cracknell 1.

Referee: Mr. T. W. Watkinson (Manchester).

Attendance 13,844.

OLDHAM v. WIGAN

October 19th, 1957. Lancs. Cup Final. Swinton. Won 13-8.

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

Wigan—Cunliffe; Chisnall, Ashton, Ashcroft, O'Grady; Boston, Bolton; Armstrong, Sayer, McTigue, Cherrington, Bretherton, McGurrian.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (2): Ganley 2. Tries (3): Ganley 1, Pitchford 1, Davies 1.

Wigan Scorers—Goals (1): Cunliffe 1. Tries (2): McTigue 1, O'Grady 1.

Referee: Mr. M. Coates (Pudsey).

Attendance 42,497.

BLACKPOOL v. OLDHAM

October 26th, 1957. R.L. Away. Won 34-5.

Blackpool—Lowe; Emmett, Wood, Fearis, Morgan; Foden, Brennan; Wright, Mundy, Maughan, Standish, Grundy, Thornley.

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

Blackpool Scorers—Goals (1): Fearis 1. Tries (1): Fearis 1.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (8): Ganley 8. Tries (6): Davies 3, Keith 2, Turner 1.

Referee

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OLDHAM v. WAKEFIELD

November 2nd, 1957. R.L. Home. Won 23-12.

Oldham—Stirrup; Cracknell, Nestor, Noon, Eddy; Daley, Pitchford; Rowbottom, Keith, Vines, Dufty, Winslade, Jarman.
Wakefield—Lockwood; Hirst, Fox, Metcalf, Cooper; Houlden, Rollin; Harrison, Shaw, Coverdale, Haigh, Firth, Chamberlain.
Oldham Scorers—Goals (4): Noon 4. Tries (5): Keith 1, Daley 1, Nestor 1, Cracknell 2.
Wakefield Scorers—Goals (3): Fox 3. Tries (2): Rollin 1, Cooper 1.
Referee: Mr. G. Phillpott (Leeds). Attendance 20,028.

SALFORD v. OLDHAM

November 9th, 1957. R.L. Away. Won 14-5.

Salford—Gregory; Jones, Cheshire, Preece, McArthur; Hanley, Keavney; Hancock, Boardman, Moses, Council, Stott, Hartley.
Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Nestor, Noon, Eddy; Daley, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Vines, Winslade, Little, Turner.
Salford Scorers—Goals (1): McArthur 1. Tries (1): Jones 1.
Oldham Scorers—Goals (4): Ganley 4. Tries (2): Keith 1, Noon 1.
Referee: Mr. A. Howgate (Dewsbury). Attendance 14,500.
(Season's Record).

OLDHAM v. LIVERPOOL

November 16th, 1957. R.L. Home. Won 28-12.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Davies, Noon, Eddy; Kellett, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Vines, Little, Winslade, Turner.
Liverpool—Farnall; Barton, Senior, Hunt, Halton; Balshaw, Adams; Cartledge, Lannon, Payne, Knight, Houghton, Davies.
Oldham Scorers—Goals (8): Ganley 8. Tries (4): Pitchford 1, Noon 1, Cracknell 1, Little 1.
Liverpool Scorers—Goals (3): Balshaw 3. Tries (2): Balshaw 1, Hunt 1.
Referee: Mr. T. W. Watkinson (Pendlebury). Attendance 10,376.

LEIGH v. OLDHAM

November 23rd, 1957. R.L. Away. Won 14-24.

Leigh—Ledgard; Hutson, Gibson, McGillicuddy, Darbyshire; Bright, Fallon; Robinson, Tabern, Crooke, Gallagher, Martyn, Foster.
Oldham—Stirrup; Cracknell, Noon, Ayres, Eddy; Nestor, Pitchford; Rowbottom, Keith, McKeown, Winslade, Jarman, Daley.
Leigh Scorers—Goals (4): Ledgard 4. Tries (2): Robinson 1, Fallon 1.
Oldham Scorers—Goals (6): Noon 6. Tries (4): Nestor 1, Pitchford 2, Keith 1.
Referee: Mr. J. F. Ebbelwhite (York). Attendance 12,000.

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OLDHAM v. SALFORD

November 30th, 1957. R.L. Home. Won 34-12.

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

Salford—Gregory; Jones, Lowdon, Cheshire, McArthur; Hanley, Keavney; Hancock, Boardman, Ayles, Council, Stott, Hartley.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (5): Ganley 5. Tries (8): Cracknell 2, Noon 1, Etty 2, Winslade 1, Davies 1, Keith 1.

Salford Scorers—Goals (3): McArthur 1, Lowdon 2. Tries (2): McArthur 2.

Referee: Mr. M. Coates (Pudsey).

Attendance 14,652.

HUNSLET v. OLDHAM

December 7th, 1957. R.L. Away. Won 20-22.

Hunslet—Langton; Snowdon, Stockdill, Walker, Colin; Gabbitas, Talbot; Hatfield, Smith, J. Platt, Boland, K. Platt, Shaw.

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

Hunslet Scorers—Goals (4): Talbot 4. Tries (4): J. Platt 1, Gabbitas 1, Colin 2.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (5): Ganley 5. Tries (4): Davies 1, Cracknell 1, Winslade 1, Noon 1.

Referee: Mr. N. T. Railton (Wigan).

Attendance 10,500.

LIVERPOOL v. OLDHAM

December 14th, 1957. R.L. Away. Won 11-15.

Liverpool—Farnall; Halton, Speakman, Hunt, Silley; Balshaw, Adams; Cartledge, Lannon, Payne, Simpson, Teggins, Houghton.

Oldham—Ganley; Noon, Nestor, Davies, Etty; Stirrup, Pitchford; Rowbottom, Keith, Jackson, Daley, Dufty, Turner.

Liverpool Scorers—Goals (4): Balshaw 4. Tries (1): Houghton 1.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (3): Ganley 3. Tries (3): Davies 1, Nestor 2.

Referee: Mr. J. C. Clapham (Wigan).

Attendance 1,100.

Receipts £108.

OLDHAM v. WHITEHAVEN

December 21st, 1957. R.L. Home. Won 28-12.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Kellett, Davies, Etty; Nestor, Pitchford; Rowbottom, Keith, Jackson, Little, Dufty, Turner.

Whitehaven—McKeown; King, McMenemy, Morgan, Stephenson; Garret, Banks; McAlone, Short, Hycinca, Close, Tembey, Robinson.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (8): Ganley 8. Tries (4): Pitchford 1, Davies 1, Kellett 1, Cracknell 1.

Whitehaven Scorers—Goals (3): McKeown 3. Tries (2): Stephenson 1, Banks 1.

Referee: Mr. G. Wilson (Dewsbury).

Attendance 10,000.

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OLDHAM v. SWINTON

December 25th, 1957. R.L. Home. Lost 9-15.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Kellett, Davies, Etty; Nestor, Pitchford; Rowbottom, Keith, Jackson, Little, Dufty, Daley.

Swinton—Robson; Berry, Critchley, Parkinson, Doughty; Worsley, Gowers; Lamb, T. Roberts, Roberts, Smith, Norburn, Hope.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (3): Ganley 3. Tries (1): Jackson 1.

Swinton Scorers—Goals (3): Robson 3. Tries (3): Smith 1, Doughty 1, Berry 1.

Referee Mr. J. Manley (Warrington).

Attendance 9,500.

HULL v. OLDHAM

December 26th, 1957. R.L. Away. Lost 12-5.

Hull—Bateson; Watts, Dannett, Saville, Harrison; Turner, Finn; Scott, Harris, J. Drake, Sykes, W. Drake, Whiteley.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Nestor, Davies, Etty; Daley, Laverty; Rowbottom, Keith, Jackson, Little, Lomas, Turner.

Hull Scorers—Goals (0). Tries (4): Harrison 1, J. Drake 1, Whiteley 1, Watts 1.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (1): Ganley 1. Tries (1): Etty 1.

Referee: Mr. T. W. Watkinson (Manchester). Attendance 26,000.

Receipts £2,500. Season's Record at Hull.

WARRINGTON v. OLDHAM

December 28th, 1957. R.L. Away. Won 14-15.

Warrington—Fraser; Bevan, Challinor, Horton, Herbert; Edwards, Parkinson; Gallagher, Wright, Gaskell, Thompson, Ryan, Heathwood.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Nestor, Noon, Etty; Daley, Stirrup; Rowbottom, Keith, Jackson, Little, Lomas, Turner.

Warrington Scorers—Goals (4): Fraser 4. Tries (2): Gallagher 1, Bevan 1.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (6): Ganley 6. Tries (1): Etty 1.

Referee: Mr. A. E. Durkin (Dewsbury). Attendance 16,000.

Receipts £1,515.

OLDHAM v. LEEDS

January 4th, 1958. R.L. Home. Won 17-10.

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

Leeds—Dunn; Hemmingway, Whitehead, Jones, Garside; Stevenson, Pratt; Dodds, Simms, Robinson, Tomlinson, Dick, Ward.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (4): Ganley 4. Tries (3): Nestor 1, Ganley 1, Cracknell 1.

Leeds Scorers—Goals (2): Jones 2. Tries (2): Hemmingway 1, Garside 1.

Referee: Mr. R. Gelder (Wakefield).

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January 11th, 1958. R.L. Home. Won 24-5.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Ayres, Davies, Eddy; Daley, Pitchford; Rowbottom, Keith, Vines, Little, Winslade, Turner.
Barrow— Ball; Hinchley, Jackson, Skeels, Castle; Horne, Davies; Armstrong, McIntyre, Wilson, Grundy, Parker, Goodwin.
Oldham Scorers—Goals (3): Ganley 3. Tries (6): Little 1, Davies 2, Eddy 1, Cracknell 1, Daley 1.
Barrow Scorers—Goals (1): Ball 1. Tries (1): McIntyre 1.
Referee: Mr. M. Coates (Pudsey). Attendance 13,585.

WIDNES v. OLDHAM

January 18th, 1958. R.L. Away. Won 2-12.

Widnes—Wright; Ratcliffe, Broome, Thompson, Dawson; Myler, J. Smith; T. Smith, Kemel, Bate, Dewitt, D. Smith, Galligan.
Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Ayres, Davies, Eddy; Daley, Pitchford; Rowbottom, Keith, Vines, Little, Winslade, Turner.
Widnes Scorers—Goals (1): Dawson 1.
Oldham Scorers—Goals (3): Ganley 3. Tries (2): Cracknell 2.
Referee: Mr. C. F. Appleton (Warrington). Attendance 5,800.

WIGAN v. OLDHAM

February 1st, 1958. R.L. Away. Won 6-9.

Wigan—Cunliffe; Boston, Ashton, Sullivan, O'Grady; McGurrin, Bolton; Bretherton, Sayer, McTigue, Cherrington, Collier, Evans.
Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Ayres, Davies, Eddy; Daley, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Vines, Winslade, Little, Turner.
Wigan Scorers—Goals (3): Cunliffe 3.
Oldham Scorers—Goals (3): Ganley 3. Tries (1): Little 1.
Referee: Mr. T. W. Watkinson (Manchester). Attendance 30,764.
Receipts £3,069.

OLDHAM v. HULL K.R.

February 8th, 1958. 1st Round Challenge Cup. Home. Won 23-6.

Oldham—Ganley; Nestor, Ayres, Davies, Eddy; Daley, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Vines, Little, Winslade, Turner.
Hull K.R.—Kellett; Scholes, Mageen, Coulson, Shaw; Key, Evans; Grice, Brookfield, Coverdale, Holland, Sims, Griffith.
Oldham Scorers—Goals (4): Ganley 4. Tries (5): Nestor 2, Pitchford 2, Little 1.
Hull K.R. Scorers—Goals (3): Kellett 3.
Referee: Mr. G. W. Wilson (Dewsbury). Attendance 13,017.

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ST. HELENS v. OLDHAM

February 15th, 1958. R.L. Away. Lost 5-4.

ST. HELENS—Moses; Vollenhoven, Greenall, Large, Llewellyn;
Howard, Murphy; Prescott, McKinney, Terry, Briggs, Silcock,
Karalius.

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

St. Helens Scorers—Goals (1): Large 1. Tries (1): Murphy 1.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (2): Ganley 2.

Referee: Mr. R. Gelder (Wakefield).

Attendance 28,000.

Receipts £2,745.

BLACKPOOL B. v. OLDHAM

February 22nd, 1958. 2nd Round Challenge Cup. Away. Won 5-12.

Blackpool—Lowe; Emmitt, Wood, Fearis, Morgan; Brennan, Dunn;
Wright, Mundy, Grundy, Standish, Walsh, Healey.

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

Blackpool Scorers—Goals (1): Fearis 1. Tries (1): Brennan 1.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (3): Ganley 3. Tries (2): Ayres 1,
Cracknell 1.

Referee: Mr. E. Clay (Leeds).

Attendance 5,000.

OLDHAM v. BLACKPOOL

March 1st, 1958. R.L. Home. Won 21-11.

Oldham—Stirrup; Cracknell, Ayres, Noon, Eddy; Nestor, Pitchford;
Rowbottom, Carruthers, Vines, Winslade, Dufty, Daley.

Blackpool—Lowe; Emmitt, Wood, Fearis, Foden; Brennan, Dunn;
Wright, Mundy, Grundy, Walsh, Standish, Healey.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (3): Noon 3. Tries (5): Nestor 1, Crack-
nell 3, Vines 1.

Blackpool Scorers—Goals (1): Fearis 1. Tries (3): Brennan 1,
Fearis 2.

Referee: Mr. H. Harrison (Horbury).

Attendance 11,063.

OLDHAM v. WIGAN

March 8th, 1958. 3rd Round Challenge Cup. Home. Lost 0-8.

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

Wigan—Cunliffe; Boston, Ashton, Ashcroft, Sullivan; Bolton, Thomas;
Barton, Sayer, McTigue, Cherrington, Collier, Evans.

Oldham Scorers—

Wigan Scorers—Goals (1): Cunliffe 1. Tries (2): McTigue,
Boston 1.

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WHITEHAVEN v. OLDHAM

March 15th, 1958. R.L. Away. Won 11-13.

Whitehaven—McKeown; Smith, Shepherd, McMenemy, King; Garratt, Banks; McAlone, McKinnell, Vincent, Hycinca, Temby, Short.
Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Ayres, Noon, Eddy; Kellett, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, McKeown, Little, Dufty, Turner.
Whitehaven Scorers—Goals (4): McKeown 4. Tries (1): King 1.
Oldham Scorers—Goals (2): Ganley 2. Tries (3): Pitchford 1, Ayres 1, Little 1.
Referee: Mr. J. H. Chadwick (Batley). Attendance 5,000

OLDHAM v. ROCHDALE

March 22nd, 1958. R.L. Home. Won 27-0

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Nestor, Ayres, Eddy; Kellett, Pitchford; Jackson, Carruthers, McKeown, Winslade, Little, Turner.
Rochdale—Cahill; Buxton, Jones, Lawrenson, Corsi; Chisnall, Sheridan; Livesey, Gill, Scholes, Parsons, Bailey, Horrocks.
Oldham Scorers—Goals (6): Ganley 6. Tries (5): Cracknell 1, Eddy 2, Turner 1, Pitchford 1.
Rochdale Scorers—
Referee: Mr. G. Wilson (Dewsbury). Attendance 11,693.

OLDHAM v. WIDNES

March 25th, 1957. R.L. Home. Won 17-15.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Noon, Ayres, Eddy; Kellett, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, McKeown, Daley, Winslade, Turner.
Widnes—Wright; Dawson, Broome, Thompson, Ratcliffe; Myler, J. Smith; T. Smith, Kemel, Bate, D. Smith, DeWitt, Major.
Oldham Scorers—Goals (4): Ganley 4. Tries (3): Eddy 1, Ayres 1, Ganley 1.
Widnes Scorers—Goals (3): Dawson 3. Tries (3): Myler 2, Ratcliffe 1.
Referee: Mr. T. W. Watkinson (Pendlebury). Attendance 6,083.

SWINTON v. OLDHAM

April 4th, 1958. R.L. Away. Won 18-28.

Swinton—Robinson; Worsley, Mather, Parkinson, Doughty; Blan, Cartwright; McGowan, Roberts, Lamb, Smith, Norburn, Haynes.
Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Nestor, Davies, Eddy; Kellett, Pitchford; Jackson, Carruthers, Dufty, Winslade, Little, Turner.
Swinton Scorers—Goals (3): Blan 3. Tries (4): Norburn 1, Parkinson 1, Roberts 1, Mather 1.
Oldham Scorers—Goals (8): Ganley 8. Tries (4): Nestor 2, Davies 1, Jackson 1.
Referee: Mr. R. Gelder (Wakefield). Attendance 12,000.
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OLDHAM v. WIGAN

April 5th, 1958. R.L. Home. Won 19-7.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Nestor, Davies, Eddy; Kellett, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Dufty, Winslade, Little, Turner.

Wigan—Cunliffe; O'Grady, Boston, Ashcroft, Sullivan; Bolton, Thomas; Barton, Sayer, McTigue, Cherrington, Collier, Griffin.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (5): Ganley 5. Tries (3): Pitchford 1, Kellett 2.

Wigan Scorers—Goals (2): Cunliffe 2. Tries (1): Sullivan 1.

Referee: Mr. T. W. Watkinson (Pendlebury). Attendance 15,031.

OLDHAM v. HUDDERSFIELD

April 7th, 1958. R.L. Home. Won 27-3.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Ayres, Davies, Nestor; Kellett, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Dufty, Winslade, Little, Turner.

Huddersfield—Dyson; Breen, Plunkett, Kilroy, Barrow; Cecil, Smales; Heap, Wood, Killen, Fairbank, Bowman, Thornley.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (3): Ganley 3. Tries (7): Pitchford 2, Cracknell 2, Little 2, Nestor 1.

Huddersfield Scorers—Goals ——— Try (1): Barrow 1.

Referee: Mr. G. Wilson (Dewsbury). Attendance 14,645.

OLDHAM v. HUNSLET

April 12th, 1958. R.L. Home. Won 38-13.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Ayres, Davies, Eddy; Kellett, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Dufty, Winslade, Little, Turner.

Hunslet—Langton; Byrom, Preece, Walker, Colin; Gabbittas, Tate; Hatfield, Smith, Rhodes, Shaw, Platt, Gunney.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (7): Ganley 7. Tries (8): Davies 2, Ayres 1, Eddy 2, Keith 1, Turner 1, Dufty 1.

Hunslet Scorers—Goals (2): Langton 2. Tries (3): Tate 1, Gabbittas 1, Colin 1.

Referee: Mr. H. Harrison (Horbury). Attendance 13,602.

OLDHAM v. HULL

April 16th, 1958. R.L. Home. Won 43-9.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Ayres, Davies, Eddy; Kellett, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Dufty, Winslade, Little, Turner.

Hull—Bateson; Watts, Cooper, Saville, Harrison; Broadhurst, Finn; Scott, Harris, Hamblin, Sykes, W. Drake, Whiteley.

Oldham Scorers—Goals (8): Ganley 8. Tries (9): Cracknell 1, Eddy 1, Pitchford 1, Davies 1, Little 1, Ayres 1, Turner 1, Keith 2.

Hull Scorers—Goals (3): Bateson 3. Tries (1): Sykes 1.

Referee: Mr. E. Clay (Rothwell). Attendance 14,008.

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April 19th, 1958. R.L. Away. Won 11-26.

Leeds—Dunn; Hemingway, McLellan, Jones, Broughton; Brown, Stevenson; Skelton, Prior, Tomlinson, Robinson, Ward, Whitehead.
Oldham—Nestor; Cracknell, Ayres, Davies, Eddy; Kellett, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Dufty, Winslade, Little, Turner.
Leeds Scorers—Goals (1): Jones 1. Tries (3): Broughton 1, Robinson 1, Tomlinson 1.
Oldham Scorers—Goals (4): Cracknell 4. Tries (6): Pitchford 2, Davies 1, Jackson 1, Nestor 1, Turner 1.
Referee: Mr. C. F. Appleton (Warrington). Attendance 21,000.
Receipts £2,129.

OLDHAM v. WORKINGTON

April 26th, 1958. R.L. Home. Won 10-8.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Ayres, Davies, Eddy; Kellett, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Dufty, Winslade, Little, Turner.
Workington—McAvoy; Southward, Stephenson, McDowell, Baxter; Archer, Roper, Edgar, Eden, Key, Stamper, Thompson, Eve.
Oldham Scorers—Goals (2): Ganley 2. Tries (2): Dufty 1, Jackson 1.
Workington Scorers—Goals (1): Southward 1. Tries (2): Southward 1, Roper 1.
Referee: Mr. G. Scott (Leeds). Attendance 14,682.

OLDHAM v. HULL

May 3rd, 1958. Championship Semi-Final. Home. Lost 8-20.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Ayres, Davies, Eddy; Kellett, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Dufty, Winslade, Little, Turner.
Hull—Bateson; Watts, Cooper, Saville, Dannatt; Broadhurst, Finn; Scott, Harris, Hambling, Sykes, Drake W., Whiteley.
Oldham Scorers—Goals (1): Ganley 1. Tries (2): Dufty 1, Ayres 1.
Hull Scorers—Goals (4): Bateson 4. Tries (4): Watts 1, Cooper 1, Drake 1, Sykes 1.
Referee: Mr. M. Coates (Pudsey). Attendance 21,000.

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(Further extract from O.F.C. Secretary's Report)

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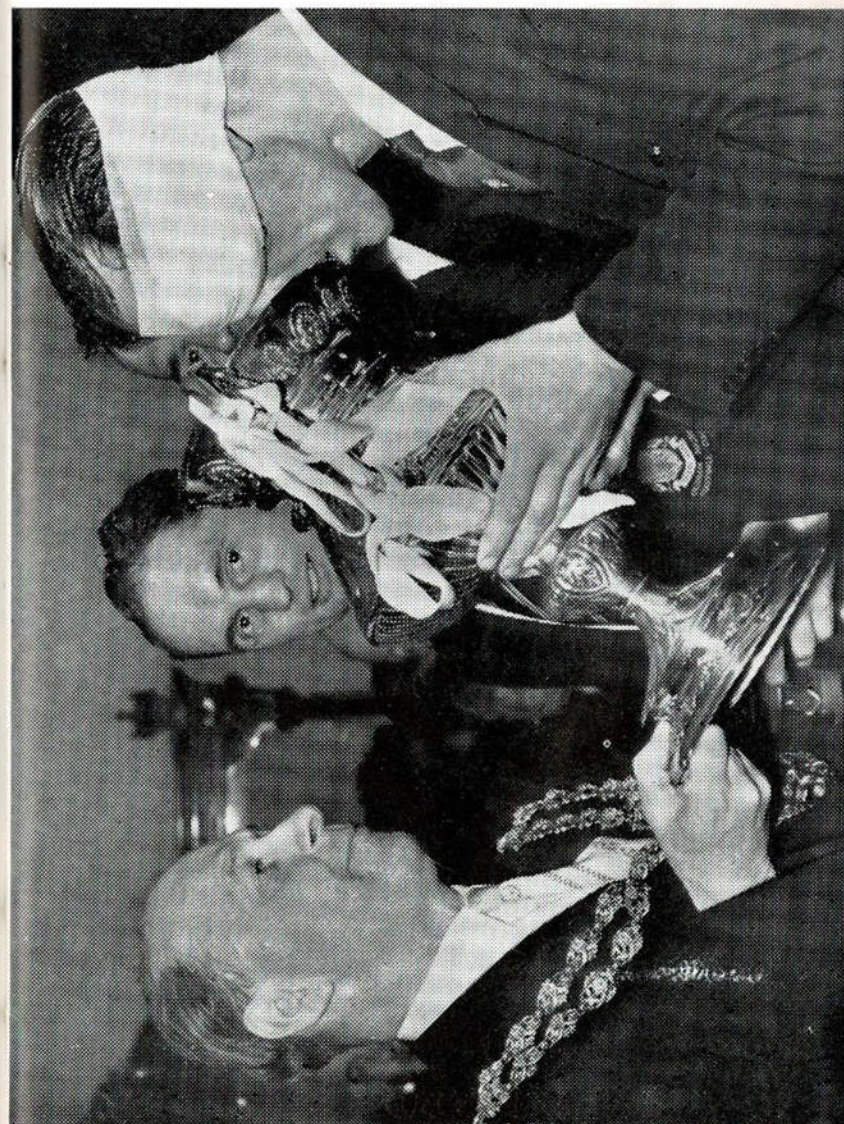
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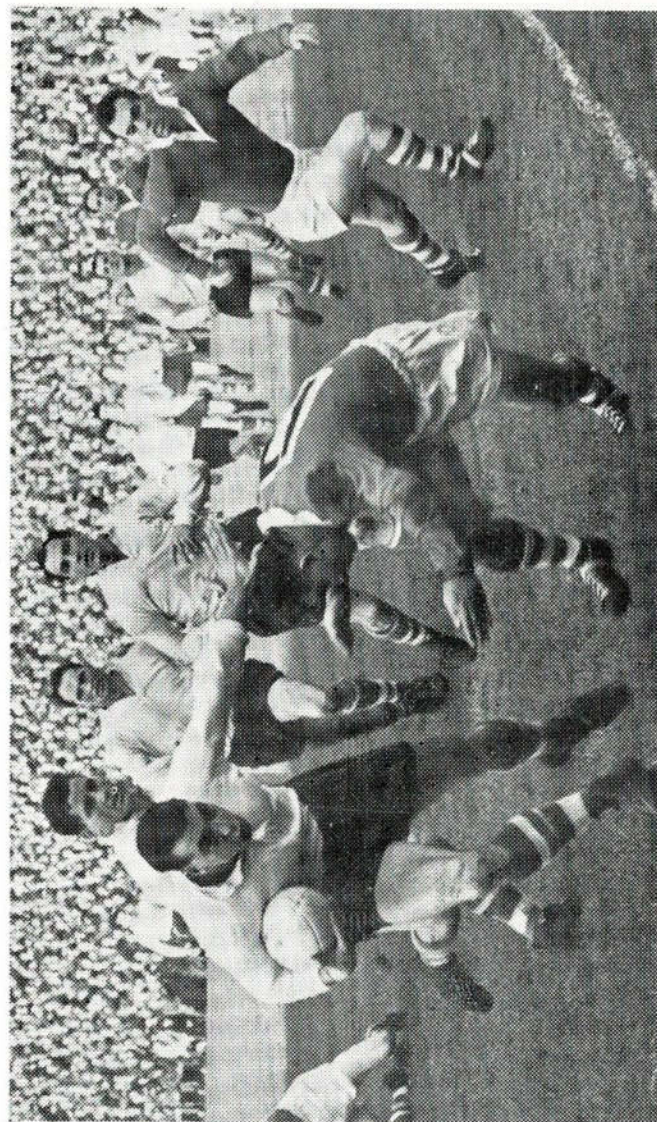
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Yet another season Oldham have been the big talking point of Rugby League. They earned the same praise, writers poured out the same superlatives — but far from getting more trophies, they couldn't even keep the ones they won the season before.

Once again this was to be Wembley year. Oh, how everyone was so sure and even the most luke-warm fans wrote off for tickets to sit around the precious turf and watch Oldham.

But there was no Wembley . . . again. It was swallowed up by a combination of mud and Wigan power that left Oldham breathless, broken and beaten.

If some people went home that tragic afternoon in March and said: "What the hell's the use of good rugby when nobody wants to play with you?" — you just cannot blame them.

Oldham's clear cut policy of speed play, open play and attractive play never got a chance to materialise in the Challenge Cup and it was just as absent in the semi-final of the League Championship play-off.

But while I am ready and willing to place some of the blame on a system where teams can still win without even trying to play the game to the book — and in memory of the bright legislators of yesteryear, I will not totally exonerate them on that count.

There was more to those defeats. Oldham were not a fit team and far from matching robust tactics, they couldn't produce their well known football ideas that break opponents.

I fear that in the back room at Watersheddings there tends to be a star complex. Too few chances are given to unknown lads. There is a quiet fear of team changes.

There are so many powerful names at Oldham — names that ring round the Rugby League and cause gasps of admiration. But even the most powerful name is nothing with a pulled muscle to worry about.

But take away those two disappointing matches and you have left an Oldham side that without one shadow of doubt has thrilled crowds up and down the North. We can find fault in our lads, but in the words of club president, Bill Howard: "They did us proud."

Despite so many set-backs the game at Watersheddings stayed open and the policy of fast ball-moving play was persisted with. Closing up the game for safety sake was never the policy — even when it should have been.

Find of the season must surely have been 19 year-old Alan Kellett. He hit the team like a storm and I am sure we have still to see the best of this former Huddersfield junior.

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What a memorable season for Bernard Ganley — with good and bad memories. The memory of setting up a new World Record and the bitter recollection of playing three times in succession for Great Britain and then missing the tour.

It's been quite a year for big local lad Ken Jackson. He was almost unknown when the season started, but nine months later he was an international star.

Derek Turner provides the disappointment of the season. A great run with justifiable international honours including a place on the tour came his way. But so did a spinal injury — and Derek missed the trip to Australia.

Perhaps then a bitter-sweet season for Oldham as a club . . . a team . . . and individually. The big problem is what about this season?

It is having a difficult start. Three of the club's stars are in Australia — and they are not the only three of Oldham's problems. But all problems can be surmounted and although there may be some early disappointments, I think Oldham will retain their reputation.

W.D.



The Mayor addressing the crowd on the occasion of the Lancashire Cup Final

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Pitchford tries to break through the Barrow defence chased by Grundy and watched by Castle (right) in the game against Barrow which Oldham won 24 - 5

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The last time Alan Davies (left) and Phil Jackson met they were playing together, but when they lined up 11th January, 1958, they were on opposite sides. Oldham won 24 - 5 and in so doing Davies completely "buried" his international partner from Barrow

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1958									
Aug.	9—	Rochdale Hornets	(Charity Cup)	...	...	...	...	...	Away
	16—	Halifax	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
	19—	Blackpool Borough	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
	23—	Wakefield Trinity	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
	30—	Whitehaven	(Lancashire Cup)	...	...	...	...	...	Home
Sept.	2—	Workington Town	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
	6—	Halifax	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
	13—	Wakefield Trinity	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
	20—	Rochdale Hornets	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
	27—	Blackpool Borough	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
Oct.	4—	Warrington	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
	11—	Rochdale Hornets	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
	18—	Liverpool City	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
	25—	Hunslet	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
Nov.	1—	Featherstone Rovers	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
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	15—	Salford	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
	22—	Leeds	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
	29—	Wigan	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
Dec.	6—	Widnes	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
	13—	Workington Town	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
	20—	Wigan	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
	25—	Swinton	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
	26—	Hunslet	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
	27—	St. Helens	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
1959									
Jan.	3—	Leigh	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
	10—	Barrow	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
	17—	St. Helens	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
	24—	Salford	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
	31—	Leeds	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
Feb.	7—	Warrington	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
	14—	Leigh	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
	21—	R.L. Cup	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
	28—	Whitehaven	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
Mar.	7—	R.L. Cup	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
	14—	Hull	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
	21—	Barrow	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
	27—	Swinton (Good Friday)	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
	28—	Easter Saturday	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
	30—	Hull (Easter Monday)	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
Apr.	4—	Liverpool City	...	...	...	...	...	...	Home
	11—	Widnes	...	...	...	...	...	...	Away
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Whit Monday, 11.30 a.m.

Dear Oldham fans,

I take great pleasure in dropping a line to all Watersheddings supporters on Whit Monday. It will be 11.30 a.m. in Oldham in 9 hours time, and it is difficult for us in the Great Britain camp to realise that many of you will soon be sunning yourselves at Blackpool, Southport, Morecambe and other English resorts, and driving around the lovely green English countryside — if the weather is as good with you as it is with us. Because here in Australia this is not a public holiday. When he came downstairs this a.m. with his training kit under his arm, I said to Ken Jackson, "No training today, Ken, it's Whit Monday." He looked at me in bewilderment and replied, "Crickey, is it really." But, of course, training is on, at this very moment, on spacious Sydney Cricket Ground, which is only 200 yards from this hotel. Sydney Cricket Ground, and all that it means to this tour dominates the panoramic view from our hotel. My impression is that it is a businesslike view, one that will keep the boys mindful of the important matches that lie ahead. How different it is from our World Cup hotel last Summer. Out at Vancluse we had a delightful view of the harbour, and always there was the sweet nostalgic scent of the lovely red Poinsettia blooms in that lovely Sydney suburb. But now that Ashes Cup, kindly presented by Sydney City Tattersall's Club, is at stake and coach Jim Brough means business. Mention of trophies probably brings a touch of sadness to Oldham fans. That Wigan cup-tie and the Hull top-four debacle must still be well in mind. But if it is any consolation to you, I can tell you that I "rollocked" our taxi-driver, only last evening when we got in from Newcastle. He was obviously a football fan, and he suggested that Sydney's crack club, St. George's, might beat Great Britain if pitted against us en bloc in a Test. My rejoinder was, "Aye, and Oldham would, not might, slaughter St. George." I was thinking of that sweet moving Oldham passing machine which has thrilled so many North of England Rugby Leaguers in the last few seasons. How could I forget when I saw Alan Davies' devouring stride and Frank Pitchford's uncanny pace on Newcastle Sports Ground only a couple of days ago. The boys are settling down well now. The three-man Oldham contingent are all in the same bedroom — Frank Pitchford, with his quiet likeable demeanour, stolid and friendly Ken Jackson, and that walkie-talkie champion of this or any other team, Davies, A., who has the honour of Great Britain captaincy at Tamworth on Wednesday. When I told them I was writing to you all, they unanimously sent their best wishes

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Yours truly,

PHIL KING ("The People")

William Bernard Ganley

by T.R.W. (Aged 12)

—
Bernard was born at Leigh in 1928 and is the only son of W. H. (Bert) Ganley who played for Huddersfield, Leigh and Leeds.

He started playing Rugby League for his school at the age of nine and Leigh St. Joseph's can be proud of their product. He next went to Leigh Grammar School where he played soccer.

He joined the Lancashire Fusiliers on leaving school and served in Austria. He later became a sergeant in the Intelligence Corps. When he was demobbed he entered Manchester University where he graduated as a Bachelor of Arts (Economics). Meanwhile he played for Leigh Spinners and had three trials with Leigh as a centre and out-half.

He joined Oldham on the fourteenth of August, 1950, as an amateur and signed professional forms exactly one year later. He plays cricket for Ashton in the Central Lancashire League as a fast right arm bowler and an aggressive batsman. He had trials with Lancashire and opened the bowling with Frank Tyson.

Bernard has played three times for Great Britain and twice for Lancashire. He is five feet eight and a half inches tall and weighs twelve stones seven pounds.

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Bernard Ganley Reaches 2,000 points

by BILL WEBB

In season 1950-51 Bernard Ganley kicked 6 goals, not such an enterprising start to an illustrious career. The following season his total was 106, which analysed as follows : 92 league goals, 11 cup goals (Rugby League and Lancashire Cups), 3 against tourists.

Season 1952-53 brought a grand total of 147 goals to Bernard although seven of these were kicked in friendlies. He kicked 124 league goals, 14 cup goals and two goals against the tourists who that year were the Australians with whom Oldham drew seven points each. Also during that season Bernard scored 2 tries.

The next year brought Bernard 14 friendly match goals, including 5 against Leigh at Blackpool, 93 league goals and 27 cup goals — a total of 134 goals. In the following season, however, Bernard was hampered by injury and his grand total was 93 goals and 1 try. In that total were 66 league goals, 18 cup goals, 4 Law Cup goals, and 5 goals for Lancashire. Playing for the county against Cumberland, Bernard scored 3 goals and he also scored 2 against Yorkshire.

Season 1955-56 produced 75 goals for Bernard, 64 league goals, 7 cup goals and 4 Law Cup goals, also 1 try against Barrow. In the next season Bernard scored 194 goals and 2 tries. This total would have been even greater but for injury. The analysis showed 169 league goals, including 4 versus Leeds in the championship semi-final and 3 at Odsal in the final, 14 cup goals, 6 goals for Oldham against Australia and 5 in the Law Cup against Rochdale Hornets.

However there were greater events to follow — to the tune of 224 goals, an almost incredible total, seemingly impassible, but one which should be broken soon by Bernard himself. This record was created last year in the 1957-58 season. Bernard's record was 168 league, 32 cup, 19 for Great Britain and 5 Law Cup.

Bernard's career record is 979 goals, which includes 39 in friendly games. He has also scored 14 tries. **THUS HE HAS SCORED EXACTLY 2,000 POINTS DURING HIS CAREER.**

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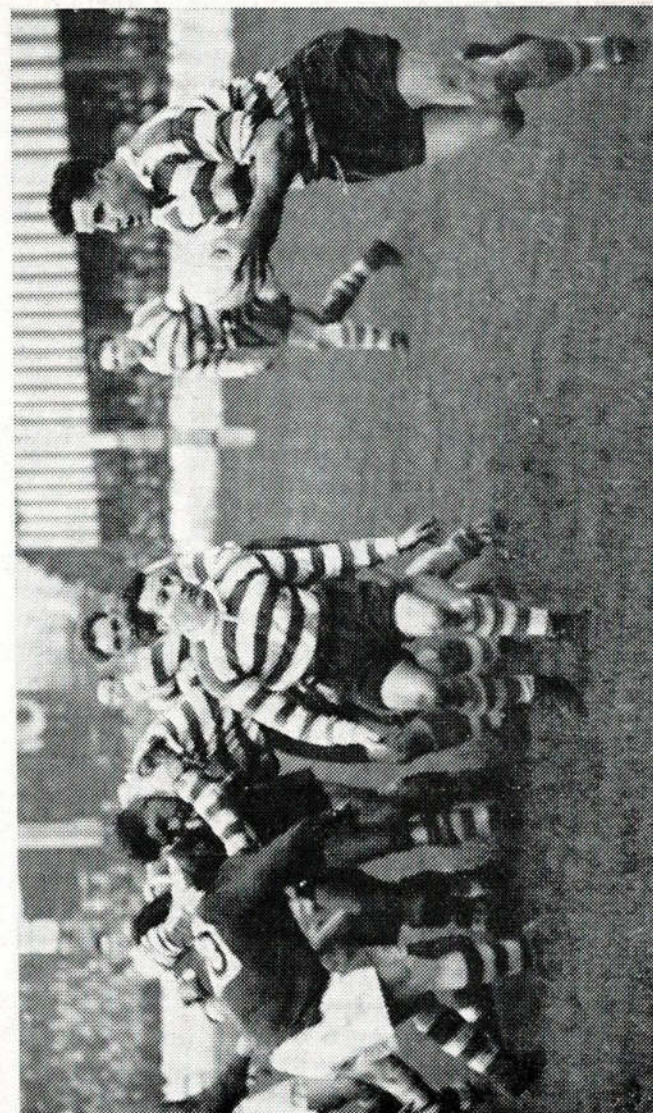
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Article

by HARRY SUNDERLAND

Where do we go in making progress for Rugby League in this coming season of 1958 and 1959? No overseas teams grace our playing fields.

And the Frenchmen, on their showing of last season, do not look like creating more than ordinary interest. The Australian Kangaroos do not come until a season later, and the present officials of the code do not look like attempting anything unusual in propaganda games outside the Northern Counties.

On top of all this both the Council and the Northern League have rejected proposals for (1) a new play-the-ball system and (2) a highly competitive two division scheme.

Thus it will be left to the club players, and the referees, to try to reveal an attractive and enterprising system of play that will rouse the interest of club supporters to the highest possible level.

Who can bring something new in tactics, and develop a system of play that will defeat the modern style of "spotting" and dour play that is so nauseating?

When I had been through four English tours with the Kangaroos of 1921, 1929, 1933 and 1937, and been associated with so many great teams that had played open football, the Wigan club decided to invite me to come and take charge of their team. I did not seek this invitation — at first I declined the offer.

That was twenty years ago. Wigan repeated their offer when I got back to Australia, and eventually I came to Lancashire. But fate decreed that all top class football should be halted before I had been here a year. The outbreak of war in September, 1939, stopped regular games.

Wigan paid all players off and gave me my fare back to Australia. I did not go. I wanted to see England face up to the crisis. I stayed here, and I have never regretted it.

After some service for the Forces I came back into journalism and broadcasting. It has been enjoyable, and I have been around the entire Rugby League territory with every touring Kiwi and Kangaroo team since the war. Over ten years ago Hunslet offered

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me the job to take charge of Parkside — but journalism and broadcasting was too lucrative for me to cast it aside and risk things with Hunslet.

Since then I have had every opportunity to see the ebb and flow of Rugby League status. I saw the late John Wilson vacate the League Secretaryship after 25 years of service, and this modern product of Cambridge University (Mr. William Fallowfield) reveal his capacity for the job.

I have seen our code rise to the heights of drawing 96,000 spectators to a Wembley final and then drift back to last season's attendance of 66,000. Why the decline?

Obviously I have my own views about things that seem to be lacking. But let's avoid going into them in detail.

The one big need that I can see is for the development of the Youth movement, and an opportunity given to the 'teenage lads to play on good grounds with the best possible dressing and bath facilities.

Would the creation of a Sunday Rugby Football League give a chance to cater for these youths? Would games of 30 minutes each way (two matches on each good ground on one afternoon) give playing opportunity to over 1,500 boys every Sunday afternoon?

Quite recently, at the annual banquet of the National Federation of Supporters, I gave 40 delegates present a ballot paper on which they could record a vote of "Yes" or "No" on Sunday football for amateur youths. When the votes were counted they revealed 36 "for" and only four "against." That was a very impressive expression of public opinion. Will something develop from it?

In concluding, may I express the view that the Rugby League is very sound and solvent. Most of the clubs like Leeds, Oldham, Wigan, Hull, Warrington, St. Helens, Swinton, Salford and Workington own their own grounds. Clubs like Huddersfield and Bradford Northern possess good agreements from their local Councils for their grounds. It would take more than a million to provide their like again.

On top of that, the recent annual meetings of the League at H.Q. in Leeds showed, on the balance sheets, that the Council has accumulated assets of over £50,000, the Playing Fields Fund over £41,000, and the Northern League over £13,000 — an accumulated surplus in all the League funds of well over £100,000. Some of this, of course, is tied up in bonds, or loans to aid clubs, or grounds for juniors, but it is all "good asset." It reveals solvency and solidity — even if we are not "alive" in Wales or London, but confined to Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cumberland.

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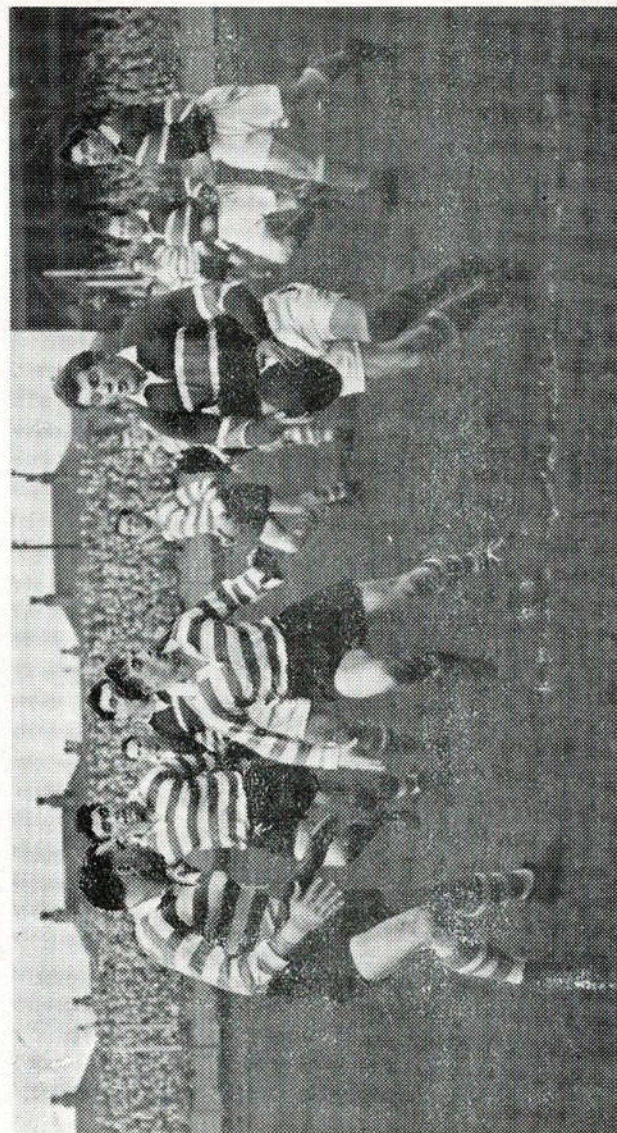
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	17—Halifax	Home	W	21—11
	22—Barrow	Away	W	27—10
	24—Wakefield Trinity	Away	D	12—12
	26—St. Helens	Home	L	7—21
	31—Barrow (Lancs. Cup 1st Rd.)	Home	W	44—10
Sept.	2—Huddersfield	Away	W	38—12
	7—Halifax	Away	W	19—15
	10—Warrington (Lancs. Cup 2nd Rd.)	Home	W	18—12
	14—Warrington	Home	W	17—15
	21—Leigh	Home	W	23—5
	28—Workington	Away	W	24—13
Oct.	2—St. Helens (Lancs. Cup S.F.)	Away	W	29—9
	12—Rochdale Hornets	Away	W	29—21
	19—Wigan (Lancs. Cup Final at Swinton)	W	13—8	
	26—Blackpool	Away	W	34—5
Nov.	2—Wakefield Trinity	Home	W	23—12
	9—Salford	Away	W	14—5
	16—Liverpool	Home	W	28—12
	23—Leigh	Away	W	24—14
	30—Salford	Home	W	34—12
Dec.	7—Hunslet	Away	W	22—20
	14—Liverpool	Away	W	15—11
	21—Whitehaven	Home	W	28—12
	25—Swinton	Home	L	9—15
	26—Hull	Away	L	5—12
	28—Warrington	Away	W	15—14
1958				
Jan.	4—Leeds	Home	W	17—10
	11—Barrow	Home	W	24—5
	18—Widnes	Away	W	12—2
Feb.	1—Wigan	Away	W	9—6
	8—Hull K.R. (1st Rd. R.L. Challenge Cup)	Home	W	23—6
	15—St. Helens	Away	L	4—5
	22—Blackpool Borough (2nd Rd. R.L. Challenge Cup)	Away	W	12—5
Mar.	1—Blackpool Borough	Home	W	21—11
	8—Wigan (3rd Rd. R.L. Challenge Cup)	Home	L	0—8
	15—Whitehaven	Away	W	13—11
	22—Rochdale	Home	W	27—0
	25—Widnes	Home	W	17—15
Apr.	4—Swinton	Away	W	28—18
	5—Wigan	Home	W	19—7
	7—Huddersfield	Home	W	27—3
	12—Hunslet	Home	W	38—13
	16—Hull	Home	W	43—9
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Nestor	...	...	32	—	19
Etty	...	...	43	—	17
Moat	...	...	7	—	3
Pitchford	...	...	43	—	16
Jackson	...	...	40	—	7
Keith	...	...	41	—	12
Vines	...	...	25	—	1
Little	...	...	39	—	14
Dufty	...	...	17	—	2
Turner	...	...	40	—	13
Stirrup	...	...	9	—	—
Jarman	...	...	9	—	1
Daley	...	...	23	—	1
Noon	...	...	19	13	10
Rowbottom	...	...	13	—	—
Carruthers	...	...	5	—	—
Winslade	...	...	32	—	3
Davies	...	...	26	—	19
Kellett	...	...	14	—	3
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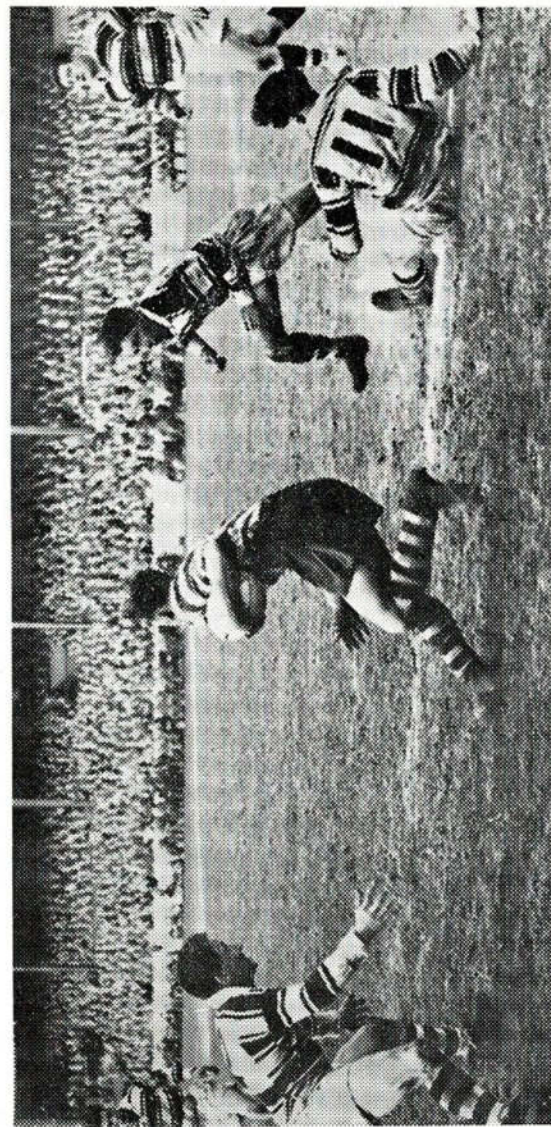
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The sixteen players were named and trained at Watersheddings under the supervision of Mr. E. Watkins. The Oldham Club benefited from these "Colts," securing Harry Ogden, Jack Taylor, Frank Wilkinson, Arthur Ogden and Billy Flanagan. Another of the "Colts," Billy Webb, signed for Halifax and at the present time his experience has helped Royton Junior Club to attain their high standard.

Looking back over the years since 1921 some grand players have made the grade. Billy Bush (Higginshaw) signed for Huddersfield, being one of the first players from the League to make the Senior Grade. After him came players like Sammy Bardsley (Salem Hornets, Oldham and Lancs. County), Wilf Whitworth (Wakefield), Edgar Brooks (Oldham and England), Billy Mitchell (Oldham) — all the above "Colts" players. Laurie Platt (Oldham), Reg. Bailey (Oldham), Jerry Wilde (Rochdale), Brian Heap (Austerlands and Huddersfield), Roy Smith (Austerlands and Huddersfield), Stan McCormick (Hey St. Johns, Belle Vue and England), Terry O'Grady (St. Mary's, Oldham and England), Des McKeown (St. Patrick's and Oldham), John O'Brien (St. Mary's and Oldham), Allan Taylor (St. Mary's and Rochdale), Ken Jackson (Oldham and England), George Kershaw and Harold Kershaw (Beever Street, Wigan and Oldham), Louis Lavery (Ex-Schoolboys and Oldham), Ken Payne (Strinesdale and Blackpool). There are numbers of others who have had trials and at present a few of last season's players are training at Watersheddings.

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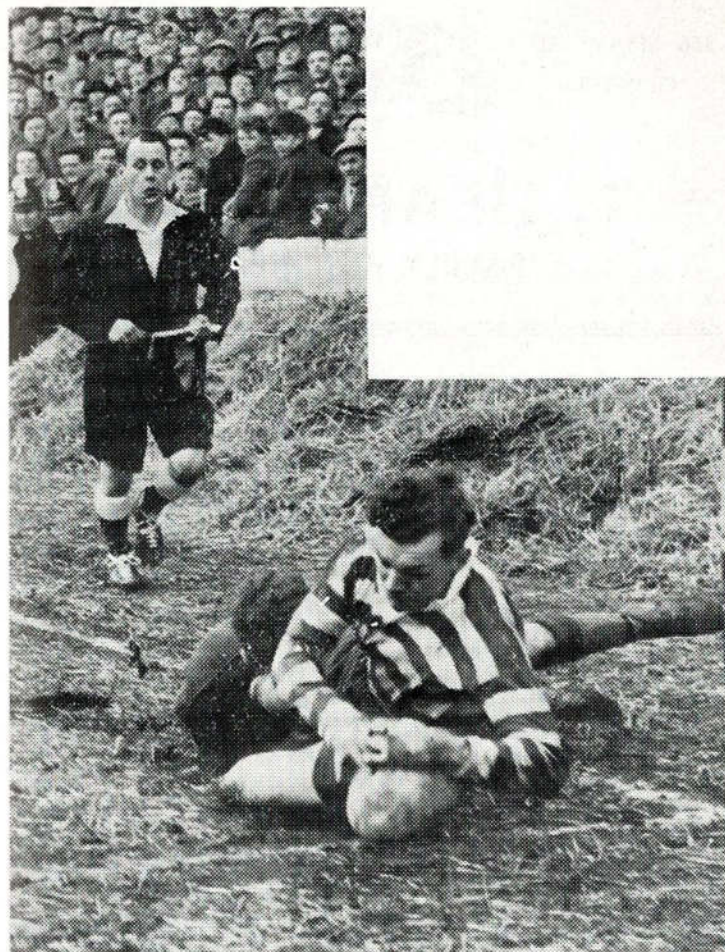
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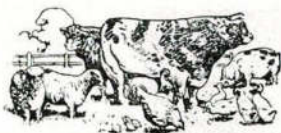
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Etty just manages to score despite a tackle by Bailey — one of the Oldham winger's two tries at Watersheddings. Oldham v. Hornets, 22/3/58

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We on the Amateur side of the game have with the selection of the Rugby League Touring Team a sense of pride and satisfaction. Just a look at the team sheet and one will understand the reason for such pride. It is not very often that a Secretary of an Amateur Club sees one of his former boys hitting the high-lights. Just think of the satisfaction that one of our own Club Secretary's must have had when Ken Jackson was selected for the tour. Mr. N. Pickering, the Secretary of Waterhead R.F.C., is the local man, and he knows of the pride that many other Amateur Club Secretary's must feel.

With the success of our Senior Club it is very difficult for the workers in the Amateur's to bring support to the grounds to witness the fruits of their hard work. May I through this short contribution appeal to all Rugby League supporters to give every assistance possible to the hard working band of men who find and bring out the stars of tomorrow.

I, along with all local Rugby enthusiasts, was very disappointed that our Senior Club did not bring home the trophies that their standard of play warranted. I hope that in the coming season we will continue to see the high standard of play of which Oldham Football Club are known throughout the Rugby League World.

JOHN BURKE

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5. How many other Clubs outside Lancashire and Yorkshire have been members of the Northern League ?

Answers on page 97



Little scores the first of his two tries against Huddersfield

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by TOM WEBB

Reprinted from the "Rugby Leaguer"
(has been printed in full in Australia)

The World Cup at present is confined to the big four, Great Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand. Possibly if we set out to capture the world by making the cup truly international we could make a very brave show. I realise that finance is a difficulty but other sports have to overcome this difficulty and so could we.

If in addition to the big four we were to invite the countries with small Rugby League organisations to enter we could make a very presentable list of nations. Possibly the next but one World Cup will be played in Great Britain and here is the chance that we should take.

We could enter England, Wales and possibly a team of say either Ireland and Scotland combined or teams drawn from those countries. Just as the original New Zealanders were captivated by the idea of making the first tour, surely there are enough adventurous men from Scotland and Ireland willing to make history by being the first to play Rugby League in their respective countries. Then Yugoslavia, Madagascar, Italy and perhaps Spain could swell the ranks, and possibly America and Canada.

Just imagine the effect on the country if we could have the World Cup organised with international games played in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Belfast, Dublin, London, Birmingham, Newcastle, Cardiff, Swansea, Leicester, Derby and elsewhere.

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Certain other countries seeing such a world competition would be seriously tempted to organise the game because the sporting approach is the best way of developing international friendship.

Maybe this idea is no more than a pipe dream, but I sincerely hope that it will commend itself to the Rugby League powers. We sadly need some idea that would bring back the crowds to Rugby League for like soccer our attendances are dropping compared with earlier post war years.

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Centre—I. P. Taylor	24	5 6	10 4
Left Wing—J. Hurst	29	5 8½	12 2
First Reserve—S. Williams	21	5 7½	11 0
Half Backs :—			
A. Lees	23	5 6½	11 12
J. R. Lawton	23	5 6	10 3
Forwards :—			
G. Frater	21	5 9	13 4
E. W. Telfer	22	5 11	12 7
J. Lees	21	5 11	13 13
H. Ellis	21	5 11¾	13 9
H. Broome	30	5 10½	13 8
F. W. Davies	22	5 10	11 10
R. Porter	24	5 10½	12 4
E. Bonser	26	5 10	13 5
J. Moffatt	23	5 9¾	13 5
J. Merrill	27	5 8½	12 2

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Oldham Changed Their Fixtures in 1895-6

by TOM WEBB

When the Northern Union was formed in 1895 the Oldham Football Club had arranged fixtures as a Rugby Union Club and there was quite an ambitious programme.

Among other clubs it was anticipated that Broughton (as distinct from Broughton Rangers), Kendal Hornets, Swinton, Salford, Walkden, Rochdale St. Clements, Swansea, Crompton, Watsonians, Rockcliff and Tudhoe would be met. This was completely upset when the Northern Union was formed and a fresh programme was adopted which gave forty-two games with each Lancashire, Yorkshire and Cheshire club in the Union on a home and away basis.

In spite of the upheaval fixtures were retained with Runcorn, Broughton Rangers, Warrington, Leigh, St. Helens, Rochdale Hornets, Wigan, Tyldesley, Batley and Stockport.

Fixtures were then arranged with Widnes, Halifax, Manningham, Bradford, Huddersfield, Hull, Wakefield Trinity, Leeds, Hunslet, Liversedge, Heckmondwike and Brighouse Rangers.

In the Northern Union League Oldham finished fourth and in the Lancashire League the club was second to Runcorn.

Sam Taylor was the club secretary, and Harry Varley, the old Liversedge, Yorkshire and English R.U. International was the captain.

Oldham's Early Internationals

The first international game to be arranged should have taken place at Watersheddings on New Year's Day, 1904. This was to have been a twelve a side game. Spottiswoode and Ferguson were chosen for England and Phil Thomas and Frater for Other Nationalities.

When the re-arranged game took place Oldham supplied five players — Spottiswoode, Ferguson, Lewis, Frater and D. Thomas. Frater captained Other Nationalities.

Whilst with Oldham, Tom Llewellyn captained Wales and Joe Ferguson captained England. Thus Oldham provided the captain for three international combinations.

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Oldham
Lancs.

Dear Sir,

The committee has instructed me to write you regarding our activities during our first season as members of the Oldham Football Club "Supporters' Club." Considering that we are so far afield from Oldham, and Ashton being such a Soccer stronghold, we feel we have had quite a successful season by enrolling nearly 100 members. This, I am sure, will confirm the hard work carried out by all members of this committee. At the moment they are not all active members, but great interest has already been unfolded. This, I am sure, can be fostered in the near future.

As I have stated, Soccer has priority in this district and this being the case, the Branch was forced to charter a coach to all Oldham matches, whether at home or away. Most of this expense has been covered by the Club itself. I am quite certain that without the coach all our work would have been undone. During the Football season we have been selling on average 200 tickets each week for the pools organisation. The sales of same, I am happy to say, have not declined in the close season. The committee and myself believe this is the answer in making our Branch a much stronger one, as it enables us to get better known in and around the district. We only hope that our endeavours pay dividends and that we grow in greater strength in the new season. Our present object is a full coach each Saturday.

The committee and members have instructed me to thank you for your kind co-operation in the issue of tickets for the Oldham v. Wigan Cup-tie, at Watersheddings. They were a great asset to us.

We are also happy to inform you that a week-end trip to London was organised with much success. This included the "Cup Final priority," Theatres, Sight-seeing, etc., and I am pleased to say that this will be an annual affair.

Yours faithfully,

L. YOUNG, Hon. Secretary

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No. 9 Branch — ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE

Summary of Accounts, July, 1957, to March, 1958

INCOME

£	s.	d.
1	18	0
3	9	0
12	18	0
15	0	0
21	14	0
52	1	0
£92	15	0

Sale of Badges — 19 at 2/-
Sale of Membership Cards — 69 at 1/-
Subscriptions ...
Handbooks ...
Social and Dance ...
Proceeds from Xmas Draw ...

EXPENDITURE

£	s.	d.
3	9	0
1	18	0
1	15	0
35	0	0
2	0	0
21	10	8
2	10	0
1	15	0
6	0	0
8	0	0
1	10	0
8	7	4
£92	15	0

Paid to C. Lingard for 69 M/cards at 1/-
Paid to C. Lingard for 19 Badges at 2/-
Paid to C. Lingard for Handbooks ...
Expenses for Xmas Draw ...
Registration of Lotteries for 1957/58 ...
Social and Dance Expenses ...
Postages ...
Delegates' Expenses ...
Socials and Entertainment Expenses ...
Subsidising of Coaches ...
Photographs ...
Cash in hand ...

£92 15 0

No. 12 Branch — WERNETH

Summary of Accounts, 1957/58

INCOME

£	s.	d.
5	0	0
5	6	0
3	2	0
3	1	0
4	15	0
£21	4	0

Trip to Blackpool Raffle ...
Social Evening ...
Raffle, 27/10/57 ...
Raffle, 7/3/58 ...
Social Evening ...

EXPENDITURE

£	s.	d.
4	4	0
3	0	0
2	5	0
14	0	0
£21	4	0

Trip to Blackpool Raffle ...
Social Evening ...
Raffle, 27/10/57 ...
Raffle, 7/3/58 ...
Social Evening ...
Secretary's Expenses ...
Cash in hand ...

Signed :— Mr. H. Jump

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ANNUAL REPORT, 1957/58 SEASON

For the Season 1957/58, the progress of the above Branch has been maintained and there are now 100 Members and 300 Pools Members. Financially we have helped the Central Supporters' Club in various endeavours to the sum of £56 and a Cash Surplus of £20 to the General Fund. Most of this money has been raised by the organising of Social Evenings which have been enjoyed by our Members and many of the Players who have been our guests.

Sunday Discussions have continued throughout the Season and the following personalities in the Rugby World have been interviewed by our Members :— Sydney Little (Discussion and Colour Photographs of the World Cup Tour), Des McKeown, Roger Dufty, Denis Morgan and Bryn Goldswain (Blackpool), Bill Doran (Green Final), Wm. Howard (President), Ken Jackson, Don Vines, and R. L. Thomas (R.L. Referee).

On the occasion of Bernard Ganley breaking the record for the Fastest Century of Goals he was presented with an Iced Cake and an engraved Stainless Steel Tankard at a special Social Evening arranged for the Presentation.

A Darts and Snooker Challenge Match was arranged between the Ashton Branch and ourselves at our Headquarters, and after a close finish Clarksfield won by a short head, after the match supper was served followed by a Concert given by members of both Branches.

After an interesting series of games our Annual Bowling Tournament was won by R. Lever, who beat F. Usher in a closely contested final. Forty of our Members enjoyed the Annual Day Trip to Prestatyn Holiday Camp although the weather was not too kind, the Trip was concluded by calling at the British Legion Club in Cadishead to enjoy a good concert.

In conclusion, thanks are due to the officials of the Clarksfield Conservative Club for their support and co-operation during the year, also to the officials of the Branch who have worked hard to maintain the progress and create further interest in the Clarksfield Branch.

R. E. COUSINS

Hon. Secretary

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Summary of Accounts from 1/6/57 to 31/3/58

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1st June, 1957 :—		Team and Presentation Photos. ...	2 17 0
Cash in Hand ...	20 0 0	Sunday Discussion Expenses ...	1 12 7
Cash in Bank ...	4 15 11	Darts Match (Supper) ...	1 1 2
		W. B. Ganley Presentation ...	3 0 9
To Sale of Members' Cards ...		Wreath for Committeeman ...	1 0 0
Coat Badges ...		Postage, Telephone and Stationery ...	1 12 4
Blazer Badges ...		Paid to Secretary, O.F.C.S.C.—	1 5 0
Terylene Ties ...		Balance for 1957 Cards and Badges ...	56 7 6
Dance Tickets ...		1958 Miscellaneous Items ...	20 0 0
Year Books ...		1958 Surplus Profit ...	6 1 1
Draw Tickets ...		Cash in Hand, March 31st, 1958	9 0 0
To Profit from Socials ...		Cash in Bank, March 31st, 1958	...
			£98 2 5

R. E. Cousins, Hon. Secretary ; J. K. Widdall, Treasurer

No. 11 Branch — ROYAL OAK HOTEL, WERNETH, O/M

Summary of Accounts, 1957/58

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Members' Annual Fees—		Paid to Mr. C. Lingard (Sec. O.R.F.C.S.C.)—	1 1 0
Royal Oak Hotel ...	9 0	Royal Oak and Lord Nelson ...	12 0
Lord Nelson Hotel ...	12 0	Bridgewater ...	10 0
Bridgewater Hotel ...	12 0	Blazer Badges ...	1 0 1
Blazer Badges ...	10 0	1 Club Year Book ...	—
1 Club Year Book ...	1 0	Balance in hand ...	—
			£2 4 0

Signed :— A. Parker (Secretary) ; G. R. Bowker (Chairman) ; 14/4/58

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No. 6 Branch — MIDDLETON JUNCTION BOWLING CLUB

Summary of Accounts, 31/3/58

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
4 Blazer Badges, at 10/- each	2 0 0	4 Blazer Badges	2 0 0
51 Lapel Badges, at 1/- each	2 11 0	51 Lapel Badges	2 11 0
84 Cards, at 1/- each	4 4 0	66 Cards, Returned Paid	18 0 0
6 Year Books, at 1/- each	6 0 0	4 Cards, Returned Paid	2 0 0
1 New Blazer Badge	2 4 0	1 New Blazer Badge	2 4 0
2 Ties, at 15/-	1 10 0	2 Ties	1 10 0
12 Dance Tickets, Chadderton	2 8 0	12 Dance Tickets	2 8 0
48 Books (Wakes Draw)	24 0 0	46 Books sold (2 returned)	23 0 0
24 Dance Tickets (King Street)	6 0 0	24 Dance Tickets	6 0 0
30 Draw (Nov. Handicap), at 10/-	15 0 0	29 Draw Tickets (1 returned)	14 10 0
48 Dance Tickets (Hill Stores)	12 0 0	48 Dance Tickets (Hill Stores)	12 0 0
		Plus—66 Cards Returned	67 3 0
		4 Year Books Returned	3 6 0
		Wakes Tickets Returned	4 0 0
		Nov. Handicap Tickets Returned	1 0 0
			10 0
			£72 3 0

No. 10 Branch — RAILWAY HOTEL, HOLLINWOOD

Summary of Accounts, 1957/58

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Members' Subscriptions	2 12 0	Expenses	5 0 0
Badges (2 dozen)	2 8 0	Cash in hand	12 2
Profit from Concert	12 2		
	£5 12 2		£5 12 2

R. Wilkinson, Hon. Secretary

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No. 8 Branch — NIMBLE NOOK W.M. CLUB

Summary of Accounts, 1957/58

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Members' Subscriptions	2 10 0	Artists for Concert	4 10 0
Dances (Tickets Sold)	2 8 0	Pianist for Concert	1 10 0
Chadd Town Hall	3 12 0	Printing for Concert	1 19 0
King Street Stores	3 12 0	Doorman for Concert	5 0 0
Central Con. Club	5 0 0	Steward's Gratuity	10 0 0
Man. Nov. Handicap Draw	12 0 0	Balance handed to Secretary	30 19 3
Members' Badges	2 4 0		
Blazer Badges	6 0 0		
Handbooks	12 13 0		
Concert—	6 16 3		
Tickets			
Raffle			
	£39 13 3		£39 13 3

No. 7 Branch — OLDHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

Summary of Accounts, 1957/58

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Profit on Raffle and Social	8 10 3	Paid to C. Lingard (during year)	37 9 0
47 Year Books	2 7 0	Cheque to be paid (28/4/58)	15 0 0
103 Members at 1/-	5 3 0	Cash in Hand	3 3 3
24 Badges	2 8 0		
Profit on Ball Raffle	4 10 0		
Sale of November Draw Tickets	31 10 0		
Sale of Dance Tickets	1 4 0		
	£55 12 3		£55 12 3

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EXPENDITURE

Rubber Stamp (Jones & Brooks)	...
Concert (28/4/57)	...
Printing (Jones & Brooks)	...
Artists' Fees	...
Draw (4/8/57)	...
Prizes — 3 Season Tickets (O.R.F.C.)	...
Printing (Jones & Brooks)	...
Concert (24/11/57)	...
Pianist and Artists' Fees	...
Prizes	...
Rugby Ball	1 8 0
Brandy	11 9
Presentation to Ganley—	...
Travelling Clock (Joseph Howell)	...
Secretary's Fee	...
Secretary's Expenses, Postage, etc.)	...
Cash in Hand (31/3/58)	...

Summary of Accounts, up to 31/3/58

INCOME

	£	s.	d.
Concert (28/4/57)—	4	15	0
Tickets sold	...	18	6
Taken at door	6	1	3
Raffle (Rugby Ball)	...	...	...
Draw (4/8/57)—	15	3	9
Tickets sold	...	...	...
Concert (28/11/57)—	4	0	0
Tickets sold	1	7	3
Taken at door	5	8	0
Raffle	...	...	...

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The solution is to commence a subsidiary competition, say for a new trophy or to alter the Lancashire Shield to a competition played on the one round basis, that is, each team meeting each other team once only. Thus with fourteen clubs meeting in the present Lancashire Combination on a home and away basis, which gives twenty-six fixtures, an additional round would give another thirteen games, making thirty-nine in all. That should be a satisfactory programme for second teams. Seven clubs in the subsidiary league competition would play seven home games and seven would play six home games. The subsidiary competition could be played the following season with reversed venues so that clubs would have an equal number of home games over the two seasons.

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GOALS

Ganley (Oldham)	...	...	...	...	224
Yorke (York)	...	...	...	...	148
Jones (Leeds)	...	...	...	...	139
Bateson (Hull)	...	...	...	...	138
Fox (Wakefield Trinity)	...	...	...	...	124
Dawson (Widnes)	...	...	...	...	121
Cunliffe (Wigan)	...	...	...	...	116
Walshaw (Batley)	...	...	...	...	115
Phillips (Keighley)	...	...	...	...	111
Fennell (Featherstone Rovers)	...	...	...	...	106
Rhodes (St. Helens)	...	...	...	...	106
Ledgard (Leigh)	...	...	...	...	105
McKeown (Whitehaven)	...	...	...	...	105
Ball (Barrow)	...	...	...	...	103
Dyson (Huddersfield)	...	...	...	...	101

TRIES

Sullivan (Wigan)	...	...	...	...	53
Bevan (Warrington)	...	...	...	...	48
Southward (Workington)	...	...	...	...	48
Davies, M. (Bradford Northern)	...	...	...	...	46
Boston (Wigan)	...	...	...	...	44
Ashton (Wigan)	...	...	...	...	41
Vollenhoven (St. Helens)	...	...	...	...	40
Williams (Halifax)	...	...	...	...	40
Freeman (Halifax)	...	...	...	...	38
Castle (Barrow)	...	...	...	...	33
Smith, B. (York)	...	...	...	...	33
Fox (Wakefield Trinity)	...	...	...	...	32
Watts (Hull)	...	...	...	...	32
Murphy (St. Helens)	...	...	...	...	31
Colin (Hunslet)	...	...	...	...	29

COUNTY CUP DRAW, 1958/59

LANCASHIRE CUP

Barrow v. Blackpool Borough
Oldham v. Whitehaven
Rochdale Hornets v. St. Helens
Swinton v. Wigan
Warrington v. Leigh
Widnes v. Salford
Workington Town v. Liverpool City

YORKSHIRE CUP

Batley v. Featherstone Rovers
Bradford Northern v. York
Bramley v. Hull
Castleford v. Hull Kingston Rovers
Dewsbury v. Keighley
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Wakefield Trinity v. Hunslet

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NORTHERN RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Oldham	38	33	4	1	803	415	67
St. Helens	38	32	6	0	842	336	64
Workington Town	38	28	8	2	685	356	58
Hull	38	27	9	2	920	431	56
Wigan	38	27	11	0	815	430	54
Halifax	38	25	11	2	819	441	52
Leigh	38	24	14	0	625	457	48
Featherstone Rovers	38	23	14	1	606	497	47
Wakefield Trinity	38	22	14	2	729	477	46
Widnes	38	23	15	0	608	453	46
Hunslet	38	22	15	1	611	569	45
York	38	19	15	4	627	489	42
Warrington	38	19	18	1	669	529	39
Leeds	38	18	19	1	657	662	37
Salford	38	18	19	1	471	542	37
Hull Kingston Rovers	38	17	19	2	477	570	36
Whitehaven	38	17	20	1	559	579	35
Huddersfield	38	17	20	1	531	675	35
Rochdale Hornets	38	17	20	1	466	642	35
Bradford Northern	38	16	20	2	574	594	34
Barrow	38	16	20	2	579	688	34
Keighley	38	15	21	2	576	527	32
Bramley	38	14	22	2	477	728	30
Swinton	38	13	22	3	506	589	29
Blackpool Borough	38	12	26	0	488	726	24
Batley	38	10	28	0	434	722	20
Liverpool City	38	9	28	1	442	728	19
Dewsbury	38	6	28	4	375	944	16
Castleford	38	7	30	1	443	893	15
Doncaster	38	4	34	0	246	971	8

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St. Helens	28	24	4	0	579	250	48
Workington	28	22	5	1	529	251	45
Wigan	28	20	8	0	582	293	40
Leigh	28	17	11	0	413	330	34
Whitehaven	28	14	14	0	403	420	28
Warrington	28	14	13	1	496	374	27
Leeds	28	13	14	1	476	473	27
Widnes	28	13	15	0	359	395	26
Salford	28	12	15	1	316	446	25
Barrow	28	9	18	1	389	502	19
Swinton	28	8	19	1	324	455	17
Rochdale Hornets	28	8	19	1	281	541	17
Liverpool City	28	5	22	1	276	594	11
Blackpool Borough	28	3	25	0	278	636	6

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Halifax	28	24	3	1	700	257	49
Hull	28	21	5	2	699	243	44
Hunslet	28	20	7	1	480	300	41
Wakefield Trinity	28	19	8	1	581	262	39
Featherstone Rovers	28	19	9	0	489	324	38
Huddersfield	28	16	11	1	433	416	33
York	28	13	12	3	437	369	29
Hull Kingston Rovers	28	13	13	2	355	403	28
Keighley	28	13	14	1	469	337	27
Bradford Northern	28	12	15	1	426	456	25
Bramley	28	11	15	2	359	470	24
Batley	28	7	21	0	333	562	14
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Castleford	28	4	23	1	316	685	9
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Year	Winners	Score			Runners-up	Score			Venue
		G	T	P		G	T	P	
1897	Batley	1	2	10	St. Helens	0	1	3	Headingley
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	16	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	Wembley
1930	Widnes	2	2	10	St. Helens	0	1	3	Wembley
1931	Halifax	5	4	22	York	1	2	8	Wembley
1932	Leeds	4	1	11	Swinton	4	0	8	Wigan
1933	Huddersfield	6	3	21	Warrington	4	3	17	Wembley
1934	Hunslet	1	3	11	Widnes	1	1	5	Wembley
1935	Castleford	1	3	11	Huddersfield	1	2	8	Wembley
1936	Leeds	3	4	18	Warrington	1	0	2	Wembley
1937	Widnes	3	4	18	Keighley	1	1	5	Wembley
1938	Salford	2	1	7	Barrow	2	0	4	Wembley
1939	Halifax	4	4	20	Salford	0	1	3	Wembley
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	Wembley
1947	Bradford N.	1	2	8	Leeds	2	0	4	Wembley
1948	Wigan	1	2	8	Bradford N.	0	1	3	Wembley
1949	Bradford N.	3	2	12	Halifax	0	0	0	Wembley
1950	Warrington	5	3	19	Widnes	0	0	0	Wembley
1951	Wigan	2	2	10	Barrow	0	0	0	Wembley
1952	Workington T.	3	4	18	Featherstone R.	2	2	10	Wembley
1953	Huddersfield	3	3	15	St. Helens	2	2	10	Wembley
1954	Warrington	0	0	4	Halifax	0	0	4	Wembley
	Warrington (Replay)	0	0	8	Halifax	0	0	4	Odsal
1955	Barrow	3	6	21	Workington	3	2	12	Wembley
1956	St. Helens	2	3	13	Halifax	2	0	2	Wembley
1957	Leeds	0	3	9	Barrow	2	1	7	Wembley
1958	Wigan	2	3	13	Workington	3	1	9	Wembley

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1947—June 21	Maine Road, Manchester	Huddersfield	4		
1948—May 8	Maine Road, Manchester	Wigan	13	40,599	5,894 12 6
1949—May 14	Maine Road, Manchester	Dewsbury	4	69,143	9,791 12 6
1950—May 13	Maine Road, Manchester	Warrington	15	75,194	11,073 0 0
1951—May 12	Maine Road, Manchester	Bradford N.	5	65,065	11,517 15 9
1952—May 10	Maine Road, Manchester	Huddersfield	12	61,618	10,933 7 0
1953—May 9	Maine Road, Manchester	Warrington	11	48,684	8,215 6 0
1954—May 8	Maine Road, Manchester	Wigan	13	51,083	11,502 16 6
1955—May 14	Maine Road, Manchester	Bradford N.	6	36,519	9,075 11 0
1956—May 12	Maine Road, Manchester	St. Helens	24	49,434	11,516 3 6
1957—May 18	Odsal Stadium, Bradford	Warrington	14	36,675	9,179 7 6
1958—May 17	Odsal Stadium, Bradford	Halifax	8	62,199	12,104 9 0
		Oldham	7	58,000	11,200 0 0
		Hull	3		
		Hull	10		
		Hull	9		
		Hull	15		
		Hull	14		
		Hull	20		
		Workington	3		

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Year	Winners	Runners-up
1901-02	Broughton Rangers	Salford
1902-03	Halifax	Salford
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.
1952-53	St. Helens	Halifax
1953-54	Warrington	Halifax
1954-55	Warrington	Oldham
1955-56	Hull	Halifax
1956-57	Oldham	Hull
1957-58	Hull	Workington

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LIST OF WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP

Year	Winners	Runners-up
1907-08	Oldham	Broughton R.
1908-09	Wigan	Oldham
1909-10	Oldham	Wigan
1910-11	Wigan	Oldham
1911-12	Wigan	Oldham
1912-13	Wigan	Broughton R.
1913-14	Wigan	Salford
1914-15	Wigan	Rochdale
1915-18	Competition Suspended	
1918-19	Rochdale Hornets	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
1933-34	Salford	Wigan
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
	(Emergency League Championship)	
1940-41	Wigan	Warrington
	(Emergency League Championship)	
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
1951-52	Wigan	Warrington
1952-53	St. Helens	Leigh
1953-54	Warrington	St. Helens
1954-55	Warrington	Oldham
1955-56	Warrington	Wigan
1956-57	Oldham	Barrow
1957-58	Oldham	St. Helens

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1905	Wigan	1931	Salford
1906	Broughton R.	1932	Warrington
1907	Oldham	1933	Oldham
1908	Wigan	1934	Salford
1909	Wigan	1935	Salford
1910	Oldham	1936	Salford
1911	Rochdale H.	1937	Warrington
1912	Wigan	1938	Wigan
1913	Oldham	1939	Swinton
1914	Rochdale H.	1940-44	No competition
1918	Rochdale H.	1945	Widnes
1919	Oldham	1946	Wigan
1920	Broughton R.	1947	Wigan
1921	Warrington	1948	Wigan
1922	Wigan	1949	Wigan
1923	St. Helens R.	1950	Wigan
1924	Oldham	1951	Wigan
1925	Swinton	1952	Leigh
1926	St. Helens	1953	St. Helens
1927	Swinton	1954	Barrow
1928	Wigan	1955	Leigh
1929	Warrington	1956	Oldham
1930	St. Helens R.	1957	Oldham

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- 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
- 1933 Lancashire Challenge Cup winners
- 1955 Runners-up Lancashire Cup
Runners-up Lancashire League
Runners-up Rugby League Championship
- 1956 Winners of R.L. Championship
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