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The old year ended with Wigan occupying the top place in the League. It is true that this is a somewhat precarious lead over our nearest rivals—Wakefield Trinity. We have played two more matches than the Trinity and have a point lead. On the other hand we have played one more match away than we have at home, whereas the Trinity have had one more home fixture than they have fulfilled away. This means, of course, that the two matches the Trinity have in hand over us are both away engagements, and away matches usually provide less points.

Irrespective of any question of League positions, we have every reason to be well satisfied with the displays of the team this season. The type of football is of a high standard, and if this is maintained there will be few complaints.

A review of the fixture list would appear to indicate our first half of the season programme provided a sterner test than the second half. We have played,

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4—HARRIS
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amongst other clubs away from home, Leeds, Bradford, Barrow, St. Helens, Swinton and Halifax, and full points have been obtained in these engagements. Our only two League defeats have been at the hands of Hunslet.

In the second half of the season our away matches include Rochdale Hornets, Liverpool Stanley, Oldham, Batley, Warrington, Widnes, Broughton Rangers and Salford. Some of these games will require the best our boys can give, but if present form is maintained there will be few defeats.

For next Saturday's match at Rochdale, we shall be without the services of Martin Ryan, Joe Egan and Ken Gee, who are due to play in Paris on Sunday next. We hope these boys will have a successful and pleasant trip.

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