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This Season's Record—

Played 4. Home, Won 2; Away, Won 1, Lost 1. Points For 54, Against 14. Lancs. Cup, 1st Rd.: v. Rochdale H., Won Away 8—7, Won Home 21—5.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES — SEASON 1951-52

The following information will be of interest:—

1st Test Match, Great Britain v. New Zealand, at Odsal, Bradford, 6th October, 1951. Tickets may be obtained in advance from the Secretary, Bradford Northern F.C., Odsal Stadium, Bradford. Prices: 21/-, 7/6, 5/-. On day of Match: 2/6, Boys 1/-.

2nd Test Match, Great Britain v. New Zealand, November 10th, 1951, at Swinton, Manchester. Tickets may be obtained in advance from the Secretary, Swinton F.C., Swinton, Manchester. Prices: 21/-, 10/6, 5/-, 3/-, 2/6. Boys 1/-. ALL-TICKET MATCH.

3rd Test Match, Great Britain v. New Zealand, 15th, December, 1951, at Headingley, Leeds. Tickets may be obtained in advance from the Secretary, Leeds, C.F. and A.C., Headingley, Leeds, 6. Prices: 21/-, 10/6, 5/6, 5/-, 2/6. Boys 1/-. ALL-TICKET MATCH.

England v. Wales, at St. Helens, Wednesday, September 19th, 1951. Stand Tickets in advance from the Secretary, St. Helens R.L.F.C., 2 Peet Avenue, St. Helens. Prices: 7/6. On day of Match: Ground 2/- (Transfer to Enclosure 1/- extra), Boys 1/-.

Stamped and addressed envelope with all applications, please.

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CHALLENGE CUP FINAL — EMPIRE STADIUM, WEMBLEY

on Saturday, April 19th, 1952

Kick-off 3 p.m.

Applications for Seating Tickets at 21/-, 10/6, 7/6 and 5/- and Ground Tickets at 2/6 should be made to the Secretary, Rugby Football League, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7.

Stamped addressed envelope and remittance should accompany each application. APPLY EARLY.

LANCASHIRE SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP

The 1st round 2nd leg will be played at Central Park on Wednesday, 12th September, kick-off 6 p.m.

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NOTES

Our visitors to-day, Oldham, have been in the news this week with the transfer of their ex-Yorkshire R.U. star, Ken Ward, to Leeds. Within 90 minutes of the completion of the transfer, the player turned out for his new club at Headingley against Batley.

Leeds, worried about the repeated injuries to Australian centre Bartlett, and the imminent "call-up" of young local player Gordon Brown, have been on the trail of a class centre three-quarter for some time. They were knocking on our door not so long ago, but received a decided "No" to their query. They are reported to be interested in the Rugby Union's "golden boy" Lewis Jones, now discharged from his naval service, but so far there is nothing definite to report.

The win at Swinton last Saturday gave glimpses for the first time this season of the real Wigan form. True, the display was not without blemish, and the win should have been more emphatic, but the game provided great entertainment for the spectators, and the home team's great rally in the second half was good to see. We start the 2nd leg of the Cup-tie with a 12 points lead, but Swinton must not be under-estimated and they will fight every inch of the way.

Brian Nordgren had an unhappy first half in this game, when nothing seemed to go right for him. He redeemed himself in the second half with two typical "Nordgren" efforts which brought tries, and it must be put down to his credit that for most of the game Brian had a bad leg injury which he managed to hide from most people. Jim Sullivan said after the game that he could not understand how "Noggy" managed to last out the 80 minutes, and we must pay tribute to a great player who chose to stay on the field and see the game through to the end. He has been under daily treatment this week, and we hope he will soon be in action again.

"A" Team Results.—In the first leg of the First Round Lancashire County Challenge Shield, our "A" Team beat Warrington "A" at home by 28 points to 10. In the second leg at Warrington on Wednesday, the result was a draw of 5 points each, which gives us a comfortable passage into the second round. The conversion of McTigue into a loose forward seems to be successful and he is rapidly developing into a first-rate No. 13.

Temporary Season Tickets.—Permanent Tickets are now ready for all those holding the temporary ones, and can be obtained at the Pavilion on application.

Australian Ban.—Rochdale Hornets still have no satisfaction in the case of their young "Aussies" who came over last season. The Australian authorities remain adamant in their refusal to agree that these players are eligible to play in this country. With the "ban" due for renewal next season, it may be that deadlock will be reached if the British authorities decide that it is not in the best interests of the game generally for the ban to be on again. Young Australian players feel, probably quite rightly, that if R.U. stars from their country are allowed to join the League game at big fees, then they should be allowed to capitalise their skill in like manner. These Colonials have done wonders to bring added attraction to our game, and we trust that we shall not be deprived of their services in the future.

International Match.—Thursday brought news of the selection of Ashcroft, Ratcliffe, Curcliffe, Gee and Blan for the England side versus Wales at St. Helens. We congratulate these players, and especially Billy Blan on his long-deserved selection. The team is a tribute to Jack Cunliffe, who still remains first choice for out-half in spite of his regular position as No. 1 in our side, and to Ken Gee, for so long the outstanding No. 8 in the game.

Next Week's Games:

Wednesday, 6 p.m.: Lancs. Cup, 1st Rd., 2nd Leg—SWINTON (Home)
Saturday, 3 p.m.: Lancashire Combination—LEIGH "A" (Home)

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Forwards:
8—GEE
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10—BARTON
11—SILCOCK
12—BLAN
13—STREET

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Wigan Club Handbook.—We hope that this Handbook will be available during next week. It is priced at One Shilling and all proceeds of sales go towards the funds of the Junior Rugby League and Schoolboys' League. Buy a copy, and your "bob" will help a worthy cause.

R.L. Official Guide, 1951-52.—Copies of this Official Guide are now available, price 1s. 6d. Filled with records, fixtures, laws of the game, etc. Every-

one interested in the Rugby League game should have a copy!

New Zealand Fixtures.—For the benefit of the supporter who noticed that the Rugby League Official Guide shows Barrow meeting the New Zealand tourists on September 26th and again on October 27th, we have confirmed that the latter date is the correct one. With the Tourists now stating that they do not particularly want to play County matches, but prefer Club games, the Lancashire County R.L. finds itself in a dilemma—souvenir flasks have already been purchased and inscribed for presentation to the tourists. We hope that the fixture will stand and that Secretary Frank Devonald's foresight will not "backfire" at him!

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1951					
Aug. 11	Warrington (Ward Cup)	H 23-10	Warrington (Charity Match)...	A 0-11	
18	Whitehaven	H 19-9	Whitehaven	A 11-0	
22 (W.)	Barrow	A 16-9	Barrow	H 60-11	
25	Halifax	A 2-7	Leigh	A 3-5	
27 (M.)	—		Warrington (L.C.S.)	H 28-10	
29 (W.)	Cardiff	H 72-5	Warrington (L.C.S.)	A 5-5	
Sept. 1	Swinton (Lancs. Cup)	A 28-16	Oldham	A —	
5 (W.)	—		Leigh	H —	
8	Oldham	H —	Workington Town	A —	
12 (W.)	Swinton (Lancs. Cup)	H —	Swinton	H —	
15	Wakefield Trinity	A —	Liverpool Stanley	A —	
22	Workington Town	H —	—	—	
29	Swinton	A —	—	—	
Oct. 6	Liverpool Stanley	H —	—	—	
13	Leeds	H —	—	—	
20	Warrington	A —	—	—	
27	Leigh	H —	—	—	
Nov. 3	New Zealand	H —	—	—	
10	Hunslet	A —	Hunslet (F)	H —	
17	Oldham	A —	Oldham	H —	
24	Widnes	H —	Widnes	A —	
Dec. 1	Rochdale Hornets	H —	Rochdale Hornets	A —	
8	Widnes	A —	Widnes	H —	
15	Hunslet	H —	Hunslet (F)	A —	
22	Halifax	H —	Warrington	A —	
25 (T.)	Salford	H —	Salford (a.m.)	A —	
26 (W.)	St. Helens	A —	Whitehaven	H —	
29	Whitehaven	A —	—	—	
1952					
Jan. 1 (T.)	Warrington	H —	—	—	
5	Leigh	A —	—	—	
12	Wakefield Trinity	H —	—	—	
19	Liverpool Stanley	A —	Liverpool Stanley	H —	
26	Swinton	H —	Swinton	A —	
Feb. 2	Leeds	A —	—	—	
9	R.L. Cup, 1st Rd., 1st Leg ..		—	—	
16	R.L. Cup, 1st Rd., 2nd Leg..		—	—	
23	—		—	—	
Mar. 1	R.L. Cup, 2nd Rd.		St. Helens	H —	
8	Belle Vue Rangers	H —	Leeds (F)	H or A	
15	Barrow	H —	Barrow	A —	
22	Workington Town	A —	Workington Town	H —	
29	—		—	—	
Apr. 5	Rochdale Hornets	A —	Rochdale Hornets	H —	
11 (G.F.)	St. Helens	H —	St. Helens (a.m.)	A —	
12	Belle Vue Rangers	A —	—	—	
14 (E.M.)	Salford	A —	Salford (a.m.)	H —	
19	R.L. Cup Final		—	—	
26	Cardiff	A —	—	—	