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## OLDHAM v. WIGAN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 1951 KICK-OFF 2-30 p.m.

### Watersheddings News and Views.

Our visit to Workington on Saturday last ended a nice little run of league success. We lost the match but we were not disgraced by any means, in fact the Workington officials and a great number of spectators stated that we were the best team that had visited Workington this season, and from information received our team was the chief conversation in the "locals" during Saturday evening. The match was a delight to watch and some very clever football was shown by both sides, just one caution near the end of the game by the referee on two players was necessary. Our team appeared to have more "moves" in their make-up than our opponents, and with the slightest luck tries would have resulted from such "moves," but the Workington cover defence was perfect and several of our players were pulled down inches short of the line. We gave Workington supporters several anxious moments and our advantage territorially was a feature of the game. We had ample possession of the ball, but a strong point of our opponents was their cover and strong tackling by a very heavy pack of forwards, and their eagerness to secure possession of anything that was going loose. Although we lost the game we had the satisfaction of knowing that our players did their work well and in the final quarter of the game had the Cumbrians wondering what we should do next, but a stubborn defence held out to the final whistle with our opponents scoring 21 points to 11 points.

### Our Visitors.

Today we have No. 1 League attraction in the Wigan team, who require no introduction wherever Rugby League football is played or talked about. It is a pleasure for us to entertain such a famous club. Many are the battles and stirring games that have been played between the clubs and we hope that today's match will give us that joy of entertainment which we all expect. For consistency of form no other club can compare with Wigan; during the last decade they have always been a club that has been amongst the honours at the end of each season. A great record to possess. Whatever ground they visit, it is looked forward to from an attractive and financial point, and any club that wins the day over Wigan is considered the victory of the season. Such are our visitors today and it is up to our team to display the form which we know they are showing to make this game our red letter day.

### Injured Players.

So far this season we have been lucky regarding injuries to players in comparison to some clubs, but the hard knocks on the field begin to tell their tale on players and we appear to be having a spate of injuries which keep a player out of action for a week or so.

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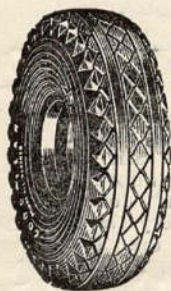
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SPENCER, W. WIGGETT, E.

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Hurst, R.; Thornett, J.

13 STREET, H.

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10 BARTON, F. 9 MATHER, R. 8 GEE, K.

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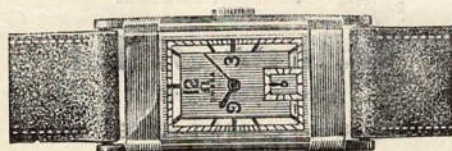
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#### Referee Appointments.

Nov. 24—v. Barrow (away). L. J. Dalby (York).  
Nov. 24—v. Barrow "A" (home). D. Halliday (Swinton).

#### Times of Kick-off.

November 16th to December 7th, 2-30 p.m.  
December 8th to January 7th, 2-15 p.m.  
January 8th to January 22nd, 2-30 p.m.  
January 23rd to February 2nd, 2-45 p.m.  
February 3rd to end of season, 3 p.m.

#### Third Test Match.

Great Britain v. New Zealand, at Headingley, Leeds, Saturday, 15th December, 1951, kick-off 2-15 p.m. Please note that we do not receive an allocation of tickets for this all-ticket match. Application should be made to the Secretary, Leeds Football Club, Headingley, Leeds, 6, and the prices are 21/-, 10/6, 5/6, 5/-, and ground 2/6.

#### Cup Final, Wembley, April 19th, 1952.

Our allocation of tickets for the above final have been disposed of but there are several 2/6 tickets for disposal and application for same should be made to R.L. Headquarters, 180, Chapeltown Road, Leeds, 7, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

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