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NOTES AND COMMENTS

Oldham, to-day's visitors, are one of the Lancashire clubs with a traditional leaning towards Cumberland players. It has been a tradition through the seasons from the days of Tom Fletcher to the present time with Thurlow, late of Workington Town and a county player, in their pack. They are one of the clubs on the fringe of the top four struggle, and while they have never won at the Recreation Ground, Oldham have made it a close call on their two previous visits.

In April, 1950, we beat them by 5 points to 3, and in the first match of the following season they grabbed a point by holding us to a 10-10 draw.

We take them on to-day with Carr, Malone and Keen back in the team, but due credit should be given to last week's performance at Salford when Whitehaven's first all Cumbrian side made a great show. The conditions were bad, yet our boys gave a good account of themselves in trying to maintain an open game and were very unlucky not to have conquered the Salford side.

Last Saturday was selected by the manager to run the rule over a well-known player with a view to signing, but unfortunately the long trip was not entirely successful as the match concerned had to be postponed. Agreement has been reached on some points and the opportunity was taken to interview the player but a further report has still to be made.

Make a note of the following holiday fixtures: The "A" team are at home to Widnes "A" next Saturday, and on Boxing Day the first team are at home to Liverpool City.

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2 VARTY	Right Wing	2 O'GRADY	
3 CARR (capt.)	Right Centre	3 MITCHELL	
4 FEARON J. T	Left Centre	4 DAVIES	
5 HAILTON or LAVERY	Left Wing	5 PLATT	
6 FEARON S.	Stand-Off Half	6 DALEY	
7 KEEN	Scrum Half	7 STIRRUP	
8 McALONE or MAXWELL	Prop Forward	8 OGDEN	
9 RICHARDSON J.	Hooker	9 KEITH	
10 GRAHAM	Front Row Forward	10 JACKSON	
11 PROUD E.	Second Row F'ward	11 WINSLADE	
12 RODGERS	Second Row F'ward	12 THURLOW	
14 TOMLINSON	Loose Forward	14 GOLDSWAIN (Capt)	

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August.	November.	February.
18—Wigan A 9 19	3—Halifax H 9 5	2—St. Helens A
20—Workington A 2 19	10—Rochdale A 2 7	9—1st Rd. R.L. Cup
25—Doncaster H 5 0	17—Barrow H 2 2	16—1st Rd. R.L. Cup
September.	24—Leigh H 4 9	23—Warrington H
1—Widnes L.C. A 6 14	December.	March.
5—Widnes L.C. H 11 9	1—Workington H 7 16	1—2nd Rd. R.L. Cup
8—Salford H 14 5	8—Salford A 3 6	8—Warrington A
10—Oldham A 12 21	15—Oldham H	15—Widnes H
15—Liverpool A 16 0	22—Widnes A	22—Barrow A
22—Bramley H 20 7	26—Liverpool H	29—Featherst'ne H
29—Halifax A 18 18	29—Wigan H	April.
October.	January.	5—Featherst'ne A
6—Rochdale H 19 6	1—Belle V. R. H	11—Dewsbury A
13—Belle V R A 6 17	5—Doncaster A	12—Leigh A
20—Dewsbury H 5 4	12—	14—Swinton H
27—Bramley A 12 5	19—St. Helens H	19—
	26—	26—Swinton A

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6. If a player carrying the ball touches the Referee, a Touch Judge, an encroaching spectator or any object, which in the opinion of the Referee, irregularly affects the run of play, in his opponents' in-goal area a try shall be awarded where contact was made.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

To-day's collection, organised by your committee, is in aid of the Mayor's Xmas Fund—we hope you will co-operate wholeheartedly, and contribute generously to this very worthy cause. In addition to the collection, the profits from to-day's Penny on the Ball effort will also be donated to the fund, it is expected that this dual effort will indicate your appreciation of your committee's efforts to hand over a magnificent donation.

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