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Date	Opponents	F	Pts.
1952			
Aug. 16	Barrow (Ward Cup) ... A	18	32
23	Widnes ... H	41	2
27	Salford, 6-30 ... A	15	9
30	Barrow (Lancs. Cup) ... A	24	21
Sept. 3	Barrow (L. Cup) 6-0 ... H	23	5
6	Liverpool City ... A	42	2
10	Oldham, 6-30 ... H	6	2
13	Workington ... H	9	15
20	Keighley ... A	27	7
23	Rochdale (L. Cup) ... H	31	7
27	Australia ... H	26	8
Oct. 4	Castleford ... H	18	17
11	Bramley ... A	21	0
14	Warrington (L. Cup) ... A	17	10
18	Salford ... H	14	6
25	Huddersfield ... H	14	17
No. 1	Swinton ... A	14	7
8	Barrow ... A	14	7
15	Swinton ... H	23	10
22	Warrington ... A	19	8
29	Leigh, Lancs. Cup Final ... A	5	5
Dec. 6	Workington ... A	22	5
13	Barrow ... H	26	9
20	Widnes ... A	7	2
25	Leigh (Xmas Day) ... A	22	2
26	Wigan (Boxing Day) ... H	5	0
27	Wakefield ... A	20	11
1953			
Jan. 1	Leigh (N.Y. Day) ... H	9	9
3	Rochdale ... H	37	5
10	Rochdale ... A		
17	Bramley ... H	52	14
24	Warrington ... H	17	5
31	Castleford ... A	8	0
Feb. 7	R.L. Cup 1st Round ... A		
14	R.L. Cup 1st Round ... A		
21	Belle Vue ... A		
28	R.L. Cup 2nd Round ... A		
Mar. 7	Wakefield ... H		
14	Whitehaven ... A		
21	Whitehaven ... H		
28	R.L. Cup Semi-Final ... A		
Apr. 3	Wigan (Good Friday) ... A		
4	Liverpool City ... H		
6	Huddersfield ... A		
11	Belle Vue ... H		
18	Oldham ... A		
25	Cup Final ... A		

"A" TEAM			
Date	Opponents	F	Pts.
1952			
Aug. 23	Widnes ... A	14	17
30	Barrow (Lancs. S.) ... H	36	12
Sept. 6	Barrow (Lancs. S.) ... A	16	9
13	Workington ... A	15	15
20			
27			
Oct. 4			
11	Wigan ... H	25	10
18	Salford ... A	8	25
25	Liverpool (F.) ... A	30	6
Nov. 1	Swinton ... H	17	7
8	Barrow ... H	36	3
15	Swinton ... A	22	2
22	Warrington ... H	11	4
29			
Dec. 6	Workington ... H	29	15
13	Barrow ... A	13	7
20	Widnes ... H	10	7
25	Leigh (Xmas Day) ... H	19	8
27	Liverpool City (F.) ... H		
1953			
Jan. 1	Leigh ... A	23	29
3	Rochdale ... A	2	4
10	Rochdale ... H	27	17
17			
24	Warrington ... A	27	12
31	Salford ... H	15	15
Feb. 7	Wigan ... A		
14			
21	Belle Vue ... H		
28			
Mar. 7			
14	Whitehaven ... H		
21	Whitehaven ... A		
28	Oldham ... A		
Apr. 4	Leigh (F.) ... A		
11	Belle Vue ... A		
18	Oldham ... H		
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THE Cup-Tie.

Here we go. The Saints or Oldham make their first strides on the way to Wembley.

I expect that in Oldham there has been the same keen anticipation as in St. Helens. Ever since the Saints and Oldham met at Knowsley Road early in September all the keen followers of our game have been looking forward to the return match in April.

Three goals to one was the margin on that occasion and the play was as keen and needlelike as the margin was close.

With the added interest of a cup-tie it is no wonder that there are no places to spare either to-day or next week.

The Teams.

The Saints are fortunate in being able to call on all their best players. It relieves everyone of a lot of worry.

Though Oldham have struck an unlucky spot and have to take the field without their captain, Goldswain, and their hooker, Keith, they are not so short in reserve strength that the Saints can go on the field without feeling that the sternest effort will be necessary if they are to come out of this contest successfully.

Mundy, the substitute for Keith, very nearly came to Knowsley Road when he was playing second fiddle in the Oldham pack. A good many Oldham people were of the opinion that he was the best hooker in that part of Lancashire.

No one needs reminding of the football skill of Day, who has turned the scale in Oldham's favour on many occasions. He had a particularly good game at Wigan a few weeks ago. We have often found him the greatest obstacle to victory.

Two Good Teams.

So in spite of their injuries Oldham are bringing a first-class team. Watching their development over the last two or three years only one opinion could be reached—that Oldham were destined to be one of the leading teams of the League.

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In the threequarter line the experience of the Saints probably gives them a slight advantage, while at half-back and full-back the advantage may go either way.

So, here we are, waiting for the start of the game which will probably decide one of the teams to go to Wembley.

The League scoring chart shows that these are the two teams with the best defences. St. Helens in 25 games have had 171 points scored against them, while Oldham in 24 games have only had 154. However the points for are 502 against 398 in Saints favour giving them a much better average.

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On February 21st, the Supporters Club are taking a party of schoolboys to Belle Vue to see the Saints v Belle Vue Rangers game. Boys please note the coach will leave Vincent Street, at 1-0 p.m. prompt.

Several of our first team players have promised to attend our popular Dance at the Oddfellows Hall, Pari, to-night 7-30 p.m. to 11-30 p.m. The Regal Accordion Dance Band will be in attendance. Admission 2/6.

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