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29	Leeds	Home 3-0
Sept. 2	Widnes (Wednesday)	Away
5	‡Whitehaven	Away
7	‡Whitehaven	Home 6-30
12	Leigh	Away
19	Liverpool	Home 3-0
26	Leeds	Away
Oct. 3	Widnes	Home 3-0
10	Dewsbury	Home 3-0
17	Salford	Away
24	Rochdale H.	Home 3-0
31	Dewsbury	Away
Nov. 7	St. Helens	Home 3-0
14	Whitehaven	Away
21	Bramley	Home 2-30
28	Belle Vue R.	Away
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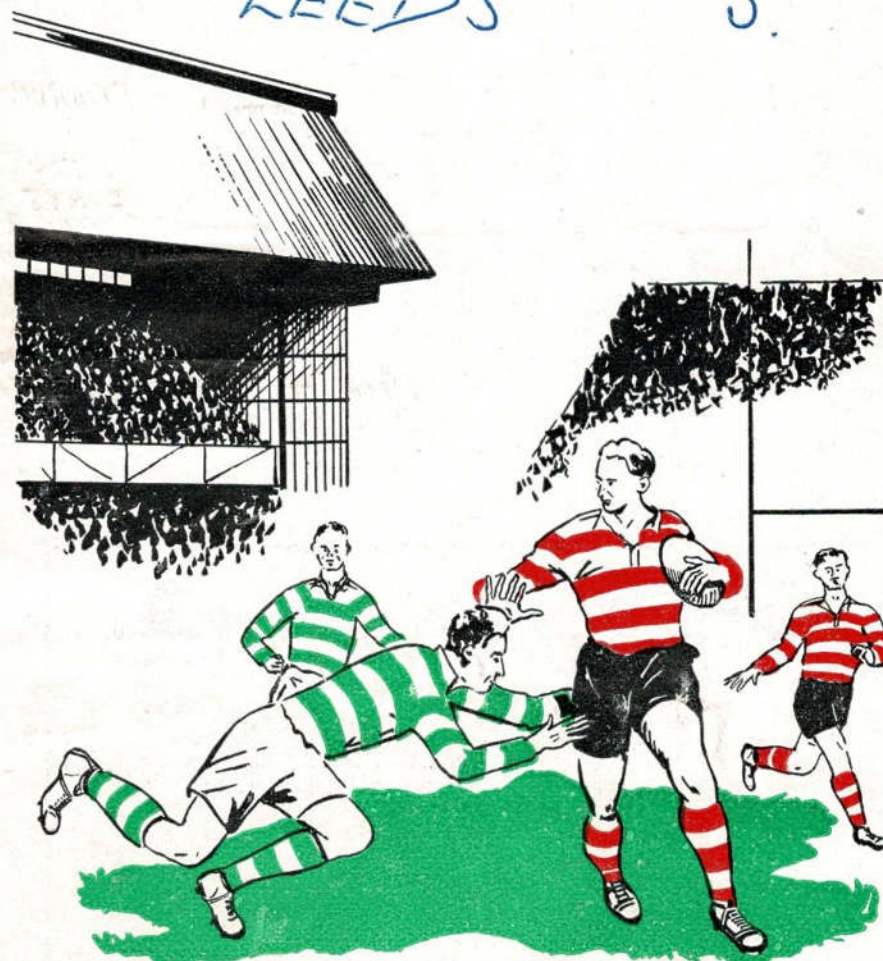
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Up to the time of going to press, we have played two matches and are on the fifty-fifty mark. In our first league encounter at home to Wigan, our team excelled itself in a splendid victory but the game itself did not come up to the standard of what we expect when two teams of this calibre meet. However, it was a victory well merited and gave us that little encouragement to look forward to the future with confidence to meet the Huddersfield team at Huddersfield on Saturday last.

This match contained all the ingredients of the best in Rugby League Football and if we can have more matches such as this our game will attract larger crowds than at present. This was a game that both teams came out of with credit and we must consider ourselves unfortunate in finishing up on the losing side after having held the lead by twenty points to eight at three-quarter time. In the last quarter, our team appeared to lose control of the game and our opponents just brought that little extra stamina to drive home their advantage.

Once again we appeared to have the worst of the bad knocks and Joe Warham was a passenger on the wing all the second half with a pulled muscle, and Arthur Tomlinson keeping a brave front with a torn ligament of the knee, this happened early in the second half.

We lost the match by twenty-seven points to twenty and spectators had their full value in this riot of scoring. Although our players did well in the game one must give that extra praise to Alan Davies for the wonderful game he played he was always a menace to the Huddersfield defence, and on this form must be considered as a likely candidate for the next Australian Tour which sails April 14th, 1954.

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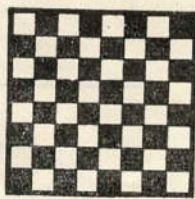
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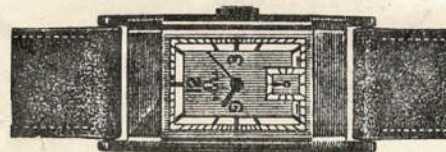
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Alan Jones expects to leave the R.A.F. in about four weeks time, but against this good news, John O'Brien, a local winger, who had signed up for trials, was called up for service and is stationed at Catterick.

Two of our 'A' team players; R. Bailey and A. Shore, are away for fourteen days on "Z" Army duty.



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Plans have been drawn for the replacement of the above stand which, for the full width of the ground, had ten bays.

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HALF-TIME SCORES

The Half-time Scores of the Matches given below will be shown on the Score Board immediately they are received

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WIGAN

B ST. HELENS
HUDDERSFIELD

C WARRINGTON
ROCHDALE

D HALIFAX
BARROW

E WAKEFIELD
LEIGH

F EVERTON
OLDHAM A.

THE 1954 TOUR

It is much too early to start talking about who goes to Australia in April next. All players will be on their toes and eager to show their abilities before the selectors of the team in the various International and County matches that take place.

The selected team, with managers, sail on April 14th, 1954, and there is much controversy amongst club executives on this early sailing date. The party sail during the week prior to Good Friday and many clubs will be minus their best players for the holiday matches and their fight for a place in the first four of the League, to say nothing of the clubs that are still in the Challenge Cup competition. Star players require some replacing and a large portion of the glamour of a competition is discounted when clubs are deprived of their best players. Of course, we cannot have it both ways, it is a great honour for a player to be selected for an Australian Tour and to his club also, and what the ruling authorities consider best for the game and the tour, all must abide with.

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