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### Welcome to our Visitors

To-night we extend greetings to strong and attractive opponents in Oldham, who visit the Stadium to contest the second round of the Lancashire County Challenge Cup.

Following much uncertainty in the immediate post-war seasons our visitors have in the past season or so become a real power in Rugby League football and have great hopes that 1953/54 will mean their inclusion amongst the game's major honours which have eluded them since season 1933/34.

Although we have not met Oldham this term, their overwhelming double against us last season will be well remembered. At Oldham we were defeated by 27 points to 2 points, and at Wilderspool by 28 points to nil, our biggest home defeat for many years, although representative calls and injuries seriously weakened the side in this latter match.

Our visitors' league record to date this season is: Played 7, won 4, and they qualified for to-night's second round with an aggregate score of 57-19 over Whitehaven for the two legs of the first round.

Due to these notes being written prior to the Oldham side being selected earlier this week the exact constitution of their team at the time of going to press is not known, but whatever their line up to-night we can be certain of top grade football from them.

Full back Ganley has quickly risen to the forefront, and his elevation to higher honours may not be far distant. He is a most accomplished goal-kicker and a safe custodian in the No. 1 position. Personality of the threequarter line is, undoubtedly, centre Alan Davies, a member of the England side which defeated Wales last Wednesday week. Although only 19 years of age this youth shows great determination and experience and should with normal luck be a stalwart in our game for many years. Much experience has no doubt been imparted to him by his partner in the centre, Mitchell, who in spite of now being in the veteran stage, is still playing good football. It is expected that England player O'Grady, and Emmitt, a Welshman signed last season, will fill the wing positions to-night, but the inclusion of Warrington school teacher Joe Warham or Platt would not weaken the side.

Oldham are fortunately placed at half-back with county scrum-half Stirrup in grand form, and the choice of two good out-halves, Daley (at

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present on the injured list) or the man in possession in recent games, ex-Leeds player, Feather.

The forwards, too, look a very workmanlike force, ably led by Bryn Goldswain, and including several players with representative honours. Strong in scrummaging and constructive and forceful in loose play they appear able to give a good account of themselves against any opposing six.

As the first round only of the Lancashire Challenge Cup is played home and away, to-night's game will, of course, be a straight knock-out with no second chance, excepting a draw. Although we have been favoured with the "luck of the draw" in playing at home we can be sure that this will not lessen our determination to collect the spoils to-night, and we look forward to a tense and exciting game.

### Next Match at Wilderspool Stadium

WARRINGTON "A" v. "WHITEHAVEN "A." Saturday, September 26th. Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

### Here and There

Injured players Ron Ryder and Ted White continue to make satisfactory progress, and should soon be available for selection again. Ryder, following a week's convalescence, is ready for immediate training and should be fully fit in the very near future. White had the plaster removed from his leg last week and is due to see the specialist in the near future, when it is anticipated that he will be allowed to commence full training. He, too, should be ready for football in about a fortnight's time.

Awaiting call up for the Forces is full back John Bamber, who recently passed his medical examination. His departure will mean that six of our professional players are undergoing military service, the others being Fraser, McGuinness, Jones, Knight and Gilfedder.

Decision of the Rugby League Selection Committee following the recommendation of the Rugby League Council to fly next year's Touring team to Australia and New Zealand, will undoubtedly have the full approval of all Northern League clubs. The party, consisting of 26 players and two managers, will leave England about the 14th May. Any

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tourist, therefore, who is a member of the clubs competing in the Cup Final, to be played at Wembley on the 24th April, and the Championship Finals will be able to assist his side, whereas hitherto clubs have been deprived of the services of their tourists in probably the season's most important matches. The Selection Committee are to be congratulated on their decision.

Another important aspect of air travel arrangements is that the party will be back in England in time for the opening of the season. Previously their return has been in September.

Although the expense of air travel will add considerably to the tour expenses, an almost corresponding saving will be effected in that players' allowances, etc., will be reduced to the shorter tour.

The number of matches to be played will be the same as in previous tours, 17 in Australia as against 19, and 7 in New Zealand as against 5. Eight full week-ends will be spent in Australia and three Test matches will be played, with a further three Tests against New Zealand in the second part of the Tour commencing on July 12th. New Zealand will, no doubt, be highly pleased that three Tests are to be played there instead of two as in former tours.

The date of departure for England is 10th August.

All Northern League club representatives on the Rugby League Council are eligible for nomination as tour managers, and the names of the two men selected are expected to be announced following the next meeting of the Council on 5th October. The 26 players will be selected about next March.

All members who have not yet renewed their membership for the current season are urged to do so, as the membership subscription lists for 1953-54 will be closed in the near future.

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(Up to and including 19th September. "Wardonia" Charity match not included)

|                  | Appearances | Goals | Tries |
|------------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| Bevan, B. ..     | 9           | 0     | 8     |
| Bath, H. ..      | 6           | 21    | 0     |
| Challinor, J. .. | 1           | 0     | 0     |
| Frodsham, E. ..  | 9           | 6     | 2     |
| Fishwick, H. ..  | 8           | 0     | 0     |
| Humphreys, A. .. | 8           | 0     | 2     |
| Helme, G. ..     | 4           | 0     | 0     |
| Heathwood, A. .. | 7           | 2     | 0     |
| Herbert, R. ..   | 2           | 0     | 1     |
| Mountford, C. .. | 7           | 0     | 1     |
| Naughton, A. ..  | 9           | 0     | 6     |
| Naughton, D. ..  | 7           | 0     | 1     |
| Price, R. ..     | 6           | 0     | 2     |
| Phillips, S. ..  | 9           | 0     | 0     |
| Ryder, R. ..     | 3           | 0     | 0     |
| Ryan, R. ..      | 9           | 0     | 0     |
| Sheridan, W. ..  | 5           | 0     | 0     |
| White, E. ..     | 3           | 0     | 0     |
| Wright, G. ..    | 4           | 0     | 0     |
| Wright, F. ..    | 1           | 0     | 0     |

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—Lancashire County Rugby League Senior Cup, Rule 5

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—Rule No. 6

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## 1st Team Fixtures for Season 1953-54

| Date    | Opponents                          | Ground | Result |
|---------|------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Aug. 8  | Wigan                              | away   | 20 30  |
| " 15    | Salford                            | home   | 17 4   |
| " 19    | Barrow                             | home   | 12 7   |
| " 22    | Hull K.R.                          | away   | 5 17   |
| " 29    | Rochdale H.                        | home   | 16 4   |
| Sept. 3 | Barrow                             | away   | 5 0    |
| " 5     | Belle Vue R. (Lancs. Cup, 1st leg) | home   | 28 7   |
| " 8     | Belle Vue R. (Lancs. Cup, 2nd leg) | away   | 17 14  |
| " 12    | Leeds                              | away   | 14 43  |
| " 19    | Wigan                              | home   | 13 9   |
| " 24    | Oldham                             | home   | .....  |
| " 26    | Whitehaven                         | away   | .....  |
| Oct. 3  | Hull K.R.                          | home   | .....  |
| " 10    | Castleford                         | away   | .....  |
| " 17    | Swinton                            | home   | .....  |
| " 24    | Workington T.                      | away   | .....  |
| " 31    | Leeds                              | home   | .....  |
| Nov. 7  | Belle Vue R.                       | away   | .....  |
| " 14    | Hull                               | home   | .....  |
| " 21    | Salford                            | away   | .....  |
| " 28    | Liverpool C.                       | home   | .....  |
| Dec. 5  | Castleford                         | home   | .....  |
| " 12    | Bramley                            | away   | .....  |
| " 25    | Widnes                             | home   | .....  |
| " 26    | Leigh                              | away   | .....  |
| 1954    |                                    |        |        |
| Jan. 1  | Wigan                              | away   | .....  |
| " 2     | St. Helens                         | away   | .....  |
| " 9     | Workington T.                      | home   | .....  |
| " 16    | Bramley                            | home   | .....  |
| " 23    | Rochdale H.                        | away   | .....  |
| " 30    | Hull                               | away   | .....  |
| Feb. 6  | Challenge Cup—1st Round            |        |        |
| " 13    | "                                  |        |        |
| " 20    | Oldham                             | home   | .....  |
| " 27    | St. Helens                         | home   | .....  |
| Mar. 6  | Challenge Cup—2nd Round            |        |        |
| " 13    | Liverpool C.                       | away   | .....  |
| " 20    | Belle Vue R.                       | home   | .....  |
| " 27    | Swinton                            | away   | .....  |
| Apl. 3  | Oldham                             | away   | .....  |
| " 8     |                                    |        |        |
| " 10    |                                    |        |        |
| " 16    | Widnes                             | away   | .....  |
| " 17    | Whitehaven                         | home   | .....  |
| " 19    | Leigh                              | home   | .....  |

### Kick-Off Times

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| August 18th to November 15th      | 3.0 p.m.  |
| November 16th to January 15, 1954 | 2.30 p.m. |
| January 16th to end of season     | 3.0 p.m.  |

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