

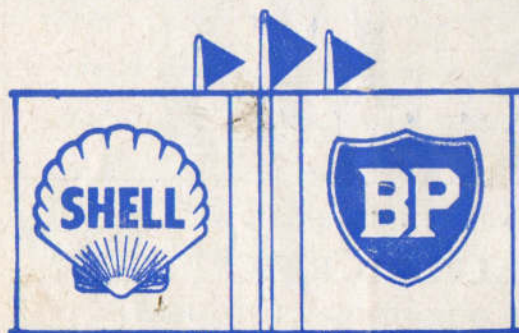
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There is a wide gap between our achievements this season and those of our opponents from Watersheddings. We are 27th in the table and they are 9th, but if we can produce the same form as that which we showed against Wigan and Workington there is not going to be much between us.

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	(home)	won	0-3-9	0-0-0
1948-49	(home)	won	4-4-20	3-1-9
	(away)	draw	1-0-2	1-0-2
1949-50	(home)	won	1-3-11	1-0-2
	(away)	won	1-2-8	1-1-5
1950-51	(away)	lost	2-2-10	2-4-16
	(home)	won	3-2-12	3-1-9
1951-52	(home)	lost	1-1-5	5-3-19
	(away)	draw	3-1-9	3-1-9
1952-53	(away)	lost	0-1-3	7-6-32
	(home)	lost	2-0-4	1-2-8

Compared with last season the Oldham side has not undergone any extensive material change. They have signed Peter Fearis (a Bath, Dorset and Wiltshire centre) who will play to-day if Alan Davies is unfit. In August they made a bid to secure Ernest Ward's services and agreed to pay a transfer fee of £3,500; but Ward, who had previously accepted an appointment as coach to Castleford, refused to alter his decision.

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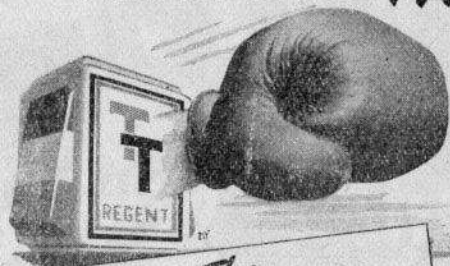
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TOMMY RYAN.

Our photograph to-day is of Tommy Ryan, who was signed from Bedford Recs. at the beginning of the present season. He partnered Joe Houghton in the Bedford Recs. team, but owing to Joe's injury the partnership has not yet been resumed. He has played for the first team on three occasions when Brian Keavney has been unable to get here, and has done very well.

Tommy is 19 years of age and, as he is employed at a colliery in Leigh, he is exempt from National Service.

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CLUB GOSSIP.

It was good news to hear from the specialist who attended Tom McKinney, following his mishap at Barrow, that the injury to his knee was not so serious as at first thought. After a week's observation in the Altrincham General Hospital, where the injury yielded to heat and electrical treatment, Tom is now back at home and gave us hope that it will not be long before he is active again.

The accident came at a most unfortunate time for Tom had been chosen to play for Other Nationalities against France at Bordeaux to-morrow, success in which would have gone a long way towards improving his chances of being a member of the Australian tour team.

It was a most unlucky day at Wakefield last Saturday. In addition to being short of McKinney, Danby, Keavney and Fairhurst, Boardman, Rogers and Birkin sustained early injuries which affected their play, and, to make matters worse, we refused to accept chances.

In spite of the fact that we had four trialists in our "A" team—two centres, a winger, and a hooker—we had no difficulty in accounting for Liverpool City "A" by 41 points to 14. The game was featured by the brilliant play of Fred Halton. Our second Jimmy Lomas, a front-row forward, did not arrive in time to take part in the game.

Joe Houghton, out of hospital after the operation on his wrist, is resuming training next week.

We ask supporters to give generously to-day to what we think is a grand cause. We are endeavouring to give commentaries of our home games which will be relayed to Ladywell Hospital and eventually to Hope Hospital as well. The club are paying the rental and money is needed to pay for the necessary equipment. So please help the people who are at the moment confined to hospital.

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3. FINNAN
4. FAIRHURST
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6. DAVIES
7. KEAVNEY
8. MARSTON
9. BOARDMAN
10. ROGERS *4 Goals*
11. GRAINGER
12. MOSES
13. BIRKIN

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Swinton	10	8	0	2	166	127	16
St. Helens	9	7	1	1	212	91	15
Barrow	10	5	0	4	168	97	12
Leeds	9	6	0	3	212	144	12
Oldham	10	6	0	4	169	108	12
Wakefield T.	9	6	0	3	162	119	12
Wigan	9	6	0	3	161	117	12
Castleford	10	6	0	4	156	170	12
Featherstone	10	5	1	4	139	150	11
Hull	10	5	0	5	161	137	10
Dewsbury	10	4	1	5	147	123	9
Widnes	9	4	1	4	118	124	9
Keighley	10	4	1	5	147	157	9
Bradford N.	9	4	0	5	140	140	8
York	10	4	0	6	138	141	8
Hunslet	10	4	0	6	126	152	8
Batley	9	4	0	5	128	162	8
Rochdale H.	9	3	1	5	131	106	7
Bramley	10	3	1	6	137	218	7
Leigh	10	3	0	7	138	139	6
Whitehaven	9	3	0	6	108	152	6
Hull K.R.	10	2	1	7	89	203	5
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St. Helens	5	4	1	0	156	42	9
Oldham	6	4	0	2	114	47	8
Barrow	7	4	0	3	115	74	8
Bramley	7	3	1	3	113	153	7
Workington	5	3	0	2	102	48	6
Widnes	7	2	1	4	84	107	5
Leigh	5	3	0	2	58	57	4
Wigan	4	2	0	2	63	59	4
Rochdale H.	4	1	1	2	34	44	3
Whitehaven	6	1	0	5	46	116	2
Salford	4	1	0	3	42	58	2
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Ganley (Oldham).....	46	Gibson (Workington).....	14
Ledgard (Leigh).....	45	Llewellyn (St. Helens).....	13
Bath (Warrington).....	45	Davies (Leigh).....	13
Metcalfe (St. Helens).....	42	McCormick (St. Helens).....	12
Stott (Swinton).....	41	Cooper (Huddersfield).....	12
Talbot (Hunslet).....	36	Metcalfe (St. Helens).....	12
McKeown (Whitehaven).....	36	Lewthwaite (Barrow).....	11
Gibson (Barrow).....	36	McLean (Bradford N.).....	11
Morgan (Leeds).....	35	Boocker (Wakefield T.).....	11
Griffiths (Halifax).....	35	Davies (Oldham).....	10
Wilson (Bramley).....	33	Pollard (Dewsbury).....	10
Hutton (Hull).....	31	Henderson (Huddersfield).....	10
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1953.	F.	A.
Aug. 15—Warrington ...	A.	4 17
22—Wakefield	H.	3 13
29—Bramley	A.	13 15
Sept. 2—York	H.	15 19
5—Wigan (L.C.) ...	H.	12 7
7—Wigan (L.C.) ...	A.	2 28
12—Hunslet	H.	13 7
19—York	A.	20 22
26—Workington ...	H.	14 9
Oct. 3—Barrow	A.	11 17
10—Wakefield	A.	6 34
17—Oldham	H.	
24—Widnes	A.	
31—Belle Vue	H.	
Nov. 7—Keighley	A.	
14—Keighley	H.	
21—Warrington ...	H.	
28—Hunslet	A.	
Dec. 5—Bramley	H.	
12—Rochdale H. ...	A.	
19—St. Helens	H.	
25—Wigan	A.	
26—Liverpool C. ...	H.	
28—Liverpool C. ...	A.	

1954	
Jan. 1—Swinton	H.
2—Leigh	H.
9—Oldham	A.
16—Belle Vue R. ...	A.
23—Whitehaven ...	H.
30—St. Helens	A.
Feb. 6—R.L. Cup.	
1st Rd. 1st Leg	
13—R.L. Cup.	
1st Rd. 2nd Leg	
20—Barrow	H.
27—	
Mar. 6—R.L. Cup, 2nd Rd.	
13—Leigh	A.
20—Rochdale H. ...	H.
27—	
April 3—Workington ...	A.
10—Widnes	H.
16—Whitehaven ...	A.
17—Swinton	A.
19—Wigan	H.
24—	

"A" TEAM

1953	F.	A.
Aug. 15—Widnes (S.C.)	H.	34 7
22—Warrington ...	A.	5 14
29—Wigan	A.	3 24
Sept. 5—		
12—Swinton	A.	23 7
19—Leigh	H.	23 7
26—Workington ...	A.	17 5
Oct. 3—W'haven (S.C.)	A.	10 4
10—Liverpool C. ...	H.	41 14
17—Oldham	A.	
24—Widnes	H.	
31—		
Nov. 7—Swinton & D. ...	H.	
14—		
21—		
28—Swinton	H.	
Dec. 5—		
12—Rochdale H. ...	H.	
19—St. Helens	A.	
25—Wigan	H.	
26—Liverpool C. ...	A.	

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Mar. 6—Whitehaven ...	A.
13—	
20—Rochdale H. ...	A.
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10—Widnes	A.
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F. BAINES	1	1	—	3
W. FINNAN	11	5	—	15
T. DANBY	10	2	—	6
B. HARTLEY	11	5	—	15
J. DAVIES	11	7	15	51
T. HARRISON	3	—	—	—
P. MARSTON	11	2	—	6
T. McKINNEY	10	—	—	—
J. ROGERS	10	—	3	6
J. GRAINGER	9	—	—	—
D. MOSES	11	—	—	—
F. BIRKIN	7	1	—	3
J. WHALLEY	6	—	1	2
G. CAUDWELL	4	—	—	—
J. FAIRHURST	6	1	—	3
B. KEAVNEY	5	—	—	—
T. RYAN	3	—	—	—
R. ROBSON	1	—	—	—
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F. ALDER	1	—	—	—
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TOPICAL TALK.

Although we as a club voted against two divisions when last the subject was put before a general meeting, we are naturally interested in the proposals which Halifax are to submit on 28th October. It is a subject which has as many supporters as opponents and is constantly in the news. We hope that Halifax have something different to offer than earlier reformers.

Another matter now being discussed is the ban which prevents clubs from signing Australian and New Zealand players of either code unless they are given clearance certificates.

Clubs who have capital to invest in overseas stars (we have not) are wondering how such men as Brian Bevan, Arthur Clues, Harry Bath, Pat Devery, Lionel Cooper, Joe Phillips, Jack McLean, Ces Mountford, Brian Nordgren, and others, are going to be replaced when they inevitably retire.

Without a doubt we shall miss these stars, but how we are going to appease the Australian and New Zealand authorities if we re-commence our poaching when the ban expires in two years' time will require tact and a great deal of persuasion.

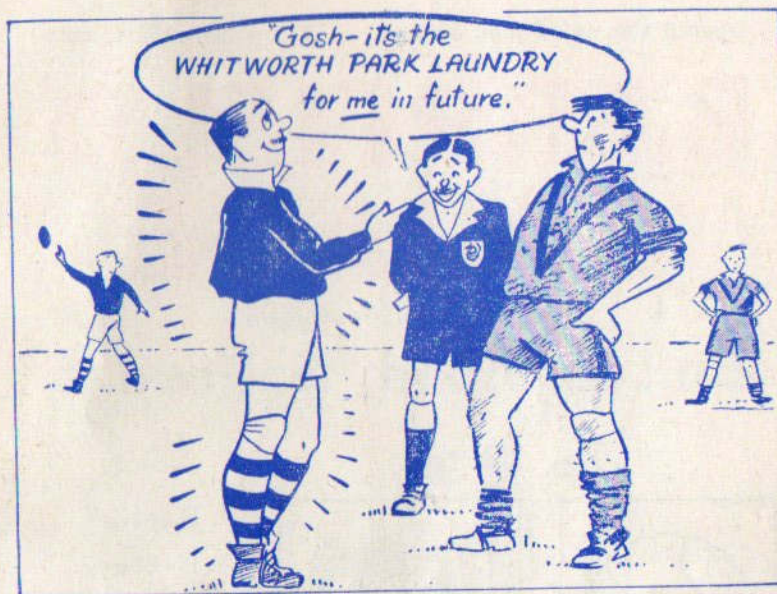
Ever since 1910 Australian and New Zealand players have graced the game in this country, and we owe them a debt of gratitude. It is a great compliment to the skill of the few that remain that, with the aid of a couple of Scotsmen, they last season became the International champions and the winners of the Jean Galia Memorial Trophy.

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