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NOTES

Since defeating Wigan at home, emphatic victories have been gained at Swinton and Oldham, keeping "Town" well in the running for that vital "first-four" position. The positions in the top six are fluctuating every week, but "Town" have maintained a steady fourth position. Last week-end saw us in the third position temporarily after Warrington had slipped from top to fourth with having no game. Our lack of a match yesterday has allowed the leaders to gain a little more ground, and no team can afford a slip-up in any way whatsoever.

With half the season gone, a bare six teams are left to battle out the "top-four" positions, with possibly two more outsiders on the fringe. Could there be any stronger argument for two divisions?

Our game at Oldham last week was a thriller, and in welcoming our last week's opponents to-day, we can probably look forward to the same holiday fare. Oldham played Swinton yesterday, and travelled North immediately after the game. Not quite the same team which played so brilliantly at one period last year, the men from Watersheddings are nevertheless a grand fighting force able to make every team in the league go all the way. Star men in a sound side are Cracknell, £4,000 winger obtained from Huddersfield, international Alan Davies in the centre, Ganley a goal-kicking full-back, with international forwards Goldswain and Winslade.

The collection on this ground during the Wigan game for the Ralph Slater Dependents' Fund, realised almost £54. This was a magnificent response to the appeal, and due acknowledgement is given to all who subscribed.

New Year fixtures next week involve Whitehaven and Liverpool City. We want all the support we can get at the Recreation Ground in this local "derby", so be there with the usual vocal encouragement. Whitehaven will be all out to peg us back in our "top-four" aspirations. Liverpool are making great efforts to strengthen their team, and have been aided by loaned players recently from the top

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clubs. Wigan's offer of Roughley, Hilton, Collier and Griffin would most certainly strengthen the side, and maybe the loans will have been effected by next Saturday. In the interests of a good game—we hope so.

League Records (not including Christmas Day)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
WORKINGTON (3rd)	19	16	3	0	409	186	32
OLDHAM (16th)	20	8	10	2	285	240	18

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FIRST TEAM					Apps. Gls. Tries. Pts.				
	Apps.	Gls.	Tries.	Pts.		Apps.	Gls.	Tries.	Pts.
Archer, H.	5	—	—	—	Mudge, J. R.	20	—	—	—
Dawson, F. R.	7	—	2	6	Paskins, A. H.	11	—	5	15
Eden, H.	13	—	1	3	Price, F.	5	—	3	9
Foster, R.	2	—	—	—	Risman, A. J.	22	81	4	174
Bailey, W. T.	6	—	4	12	Southward, I.	15	—	9	27
Gibson, E.	21	3	17	57	Thomas, W. H.	17	—	3	9
Hayton, J.	18	—	3	9	Thompson, T. C.	21	—	4	12
Henderson, J.	18	—	3	9	Wareing, J.	1	—	—	—
Ivill, W.	12	—	4	12	Wilson, B.	4	—	—	—
Ivison, W.	17	—	1	3	Wilson, G.	19	—	21	63
Kerwick, E.	19	—	6	18					
Key, A.	4	—	—	—					
Lymer, W.	9	—	—	—					
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	POINTS.			POINTS.	
	F.	A.		F.	A.
1953.			Dec. 12—Swinton	A 21	7
Aug. 15—Dewsbury	A 30	12	" 19—Oldham	A 22	10
" 22—Castleford	H 58	8	" 26—Oldham	H	
" 26—Belle Vue R.	H 22	2			
" 29—York	A 16	9	1954.		
Sept. 2—Whitehaven	H 41	9	Jan. 1—Whitehaven	A	
" 12—Batley	A 19	7	" 2—Liverpool	H	
" 19—Widnes	H 22	8	" 9—Warrington	A	
" 26—Salford	A 9	14	" 16—Wigan	A	
Oct. 3—Batley	H 28	14	" 23—Leigh	H	
" 10—Rochdale	H 8	15	" 30—York	H	
" 17—Leigh	A 28	11	Feb. 20—Widnes	A	
" 24—Warrington	H 9	7	" 27—Belle V.R.	A	
" 31—St. Helens	A 5	20	Mar. 13—Bramley	A	
Nov. 7—Dewsbury	H 20	2	" 20—Swinton	H	
" 14—Rochdale	A 12	7	Apl. 3—Salford	H	
" 21—St. Helens	H		" 10—Liverpool	A	
" 28—Castleford	A 18	14	" 16—Barrow	A	
Dec. 5—Wigan	H 21	10	" 17—Bramley	H	
			" 19—Barrow	H	

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