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| 14      | Whitehaven                 | Away      |
| 21      | Bramley                    | Home 2-30 |
| 28      | Belle Vue R.               | Away      |
| Dec. 5  | Barrow                     | Home 2-30 |
| 12      | St. Helens                 | Away      |
| 19      | Workington                 | Home 2-30 |
| 25      | Swinton                    | Home 2-30 |
| 26      | Workington                 | Away      |
| Jan. 2  | Hull                       | Away      |
| 9       | Salford                    | Home 2-30 |
| 16      | Huddersfield               | Home 2-30 |
| 23      | Liverpool                  | Away      |
| 30      | Whitehaven                 | Home 3-0  |
| Feb. 6  | 1st Rd. R.L. Cup (1st Leg) |           |
| 13      | 1st Rd. R.L. Cup (2nd Leg) |           |
| 20      | Warrington                 | Away      |
| 27      | Leigh                      | Home 3-0  |
| Mar. 6  | 2nd Rd. R.L. Cup           |           |
| 13      | Barrow                     | Away      |
| 20      | Hull                       | Home 3-0  |
| 27      |                            |           |
| Apr. 3  | Warrington                 | Home 3-0  |
| 10      | Wigan                      | Away      |
| 16      | Swinton (G.F.)             | Away      |
| 17      | Belle Vue R. (E.S.)        | Home 3-0  |
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## OLDHAM v. BELLE VUE RANGERS

### WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Our team still flatters to deceive and created a big surprise in winning at Wigan on Saturday last, a win that was fully deserved especially as to the way our players stood up in defence when our opponents threw all their weight and resources in the last quarter in an effort to avoid defeat. The Wigan passing machinery could never be got to run smoothly against such splendid tackling that all our players put into the game, and the one try of the match that was scored by us was of the copybook type, good clean handling and strong running followed by a good goal from our full back. Some of the home spectators thought that we were lucky to win, which is quite natural, but they do not give credit to the defensive side of the game, attack must always try to beat defence by varying tactics. Strength in defence is as necessary as strength in attack. We naturally rate more highly the man who does things than the man who prevents them from being done. The aim of the footballer is to score. The desire of the crowd is to see scores. The attacking player—the man who gets tries and kicks goals—is a public hero, on a very different level in popular estimation from the defensive player who prevents scores.

In our game against Whitehaven on Monday evening last our team recorded their highest score of the season—46 points against 6 points. Our visitors had only one change in the forwards that had beaten the Leigh team at Whitehaven on the previous Saturday—and did this with twelve men on the field. We must compliment our team on their fine exhibition although we consider ourselves rather lucky with one or two suspected passes that appeared to be forward, but nevertheless it showed that our team was in fine condition and mood with some splendid running and passing movements.

### OUR VISITORS

To-day our visitors are Belle Vue Rangers who complete our first team home fixtures for the season and we extend a welcome to them. Like ourselves they have had a very mixed season but have been capable of bringing off one or two surprises during the season. Many great players have been connected with this famous club both as Broughton Rangers and now known as Belle Vue Rangers, but such has been the circumstances of finance that a transfer has been necessary, but still they carry on and we hope for a long time to keep the flag flying in the Manchester district. We hope to see two of our old players in action against us to-day in Dai Rees, scrum-half, and Trevor Williams as out-half (Williams is on loan to Belle Vue).

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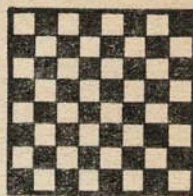
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|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1                            | GANLEY, W. B.           | 1                                | PINDLETT GREGORY  |
| 2                            | CRACKNELL, R.           | 2                                | CLEWORTH          |
| 3                            | MITCHELL, W. S.         | 3                                | MORGAN            |
| 4                            | DAVIES, A.              | 4                                | JONES             |
| 5                            | O'GRADY, T.             | 5                                | DAY               |
| 6                            | FEATHER, J.             | 6                                | WILLIAMS          |
| 7                            | STIRRUP F. PICHFORD     | 7                                | REES              |
| 8                            | SMITH, T. A.            | 8                                | PUGSLEY           |
| 9                            | KEITH, J.               | 9                                | DUTTON FLANAGAN   |
| 10                           | TOMLINSON, A. JACKSON   | 10                               | FLANAGAN CLANCY   |
| 11                           | WINSLADE, C.            | 11                               | HERBERT           |
| 12                           | LITTLE, S. D. TOMLINSON | 12                               | HERNEY JENNINGS   |
| 13                           | GOLDSWAIN, B. V.        | 13                               | GALLAGHER TIERNEY |

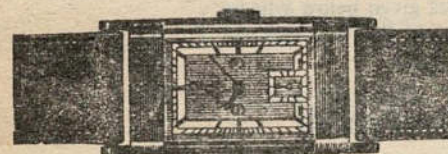
Referee: Mr. S. ABRAM of Wigan

Touch Judges:  
Mr. K. W. Bland, Poulton (Red) Mr. A. Bolton, Knutsford (Blue)

## ROCHDALE v. OLDHAM EASTER MONDAY

| FAILSWORTH                  | HOLLINWOOD     |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 1-12 p.m., 1/8              | 1-16 p.m., 1/6 |
| OLDHAM, W.                  | OLDHAM C.,     |
| 1-22 p.m., 1/5              | 1-25 p.m., 1/3 |
| OLDHAM, M.,                 | ROYTON, JCT.,  |
| 1-32 p.m., 1/3              | 1-34 p.m., 1/2 |
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## BRIEFS

In a letter to the Club from Joe Warham (who has been struck off our register), he expresses thanks for the happy time and good treatment he has received at Watersheddings and especially to our members and sporting public which leaves him with pleasant memories of appearing in the red and white jersey—a nice appreciation to all.

Frank Daly had a try out with our "A" team on Saturday last against Swinton "A" and was unfortunate in receiving a shoulder injury and has asked for a lay off for the remaining part of the season. It has been a very unfortunate season for Daley and also the Club, commencing with a broken forearm at Bramley on August 26th. We hope that he will have fully recovered by the commencement of next season and to see him in action once again.

## GROUND DEVELOPMENT FUND

The amount of funds available for the Ground Development and Reconstruction now amounts to £834 against an appeal to our members and public for £5,500, being £4,000 for the new "penny rush" stand and £1,500 for the development of the new training ground adjacent to the Pavilion. We must express thanks for those who have contributed to the fund but there must be several who may have forgotten our appeal. We ask for our members and supporters to rally round and give whatever you can afford as every little helps to pay for something that is of a permanent nature.

## TESTIMONIAL MATCH

We have promised to take our first team to Halifax on Saturday, 15th May, 1954, to play Halifax in a Testimonial match for Arthur Daniels, the Halifax wing man. This is a reciprocation for the many times the Halifax Club have obliged us with players and once with their team to come along to Watersheddings for testimonials for our players.

## HALF-TIME SCORES

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

**A** SWINTON  
SALFORD

**D** HUDDERSFIELD  
BATLEY

**B** LEIGH  
WIGAN

**E** BRADFORD N.  
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**C** ST. HELENS  
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