

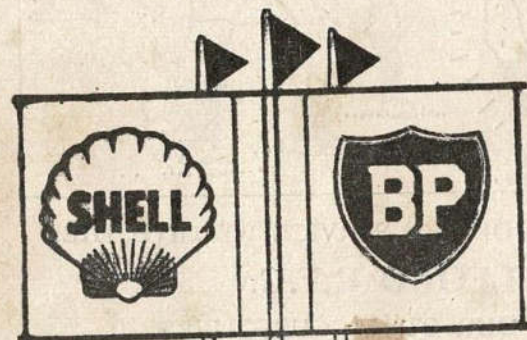
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1945-26	(away) lost	2-1-7	2-2-10
	(home) lost	1-2-8	5-5-25
1946-47	(home) lost	1-1-5	1-4-14
	(away) lost	0-2-6	2-4-16
1947-48	(away) lost	0-0-0	4-6-26
	(home) won	0-3-9	0-0-0
1948-49	(home) won	4-4-20	4-1-9
	(away) draw	1-0-2	1-0-2
1949-50	(home) won	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

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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
1953-54	(home) draw	4-1-11	4-1-11
	(away) draw	1-0-2	1-0-2

Summary : Played 18, won 5, lost 9, drawn 4.

Like our Tom McKinney, Oldham's Terry O'Grady is in Australia, and we hope to welcome them home next Friday.

Bernard Ganley, the son of the famous Bert Ganley, of Leigh and Huddersfield fame, has become one of the leading full-backs in the game and an accurate goal kicker. Dick Cracknell, too, is well known. He also is the son of a distinguished father who gave outstanding service to Swinton and Huddersfield.

There are few better centres in the game than Alan Davies, and Roland Barrow is a player who is making rapid progress as his partner. Bryn Goldswain, who was formerly connected with Hull K.R., is well known to us all, as also are Jack Keith, Arthur Tomlinson and Charlie Winslade.

At the time of writing these notes the composition of the Oldham side is unknown, and if Frank Stirrup plays he will be no stranger.

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CLUB GOSSIP.

Better news is to hand concerning Brian Keavney, who is under treatment in a military hospital for an eye complaint.

In the absence of Jack Davies at Dewsbury, Joe Houghton filled the breach with great credit. Jack Rogers, Jim Grainger and Harry Greenwood also played exceedingly well under most difficult conditions.

There are rumours that our old friend Jack Brown will be leaving Huddersfield and may rejoin a Lancashire side.

Norman Herbert, the Belle Vue forward, has not yet re-signed for the Rangers.

Ken Gee, the Wigan forward, has begun his 22nd season. What a remarkable forward he has been !

It denotes remarkable fortitude for a player to return to the game with such enthusiasm as Tommy Bradshaw, the Leigh half-back, after so many shoulder accidents. Our Tommy Harrison comes off the same stock.

Johnny Lawrenson, the Swinton and former Wigan and Workington utility back, is very early in the wars. He dislocated his left shoulder during the game with Hunslet.

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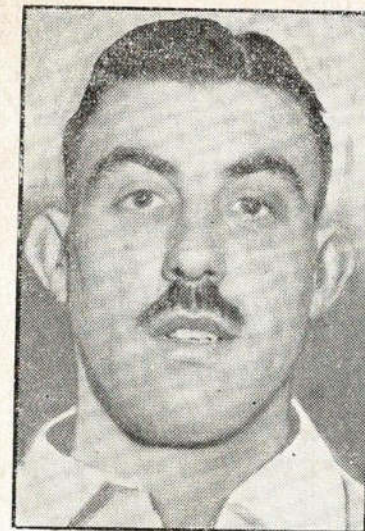
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BRYN GOLDSWAIN.

Our photograph to-day is of Bryn Goldswain, who signed for Oldham in August, 1949, from Hull K.R. at a fee of £2,000. After only three matches for Oldham he was made captain.

He has played more than 160 times in his five full seasons. Last season he played in every game, with the exception of one when he was omitted—but he was hastily brought back to the side. Most of his absences since Bryn has been with Oldham have been owing to his International appearances for Wales, for whom he has played over a dozen times. He has had the honour of being captain of Wales on a number of occasions.

He might never have played R.L. football, for he was invited for trials with Wolverhampton Wanderers after completing his war-time commission in the R.A.F.



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Just to remind you how the clubs finished in the Championship last season, here is the table.

CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Points		
					For	Agst.	Pts.
Halifax	36	30	2	4	538	219	62
Warrington	36	30	1	5	663	311	61
St. Helens	36	28	2	6	672	297	58
Workington T.	36	29	0	7	604	333	58
Hull	36	25	0	11	685	349	50
Huddersfield	36	24	0	12	689	417	48
Wigan	36	23	1	12	688	392	47
Barrow	36	23	0	13	574	377	46
Bradford N.	36	22	0	14	628	414	44
Leeds	36	22	0	14	766	517	44
Wakefield T.	36	19	1	16	671	508	39
Oldham	36	17	4	15	504	366	38
Leigh	36	19	0	17	547	459	38
Featherstone	36	18	2	16	478	431	38
Hunslet	36	19	0	17	455	451	38
Widnes	36	16	3	17	420	431	35
York	36	17	0	19	412	401	34
Keighley	36	15	3	18	473	533	33
Rochdale H.	36	14	3	19	404	457	31
Dewsbury	36	14	3	19	432	508	31
Whitehaven	36	14	1	21	362	544	29
Salford	36	13	2	21	370	438	28
Swinton	36	13	1	22	341	513	27
Batley	36	13	1	22	367	658	27
Bramley	36	11	3	22	437	746	25
Castleford	36	11	1	24	437	728	23
Belle Vue R.	36	7	2	27	307	714	16
Doncaster	36	5	2	29	340	840	12
Hull K.R.	36	5	2	29	298	737	12
Liverpool C.	36	4	0	32	304	777	8

BEFORE & AFTER THE MATCH

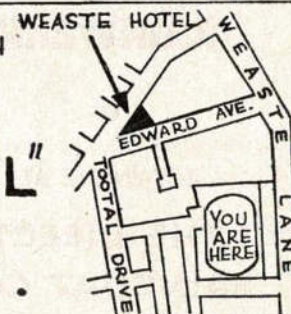
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			P.	P.
May	19—Western Division	Won ...	29	11
	22—Newcastle	Lost ...	10	11
	26—Riverina	Won ...	36	26
	29—Sydney	Lost ...	25	32
	30—Southern Division	Drawn	17	17
June	5—New South Wales	Lost ...	11	22
	12—FIRST TEST MATCH (Sydney)	Lost ...	12	37
	14—Brisbane	Won ...	34	4
	19—Queensland	Won ...	34	32
	20—Wide Bay.....	Won ...	60	14
	22—Southern Zone	Won ...	28	7
	24—Northern Zone	Won ...	39	18
	27—North Queensland	Won ...	39	13
	29—Central Queensland	Won ...	21	12
July	3—SECOND TEST MATCH (Brisbane)	Won ...	38	21
	4—Toowoomba	Won ...	25	14
	7—Northern New South Wales	Won ...	44	14
	10—New South Wales (abandoned)		3	17
	17—THIRD TEST MATCH (Sydney).....	Lost ...	16	20

IN NEW ZEALAND.

July	22—Maoris XIII	Won ...	14	4
	24—FIRST TEST MATCH (Auckland) ...	Won ...	27	7
	27—Wellington	Won ...	61	18
	31—FIRST TEST MATCH (Greymouth)	Lost ...	14	20
	<i>2.M.D.</i>			
Aug.	4—South Island	Won ...	32	11
	7—Canterbury	Won ...	60	14
	9—North Island	Won ...	42	7
	11—South Auckland	Won ...	26	14
	14—THIRD TEST MATCH (Auckland)...	Won ...	12	6
	16—Auckland	Lost ...	4	5

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Yorkshire referees have been appointed for the first round Lancashire Cup-ties on September 11th, as follows :—

Blackpool Borough v. Belle Vue. A. Howgate (Dewsbury).
Oldham v. County Amateurs. E. Hopkins (Leeds).
Leigh v. Wigan. A. Hill (Dewsbury).
Liverpool City v. Salford. H. Squires (Ossett).
Rochdale Hornets v. Barrow. T. Armitage (Huddersfield).
St. Helens v. Whitehaven. S. Adams (Hull).
Widnes v. Warrington. M. Coates (Leeds).
Workington v. Swinton (6-15 p.m.). R. Gelder (Wakefield).

The second round ties will be played in mid-week between September 20th and 23rd.

Lancashire meet Cumberland at Wigan on Wednesday, Sept. 15th, kick-off at 6-15 p.m. The Lancashire team will be chosen on August 31st.

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FIRST TEAM

		F.	A.
1954.			
Aug. 7—Swinton	H.	3	12
	(Red Rose Cup)		
14—Blackpool	H.	40	3
17—Dewsbury	A.	7	0
21—Castleford	A.	0	19
25—Oldham	H.	11	2
28—Barrow	H.		
Sept. 4—Rochdale H. ...	A.		
11—Liverpool C. ...	A.		
	(Lancs. Cup)		
18—			
25—Castleford	H.		
Oct. 2—Dewsbury	H.		
9—Featherstone ...	A.		
16—St. Helens	H.		
23—Workington ...	A.		
30—Featherstone ...	H.		
Nov. 6—Warrington ...	A.		
13—Rochdale H. ...	H.		
20—Liverpool C. ...	A.		
27—Leigh	H.		
Dec. 4—Oldham	A.		
11—Widnes	H.		
18—Whitehaven ...	A.		
25—Wigan	A.		
27—Whitehaven ...	H.		

1955.			
Jan. 1—Swinton	A.		
8—Workington ...	H.		
15—Belle Vue	A.		
22—Barrow	A.		
29—Belle Vue	H.		
Feb. 5—Liverpool C. ...	H.		
12—R.L. Cup, 1st Rd.			
19—Blackpool	A.		
26—Hull K.R.	H.		
Mar. 5—R.L. Cup, 2nd Rd.			
12—Hull K.R.	A.		
19—			
26—St. Helens	A.		
April 2—Warrington ...	H.		
8—Leigh	A.		
9—Swinton	H.		
11—Wigan	H.		
16—Widnes	A.		

"A" TEAM

		F.	A.
1954.			
Aug. 14—Blackpool	A.	8	19
21—Rochdale H. ...	A.	13	5
	(L.S.C.)		
28—Barrow	A.		
Sept. 4—Rochdale H. ...	H.		
	(L.S.C.)		
11—			
18—Oldham	A.		
25—			
Oct. 2—Swinton	A.		
9—Warrington ...	H.		
	(Friendly)		
16—St. Helens	A.		
23—Workington ...	H.		
30—			
Nov. 6—Warrington ...	H.		
13—Rochdale H. ...	A.		
20—Liverpool C. ...	H.		
27—Leigh	A.		
Dec. 4—Oldham	H.		
11—Widnes	A.		
18—Whitehaven ...	H.		
25—Wigan	H.		

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11—			
16—Widnes	H.		

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Tuesday, August 31st.

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Keighley v Bramley (6-30)

Saturday, September 4th.

Barrow v Oldham

Bramley v Huddersfield

Castleford v. Belle Vue Rangers

Dewsbury v. Bradford Northern

Halifax v. St. Helens

Hull K.R. v. Featherstone Rovers

Hunslet v. Wakefield Trinity

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Still, it is a big advance on all previous tours, due to the fact that Entertainment Tax has been abolished. It means, too, that the player will receive a bigger bonus than their predecessors, probably between £250 and £300—quite a little nest-egg even after the deduction of Income Tax.

Here is a list of the net receipts and bonuses of previous tours. Observe how they have risen during the years.

Year	Net Profit	Players' Bonus
1910	£1,200	£30
1914	£4,000	£68
1920	£6,700	£82
1924	£7,050	£91
1928	£10,607	£136
1932	*£6,161	£80
1936	£7,863	£100
1946	£9,647	£123
1950	£10,350	£159

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