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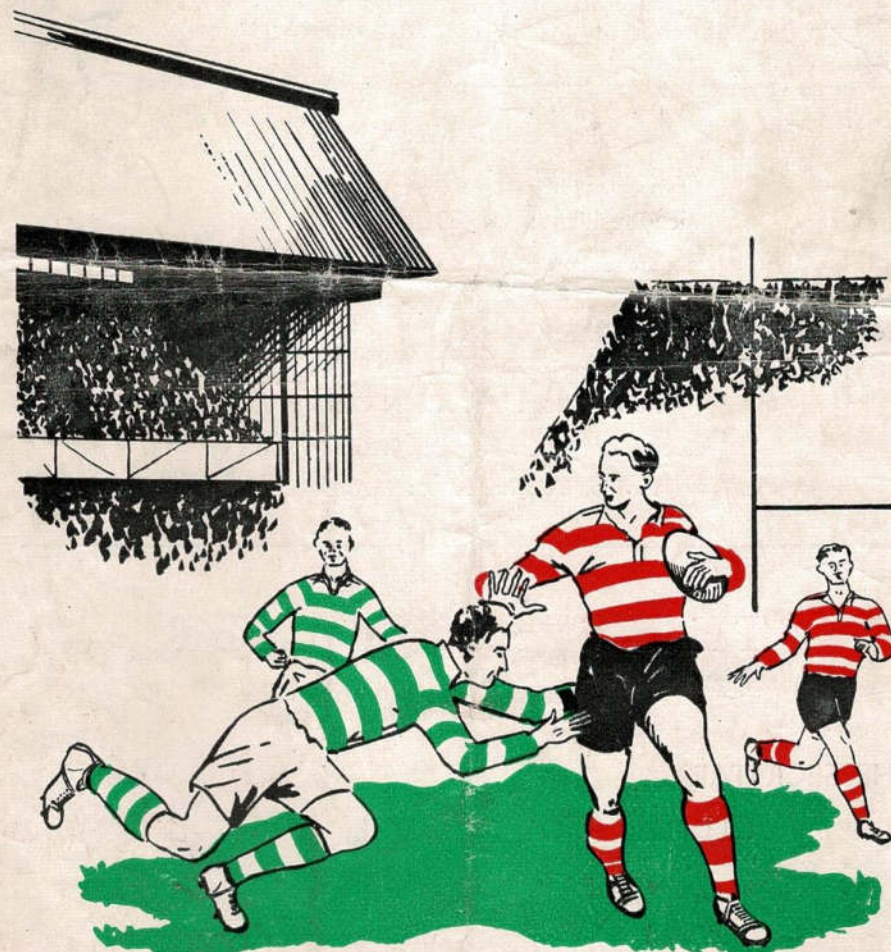
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Fixtures for the Season

1954-55	Opponents	Venue	K.O.	1954-55	Opponents	Venue	K.O.
Aug. 7—	Rochdale (Charity)	Home	3-0	Dec. 18—	Keighley	Away	
14—	Wakefield T.	Away		25—	Swinton	Home	2-30
21—	Batley	Home	3-0	27—			
25—	Salford (Wed.)	Away	7-0	Jan. 1—	Belle Vue R.	Home	2-30
28—	St. Helens	Away		8—	Leigh	Away	
Sept. 4—	Barrow	Away		15—	Warrington	Home	2-30
11—	1st Round Lancs. Cup	Home		22—	Workington	Away	
14—	Liverpool (Tues.)	Home	7-0	29—	Rochdale Hornets	Home	3-0
18—	Batley	Away		Feb. 5—	Barrow	Home	3-0
25—	Wakefield T.	Home	3-0	12—	First Round R.L. Cup		
Oct. 2—	Blackpool	Away		19—	St. Helens	Home	3-0
9—	Workington	Home	3-0	26—			
16—	Rochdale Hornets	Away		Mar. 5—	Second Round R.L. Cup		
23—	Hull	Home	3-0	12—	Belle Vue Rangers	Away	
30—	Liverpool S.	Away		19—	Widnes	Home	3-0
Nov. 6—	Blackpool	Home	3-0	26—	Warrington	Away	
13—	Widnes	Away		Apl. 2—	Wigan	Home	3-0
20—	Whitehaven	Home	2-30	8—	Swinton (Friday)	Away	
27—	Wigan	Away		9—	Hull	Away	
Dec. 4—	Salford	Home	2-30	11—	Keighley (Mon.)	Home	3-0
11—	Whitehaven	Away		16—	Leigh	Home	3-0

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Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

OLDHAM v. LANCASHIRE COUNTY AMATEURS

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

To-day sees the opening of the Cup-hunting part of the Season, and in the first round of the Lancashire Cup we have as our visitors the Lancashire County Amateur team—we welcome the Amateurs to Watersheddings.

The Amateurs had the right of the choice of ground and could have played on any first-class Rugby League ground in Lancashire, but they waived their rights and decided to play the match at Watersheddings.

Our opponents to-day are strictly amateurs in the true meaning of the word, they play without any fee and for the love of the game. They are a collection of units and are the best players connected with clubs throughout Lancashire, and much time and effort has been put in by the officials of the Lancashire County Amateur Rugby Football League in getting together a team to put up a good show against their professional brethren.

Although we expect to win through, we must give credit to the opposition in their efforts, and it is up to our patrons—which without doubt are some of the most sporting in the game—to appreciate and applaud the efforts that will be put forward to-day. Maybe some of the amateurs on view to-day will be the stars of the future. The future international is a boy to-day, and no doubt we shall have several first-team scouts of other clubs running the rule over them as to their ability.

WHO'S WHO IN THE COUNTY TEAM

The full-back, **W. T. Hutson** of Warrington is a sound player and has had trials with the Warrington club.

G. Doughty of Manchester is a coming winger and has recently played with the Swinton first-team, but as an amateur, he is not yet interested in professional football.

A. Nurse of Warrington, captain of the successful Rylands Recs. team of two seasons ago, was out of the game all last season through injury.

G. Malony of Oldham, captain of this team, played as a Rugby League Amateur International last season against France and Italy.

N. Moores of Leigh, like Doughty, has a good turn of speed and is also good in defence.

R. Hart of Oldham and **B. Southwell** of Barrow, half-backs, played so well together in the County Trial at Widnes on August 28th, that it was thought that they had been together for many matches instead of that being the first one.

The front-row forwards; **K. Munslow** of Widnes; **A. T. Roberts** of Warrington, and **B. Lang** of Manchester, can hold their own with most teams.

J. Fairhurst of Wigan, and **J. Owens** of St. Helens, second-row forwards, are both keen players and play a very good game in the loose.

The loose-forward, **D. Tobin** of Widnes is not yet twenty years of age, but he appears to lack nothing in experience.

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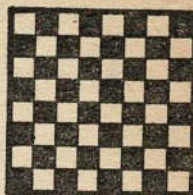
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2. Cracknell, R.
3. Barrow, R./Mitchell, W. S.
4. Davies, A.—Captain
5. Noon, J.
6. Daley, F.
7. Pitchford, F./Stirrup, F.
8. Ogden, H.
9. Keith, J.
10. Tomlinson, A.
11. Little, S. D.
12. Winslade, C.
13. Goldswain, B. V./Murray, A.

LANCASHIRE C. AMATEURS

Red and White

1. Hutson, W. T.
2. Doughty, G.
3. Nurse, A.
4. Malony, G.
5. Moores, N.
6. Hart, R.
7. Southwell, B.
8. Munslow, K.
9. Roberts, A. T.
- Lang, B.
11. Fairhurst, J.
12. Owens, J.
13. Tobin, D.

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Mr. H. Hyde, Manchester (Blue)

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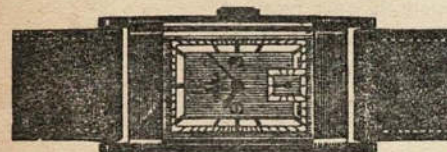
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What players want when all is going against them is encouragement and not to be driven down into the depths of despondency.

British sportsmanship is known the world over for its fairness, not only to its own, but also to its opponents. Let us keep this good name, and those who can't, please keep away, no matter what game or pastime one may follow.

BRIEFS

It is learnt with regret in official circles that the B.B.C. have discontinued the Saturday night Northern Newsreel programme in which eye-witness accounts of Rugby League games were broadcast.

It has been stated that the B.B.C. will carefully consider public reaction to this decision. Supporters who listened with interest to the programme should send their views to the B.B.C., North Region, Manchester. It is up to you now to put the Rugby League on the "air" again.

CUP FINAL TICKETS

The Cup Final will be played at Wembley on Saturday, April 30th, 1955. A limited number of seating tickets at 25/-, 12/6, 10/6 and 6/6 are still available. Applications should be sent, with a stamped addressed envelope, to the Secretary, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7. Standing Enclosure tickets at 3/- can also be reserved in advance.

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