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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 Lanes. Cup			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
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No. 4—Tuesday, September 14th, 1954

Kick-off 6-30 p.m.

OLDHAM v. LIVERPOOL CITY

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

A review of our early season matches gives us a little pleasure in the results that have been achieved. The one great blot on the horizon was the match at Salford on Wednesday, August 25th, when everything appeared in the game except football.

This match is best forgotten, and we must register our disgust at the quality of play that was put over by both teams. The match was "how not to play football," and our supporters who were at Salford must have had mixed feelings as to the future—not only as regards our team, but the future of Rugby League Football as a spectacle.

However, our two away matches, at St. Helens and Barrow, gave us that ray of hope that our team has something about it, and to register victories against these two difficult teams to beat on any occasion—and especially on their own grounds—we must offer congratulations, not only to our team, but also to our opponents who made the game worthy of the name of Rugby League. A word of praise must also go to the spectators of both St. Helens and Barrow for the manner in which they showed their appreciation of the good play of both contestants. At Barrow especially, the spectators applauded our try scoring efforts as though their own team had scored, and showed their satisfaction at the finish of the game by applauding our players off the field. I might add that both games were conducted on the field in the best spirit possible and must congratulate the officials in charge, Messrs. Appleton and Phillips for the efficient manner in which they carried out their duties without fear or favour—firm but just.

OUR VISITORS

Today we have visitors in Liverpool City, and up to now have proved to be one of the most improved teams in the Rugby League. Since they removed to Merseyside they have had a hard battle to get the game going, but by hard work, the Directors and the Supporters' Club appear now to be on the right path to success. By their play this season we cannot afford to hold our opponents cheaply and our team will have to be in its best form to come out on top. Liverpool are now playing a game that will attract the crowds through the excellent tuition and coaching of Tom Sale, ex-Widnes player and ex-coach to Wigan "A."

CUP FINAL TICKETS

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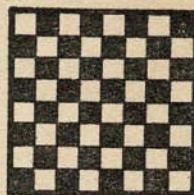
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5. Noon, J. *CRACKY*
6. Daley, F.
7. Pitchford, F./Stirrup, F.
8. Ogden, H.
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11. Little, S. D.
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2. Barton
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4. Rigby *BIRCH*
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10. Coffey
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12. Donegan *SMITH*
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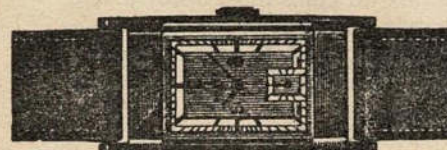
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BRIEFS

Terry O'Grady has just finished a week's holiday at Blackpool, and has to report to our specialist for the O.K., for a run out in a game to test his damaged torn ligaments of the knee. We hope that he has fully recovered as we desire to see this Test player in action in our team once again.

Our Members and Supporters would be surprised to read of the transfer of Peter Fearis from this Club to Halifax. Fearis did not ask for a transfer, but in view of the fact that we have two very promising centres in the "A" team in Ingram and Noon, we resorted to play Fearis at full-back with a view to him becoming proficient in this position, but this position did not meet with his approval, although he played there when selected. Under the circumstances, and with Halifax taking an interest in him as a centre, the committee have done the right thing in transferring the player to Halifax.

Lawrence Platt has now improved in health and is up and about again and has commenced to do light training. We hope he will continue to improve and we sincerely anticipate to have him in action once again.

WORLD CUP TOURNEY

Eighteen players, a manager and a masseur will shortly be selected to take part in the World Cup tourney in France. Test match caps will be awarded to players who take part. This does not give the tourists who have returned from Australia and New Zealand much opportunity of having a rest and getting match fit again. The field will thus be thrown wide open for youngsters to stake a claim for inclusion in the World Cup party. We can see one or two of our players receiving new honours.

CHANGE OF COLOURS

Our visitors to-day, Liverpool City, lost and won the same application to change the style of their jerseys from green and white hoops to a thin green and white band. Their application was first refused, but as the Club had placed a large order of the new design, permission was given for them to exhaust the new supply and then revert back to their old style. The narrow bands of colours on the jerseys of some clubs are very confusing for identification especially on a muddy field. It is a rule that all clubs must apply to the Management Committee for any alteration in style or colour of jersey, but are allowed to nominate an alternative colour. Our own registered colours are red and white with alternative colours of blue and white and we cannot deviate from these.

NOTE ON CAUTIONS

Referees have been instructed that records of all cautions administered to players must be forwarded to the League Secretary. In the past the Disciplinary Committee have taken into consideration only the previous dismissals of a player when deciding his punishment. In future, the record of his cautions will also be taken in consideration.

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