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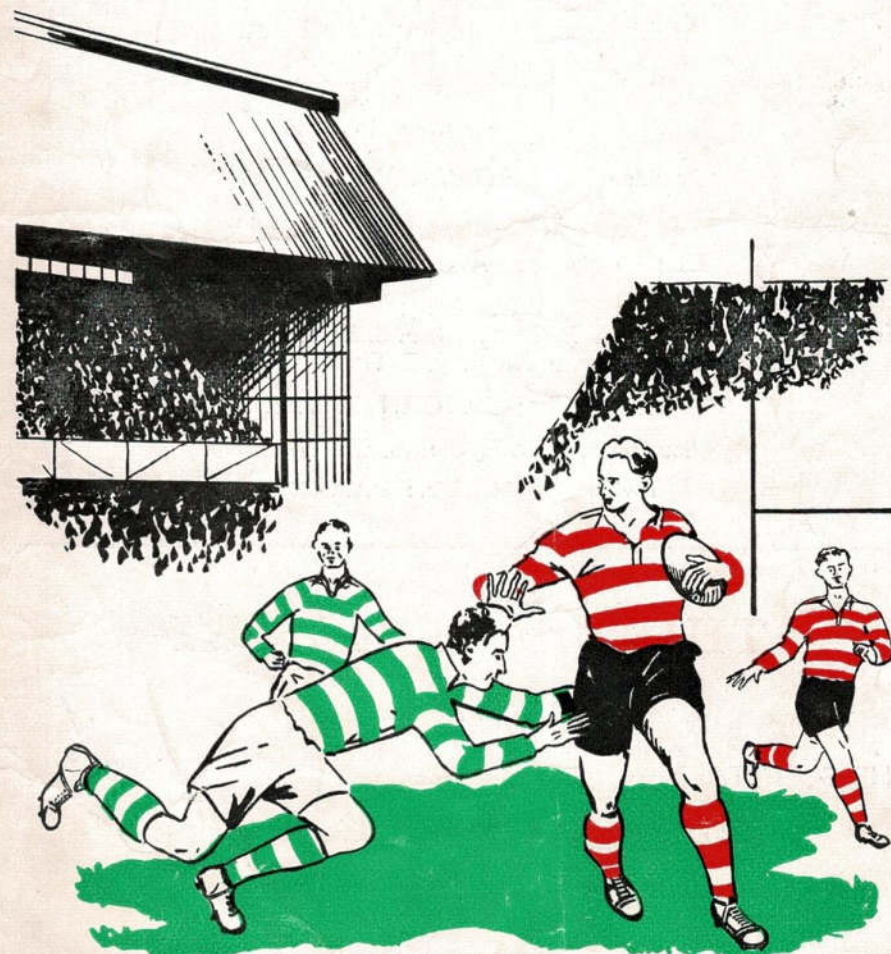
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Fixtures for the Season

1954-55	Opponents	Venue	K.O.
Aug. 7	Rochdale (Charity)	Home	3-0
14	Wakefield T.	Away	
21	Batley	Home	3-0
25	Salford (Wed.)	Away	7-0
28	St. Helens	Away	
Sept. 4	Barrow	Away	
11	1st Round Lancs. Cup		
14	Liverpool (Tues.)	Home	7-0
18	Batley	Away	
25	Wakefield T.	Home	3-0
Oct. 2	Blackpool	Away	
9	Workington	Home	3-0
16	Rochdale Hornets	Away	
23	Hull	Home	3-0
30	Liverpool S.	Away	
Nov. 6	Blackpool	Home	3-0
13	Widnes	Away	
20	Whitehaven	Home	2-30
27	Wigan	Away	
Dec. 4	Salford	Home	2-30
11	Whitehaven	Away	

1954-55	Opponents	Venue	K.O.
Dec. 18	Keighley	Away	
25	Swinton	Home	2-30
27			
Jan. 1	Belle Vue R.	Home	2-30
8	Leigh	Away	
15	Warrington	Home	2-30
22	Workington	Away	
29	Rochdale Hornets	Home	3-0
Feb. 5	Barrow	Home	3-0
12	First Round R.L. Cup		
19	St. Helens	Home	3-0
26			
Mar. 5	Second Round R.L. Cup		
12	Belle Vue Rangers	Away	
19	Widnes	Home	3-0
26	Warrington	Away	
Apl. 2	Wigan	Home	3-0
8	Swinton (Friday)	Away	
9	Hull	Away	
11	Keighley (Mon.)	Home	3-0
16	Leigh	Home	3-0

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OLDHAM v. ST. HELENS**WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS**

Once again we are in the throes of cup-tie football and today we receive St. Helens in the second round of the Lancashire Senior Cup, and as usual we may expect a ding dong struggle.

Although we beat St. Helens away on August 28th, matters must not be taken for granted. The atmosphere appears quite different in cup-tie from league matches, and our team will have to show tip-top form to enter the semi-final. The St. Helens team requires no introduction to the Oldham public, they contain many stars and coming stars and are out always to play the open game and are an attractive side to watch. May we have many thrills today and see Rugby League at its best and for us to come out victorious.

Our game against the Lancashire County Amateurs in the first round on Saturday last was an interesting game to watch, but fitness was a very important factor and the opposition was gradually worn down. Much credit must be given the Amateurs for their efforts they made, but they played as a team of units, as can only be expected, being selected from various junior clubs, and not knowing one another's play. The County Amateurs share of the net gate being £188 is a useful contribution to their funds. They also join at the Lancashire Cup pool.

The draw for the second round of the Lancashire Cup is as follows:—

Barrow v. Widnes
Belle Vue v. Leigh
Liverpool v. Workington
Oldham v. St. Helens

To be played from September 20th to 23rd.

As we expected we had a hard game against Liverpool Stanley on Tuesday evening last and only in the last quarter did we overrun the opposition. This must prove the fitness of our team, this has been evident in the last four matches when we have turned on the heat in the final quarter. The usual knocks of this game appeared to be our way and some of the players received slight injury, which one may expect in our game. However we hope to have a clean bill of health for today's match. As we predicted the Liverpool team are greatly improved and this season will probably win more matches than they lose.

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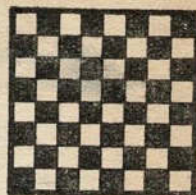
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3. BARROW, R.
4. DAVIES, A.
5. O'GRADY, T.
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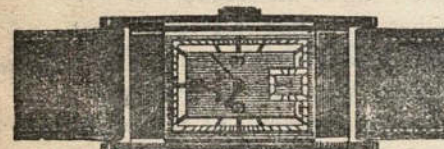
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The Rugby League Guide for season 1954-55 is now on sale at the Pavilion at 2s. per copy. This is a most interesting issue with bye-laws and rules also fixtures and should be in possession of all Rugby League supporters. Only a limited number are on sale.

PLAYERS IN THE SERVICES

The Services are out for first-class teams to play the Union game and have asked for a list of players on R.L. register who are serving in Her Majesty's Forces. Only players of high standing will obtain recognition by the Services Rugby Unions.

In addition the three Services have approved of a proposal that a Services Rugby League team should play matches against the French Services XIII. It is possible that this could become an annual fixture.

The World Cup Competition will be held in France from October 31st to November 14th and a number of star players will be asked if they are available for the series of matches. It is obvious that certain Clubs are going to be minus star players for a period of three Saturdays, and which may prove a detriment in the search for Club honours, of course such is fame that certain Clubs possess good players, it is the penalty of greatness and it is an obligation to the game and our County that has to be met.

PEN PICTURE

As number One we must place our Captain, Alan Davies, who is in his twenty-second year and the youngest captain in the Rugby League. This boy is a born centre and comes from a good football stock, for his father was the one time scrum-half of Leigh, so we may say that he has football born in him. He was signed on from Dootsons (Leigh) a junior team, and made an application to have a trial in our once "B" team (the team that Terry O'Grady played in), but the team was disbanded before he had the opportunity. However he came in our pre-season trial games in July, 1950, and in the second trial was signed on professional forms, a step that neither party has regretted. Two game in the "A" team was enough proof that we had a diamond of fine quality and he made his first team debut against Wakefield in September, 1950. Consistency has been his lot in the first team and for this he has gained International and County honours. This player with luck is on the threshold of a brilliant career. The fact that the Committee made him captain at such an early age proves the confidence we have in him. Football brains and a quick thinker he knows every move on the board. We wish him well in his captaincy and hope that honours will come to the club and further honours to himself. Height 5 ft. 10½ in., and as he steps on the field 12st. 10lbs.

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