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1954-55	Opponents	Venue	K.O.	1954-55	Opponents	Venue	K.O.	
17-17	Aug. 7—Rochdale (Charity)	Home	3-0	D	Dec. 18—Keighley	15-11	Away	W
	14—Wakefield T.	Away		W	25—Swinton		Home	2-30 W
	21—Batley	Home	3-0	W	27—			
11-2	25—Salford (Wed.)	Away	7-0	L	Jan. 1—Belle Vue R.		Home	2-30 W
	28—St. Helens	Away		W	8—Leigh		Away	W
18-12	Sept. 4—Barrow	Away		W	15—Warrington	12-8	Home	2-30 L
	11—1st Round Lanes. Cup				22—Workington	13-5	Away	L
	14—Liverpool (Tues.)	Home	7-0	W	29—Rochdale Hornets	11-9	Home	3-0 W
	18—Batley	Away		W	Feb. 5—Barrow		Home	3-0
8-7	25—Wakefield T.	Home	3-0	W	12—First Round R.L. Cup			
	Oct. 2—Blackpool	Away		W	19—St. Helens		Home	3-0
	9—Workington	Home	3-0	W	26—			
18-4	16—Rochdale Hornets	Away		W	Mar. 5—Second Round R.L. Cup			
	23—Hull	Home	3-0		12—Belle Vue Rangers		Away	
	30—Liverpool S.	Away		W	19—Widnes		Home	3-0
	Nov. 6—Blackpool	Home	3-0	W	26—Warrington		Away	
	13—Widnes	Away		W	Apl. 2—Wigan		Home	3-0
	20—Whitehaven	Home	2-30	W	8—Swinton (Friday)		Away	
9-5	27—Wigan	Away		W	9—Hull		Away	
	Dec. 4—Salford	Home	2-30	W	11—Keighley (Mon.)		Home	3-0
7-7	11—Whitehaven	Away		D	16—Leigh		Home	3-0

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Something new and unusual has happened to our first team in losing two matches in succession. We knew that we had to submit to defeat some day, but we did not expect to retire beaten on our own ground in the match against Warrington on January 15th. This was a match of missed chances by our players, and no doubt our Warrington friends will admit that they were somewhat lucky in going away with two points. They took advantage of what came their way. The conditions of the day and ground did not lend themselves to the best traditions of the game, but the players of both sides gave an exhibition of Rugby League which was a credit to all, and we saw nothing of the supposed evils and drawbacks to our game. Our game and rules are good, but the interpretation of same does not sink in with some players. It is the players that are in it that sometimes makes the game uninteresting and boring. Played according to the book, it is the finest game in the world. Watch a team of schoolboys playing Rugby League and you are sure to enjoy every minute. One must confess that they do not play as fast as the seniors, but you will see very few hold-ups by infringement of the rules. To referee in a schoolboy game must be a pleasure. The referee in a senior or professional game works very hard and is often called "the villain of the piece."

Our second successive defeat occurred at Workington on Saturday last—our third in League Football this season—and we must admit that our team did not sparkle, things did not seem to go according to plan and we were somewhat off colour. We were unfortunate to lose the services of Bryn Goldswain for the whole of the second half which made our attempts more difficult in our efforts to overcome our doughty and keen opponents. Although beaten by thirteen points to five, we had our opportunities in the second half—even with a man short—to pull the game out of the fire, but the chances were wasted and we retired a fighting force with due honours to the victors.

OUR VISITORS

Welcome to the Hornets from Rochdale—there is always a welcome at Watersheddings for our old friends and dour opponents.

Many have been the thrilling games between the two clubs in the past, and when a full-house was the order of the day, the meeting of the two clubs was something to look forward to. We trust that to-day will be no exception, and hope we will have a game to remember and something to talk about in the future.

It will be hard going for both sides as they are capable of showing how the game should be played. Our team will have to be in first-rate form, and they must forget the recent defeats in succession, then we shall have regained our confidence and the will and ability to win, but I suppose our visitors will have a say in this. However at the end of the game let us all say we have had a good match to watch and we hope the satisfaction of a home win.

TWO DIVISIONS

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Northern Rugby Football League will be held on Wednesday, 16th February, 1955, to decide by a two-thirds majority the adoption of two divisions of the Northern Rugby Football League. This must be a very eventful day in the history of our code. We are definitely in favour of two divisions. If the scheme is carried it is proposed to commence in season 1955-56 and

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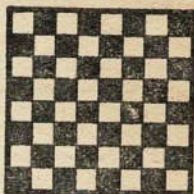
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2. O'Grady, T. *1 Try*
3. Davies, A. (Captain)
4. Etty, J. W.
5. Barrow, R.
6. Daley, F.
7. Pitchford, F. *1 Goal*
8. Ogden, H.
9. Keith, J. *1 Try*
10. Jackson, K.
11. Winslade, C.
12. Little, S. *Tomlinson, A.*
13. Watson, J. H.

ROCHDALE H.

Red, White and Blue

1. Cahill, E.
2. ~~Lord, W.~~ *Bradley*
3. Short, N.
4. Jones, L. *3 Goals*
5. Roach, W.
6. Taylor, A.
7. Evans, R.
8. Dooney, J.
9. Ellean, W.
10. Appleton, W.
11. Scholes, A.
12. Gallagher, M.
13. Kelly, G. *1 Try*

Referee: Mr. C. F. APPLETON of Warrington

Touch Judges:

Mr. P. Armstrong, Egremont (Red) Mr. E. Bleasdale, Warrington (Blue)

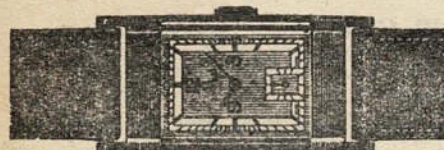
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another item is that an increased levy of 15 per cent. against the present 10 per cent. comes into operation on all League and County League matches. Statistics prove that our game is not attracting the public as in the past and we consider that two divisions may be an answer to this, in fact we can try it for a period. To remain static as at present will prove that matters will go worse and the plight of several clubs from a financial outlook will also go worse. Let the big clubs—as well as the weak ones—fight for their places, there will always be one club at the top and one at the bottom, and evenly spread competition will be healthy and good for the game.

PEN PICTURE—JOHN WILLIAM ETTY

One of the latest additions to our playing strength is John William Etty, who is a native of Batley, and signed for the local club at the age of 17 years and has given 10 years' service. Has played eight times for Yorkshire County and has been the mainstay of the Batley Club for a considerable period. Captain of the Club his departure from Batley is a big shock for the Yorkshire supporters, but force of circumstances from a financial point made it possible for us to sign this big centre or wing. A married man with two children he will continue to reside in Batley. A teetotaler and non-smoker he is employed in Wakefield in the Civil Service. Age 27 years, height 6 feet and weight 13 stone, we hope his career with us will be one of success and happiness.

BRIEFS

Two collections made for the Lawrence Platt Testimonial Fund amounted to £35 and £20, this is a good send-off and we must thank all who made a contribution.

Tough luck on our loose forward, Bryn Goldswain, in the painful injury he received whilst playing against Workington. Some opponents elbow caught Bryn on the throat early in the first half, but Bryn carried on until forced to retire from the field, gasping for breath and internal bleeding from the mouth. X-rayed and examined at Workington Infirmary he was certified as fit to travel the long journey to Oldham. We are sure that Bryn will never forget that journey being a very sick man and suffering intense pain. However we are pleased to report good progress and hope soon to have the service of this great player.

Midnight on Tuesday next, 1st February is the latest time for the registering of any new players for the Challenge Cup Competition, and we can see a busy week-end for many clubs in their efforts to strengthen sides to make a show in the competition.

Will all members and supporters please note that the times of kick-off for all matches from now until the end of the season is 3 p.m.

MILESTONES IN OUR GAME

- 1895—Northern Rugby Football Union founded.
- 1897—Challenge Cup Competition started.
- 1898—Unrestricted professionalism introduced, players to work three days per week.
- 1902—Punt from touch altered to 10 yards scrum. Direct kicking into touch banned.
- 1906—Thirteen players instead of fifteen aside introduced.
- 1907—First New Zealand team visited Britain.
- 1922—Title changed to The Rugby Football League.
- 1922—Kicking goal from mark abolished.
- 1929—First Challenge Cup Final at Wembley.
- 1954—Record attendance (102,575) for any Rugby match, Warrington v. Halifax, Challenge Cup replay, at Odsal Stadium, Bradford.

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