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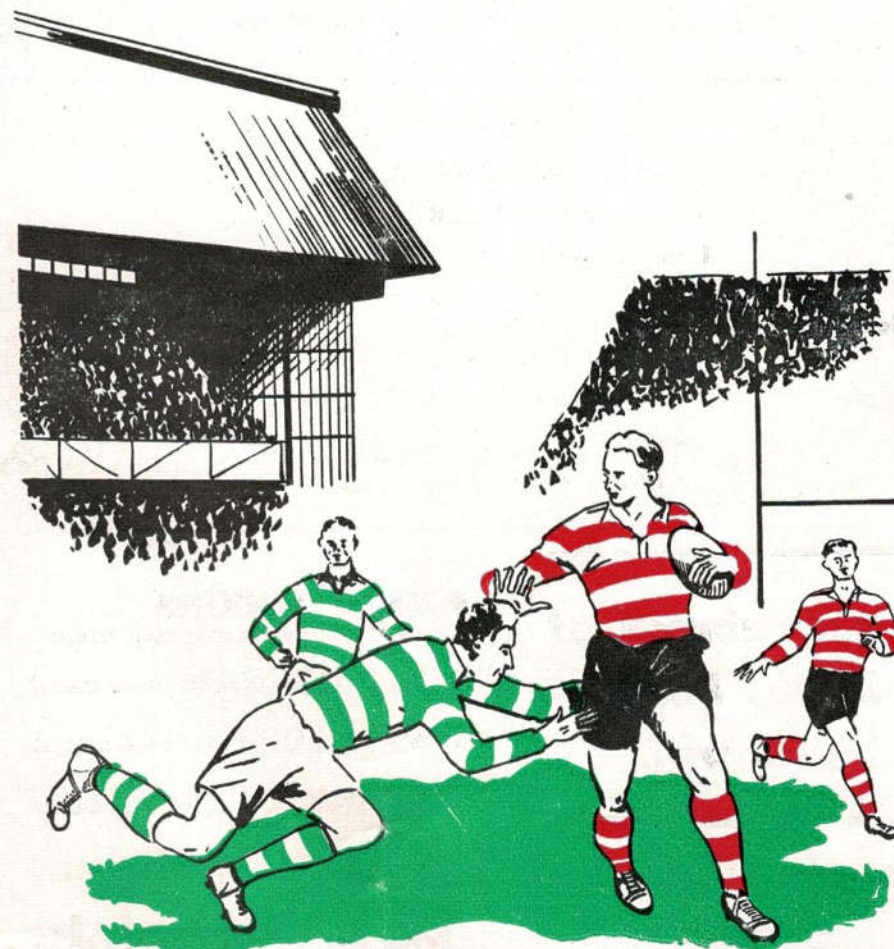
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Fixtures for the Season

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	
Apr. 2	Wigan	Home	3-0
8	Swinton (Friday)	Away	
9	Hull	Away	
11	Keighley (Mon.)	Home	3-0
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OLDHAM v. WIDNES**WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS**

WEMBLEY. Once again it is not to be our privilege to appear at Wembley this season, and once again the disappointment is great, even greater, because we had wonderful opportunities and our team had been playing well, one might even say "riding on top of the world."

Our match at Leigh in the 2nd round of the Cup will be talked about as a match that should have been this and that, and how we managed to lose. Was it bad tactics and the spotting of our opponents, spotting that our team do not appear to overcome at times? We have only ourselves to blame for the exhibition that we gave, one of those days when events did not run our way, and it was a replica of our form in the other disappointment we had—The Lancashire Cup Final. However, let our motto be "Modest in victory and Steadfast in Defeat." We are not out of the remaining honour that still has to be fought for, every effort will be made to keep our position in the first four of the N.R.F. League, and our aim must now be to appear at Maine Road, Manchester, to play in the League Championship Final. Good luck to the boys in their efforts.

TELEVISION. Much has been said and written about our refusal to allow the second half of our cup-tie at Leigh to be televised, but we consider that we were in the right in not allowing this to take place. The money point—a fee of £100, half of which would be our share—did not enter into the argument against our decision. We gave consideration to the other Clubs who were engaged in cup-ties, knowing full well that the match at Leigh, being one of the premier cup-ties, would effect the attendances at other matches, especially so if the weather was not conducive for some supporters to venture out of doors.

A cup-tie was eventually televised—Keighley v. St. Helens—at what we understand, was a greatly increased fee to that offered to us. It is obvious to us that Television at Rugby League Matches, whether League or Cup-ties, must be controlled by the ruling authority, that is, the Rugby League. Unity of command must be put into operation, and we consider that we have done right in bringing this matter to a head.

The Management Committee of the Northern Rugby Football League, this is the authority that controls the League games, have given a ruling that no television be allowed of any Northern Rugby Football League game, and that sound commentaries be permitted only if the names of the competing teams were not published in advance, and providing that not more than 40 minutes of any one game was covered. It is also agreed that all applications for permission to broadcast a commentary on a game should be addressed to the League offices.

So far so good, and we await other sub-committees, who control Cup-ties and International matches to give a ruling. Let us all be in unity as to whether we are for or against television and sound radio, and let it be endorsed by the full membership of the Rugby League Council. As to the result of the final decision, we will agree with the constitutional ruling, and as members of the Rugby League, we will accept their decision.

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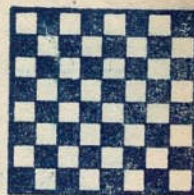
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4. DAVIES, A. (Capt.)
5. CRACKNELL, R.
6. KELLETT, A./DALEY, F.
7. PITCHFORD, F.
8. OGDEN, H.
9. KEITH, J./JENNINGS, R.
10. JACKSON, K.
11. WINSLADE, C.
12. LITTLE, S. D.
13. GOLDSWAIN, B.V.

WIDNES
(Black and White)

1. SALE
2. WILLIAMSON
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THE
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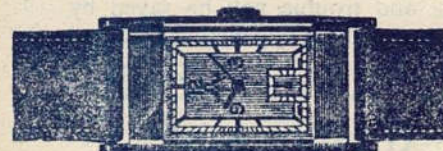
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OUR VISITORS

To-day we entertain, in the return match, welcome visitors from Widnes. In the match at Widnes on November 13th last we must admit that we were rather fortunate in coming away victorious by nine points to seven points, victory being secured in the last few minutes of the game. However, luck was on our side that day.

The Widnes Club are one of the oldest in our game, having been founded in 1875, and they are founder members of the Northern Rugby Football Union. They have had the honour of appearing in a Wembley final on three occasions, first in May, 1930, when they defeated a greatly fancied St. Helens side, with a wholly local team, except for George Van Rooyen, who they had received on a free transfer from Wigan. Against Hunslet in the 1934 final, they did battle with a complete team of Widnes born players, and again in 1937, all but one of their players was a "local." In season 1932/33, J. Hoey played and scored in every one of his Club's matches, a feat unparalleled in Rugby League Football. So in Widnes we welcome a team that to a very great extent fosters local talent.

BRIEFS

Our postponed N.R. League match from October 23rd against Hull at Watersheddings will be played on Monday evening, April 18th, the time of kick-off has yet to be fixed.

Just a word to those who enjoy dancing. To augment the Testimonial Fund for Lawrence Platt, a dance will be held at the Town Hall, Oldham, on Saturday, 2nd April. The number is limited—350 persons, and the price of the tickets is 3/6d. each. This is the evening of the day we play Wigan at Watersheddings, and all our first team players will be in attendance.

Alan Jones, one of our most promising "A" team half-backs, and a local from the Higginshaw Club, enters hospital next week for an operation on his damaged shoulder. We hope the operation will be successful on this troublesome shoulder injury.

Bernard Ganley is now in full training, and he hopes to be fit for run out in an "A" team match in a fortnight's time.

Dennis Ayres, our only playing member who is in H.M. Forces, hopes to be home on leave from Germany for the three Saturdays from and including March 26th, when we hope to have his services in our teams. Dennis writes that he has been playing Rugby Union Football regularly and has been training most nights of the week, so he should be in the pink of condition.

Will all members who have changed their address since the purchase of their member's card, please notify the Secretary of such change, provided they have not already done so. Much time and trouble will be saved by members receiving their yearly Balance Sheet and Ballot Paper at the correct address.

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