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27—	Blackpool (Lancs. Cup)	Away	3-0
30—	Rochdale H. (Tues.)	Away	7-0
Sept. 3—	Hunslet	Home	3-0
10—	Leeds	Away	3-0
17—	Warrington	Home	3-0
24—	York	Away	3-0
Oct 1—	Featherstone	Home	3-0
8—	Hunslet	Away	3-0
15—	Barrow	Home	3-0
22—	Warrington	Away	3-0
29—	New Zealand	Home	3-0
Nov. 5—	Leigh	Away	3-0
12—	Liverpool	Home	3-0
19—	Wigan	Away	2-30
25—	Widnes	Home	2-30
Dec. 3—	Liverpool	Away	2-30
10—	Salford	Away	2-30
17—	Salford	Home	2-30
24—	St. Helens	Away	2-30

1955-56	Opponents	Venue	K.O.
26—	Swinton (Mon.)	Home	2-30
27—	Blackpool (Tues.)	Away	2-30
31—	Whitehaven	Home	2-30
Jan. 2—	Workington (Mon.)	Away	2-30
7—	Whitehaven	Away	2-30
14—	Workington	Home	2-30
21—	Widnes	Away	2-30
28—	Rochdale H.	Home	3-0
Feb. 4—	Leigh	Home	3-0
11—	1st Round C.C.		3-0
18—	Wigan	Home	3-0
25—	Featherstone	Away	3-0
Mar. 3—	2nd Round C.C.		3-0
10—	York	Home	3-0
17—	Blackpool	Home	3-0
24—	3rd Round C.C.		3-0
30—	Swinton (G.F.)	Away	3-0
31—	Leeds (E.S.)	Home	3-0
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

What a sensation and what a great victory we achieved at Wigan on Saturday last, and, moreover, what a shock for the Wigan team and its directors and supporters. Whilst we realise the Wigan team is not of the calibre of old, I doubt if any team would have beaten our team on the day's display, so brilliantly did all our players respond to one another's play, with the result that our attack was devastating and no defence could live against such planned attacks.

To individualise would be unfair as every man played his part, but we must mention the fact that Frank Pitchford came out on top with his old form (as we saw last season), the form which gained him International honours. To Frank Daley, who played his best game for ages, we say, "well done old servant," and to Alan Davies who played as we term "outside centre."

Our supporters at Wigan noticed that Davies was originally picked left centre to John Etty, but on several occasions we noticed Davies was playing centre to Cracknell, then switching over to the left centre again. This switching over completely outmanoeuvred our opponents, as it will other opponents, and our captain showed the crowd what centre play should be.

It is to our record that we scored 48 points against Wigan, the highest score that they have had against them in one match in their long career.. On the other side of the page the Wigan Club hold the record score against us in our long career starting from 1873. Several of our members and supporters will remember this match. The match was the semi-final of the Lancashire Cup, and after making a draw of 5 points each at Watersheddings, the replay took place at Wigan on November 11th, 1925, when we were humiliated by 8 goals, 12 tries—52 points, to 1 try—3 points. Incidentally the try scored at Wigan was by Herman Hilton, who played his last game for our Club in this match. What a Remembrance Day. So to our old friends and foes we have just written off a "wound" that has taken us a long time to do so.

OUR VISITORS

To-day, we welcome our visitors, Widnes, to Watersheddings. Their position in the League Table is just below us, having played 12 matches, won six and lost six, points scored—for 178, and against, 169. Known as the "Chemicals" they are in good form this season and are playing the open game. Our team will have to maintain its improved form to achieve victory.

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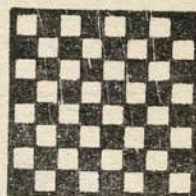
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- 3—NOON, J.
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- 5—ETTY, J.
- 6—DALEY, F.
- 7—PITCHFORD, F.
- 8—OGDEN, H.
- 9—KEITH, J.
- 10—LITTLE, S. D.
- 11—ROGERS, J.
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- 13—TURNER, D.

WIDNES

(Black and White)

- 1—SALE
- 2—WILLIAMSON
- 3—KINSLEY
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- 6—BUTLER
- 7—DAVIES
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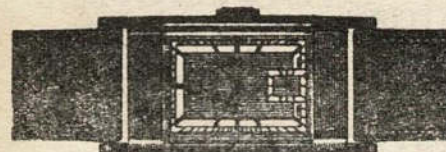
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A WELCOME VISITOR

We welcome to Watersheddings our new arrival from Australia, Dennis Morgan, who can play on either wing. Dennis has now commenced employment in the district and has mixed in with the boys training each Tuesday and Thursday. We expect him to have a run out with one of our teams on Saturday, December 3rd. He is a player with experience of Australian football in three districts in New South Wales; in his native Newcastle; with Bowral (the home of Don Bradman) and where he was employed. He has had trials for State Representative matches, and has played in Sydney where he was a grade one player with Eastern Suburbs. We look forward with interest to seeing him on the field, and wish him a successful time whilst with us.

JUNIOR TRAINING

As an encouragement for any likely junior for trials with our Club, the committee have decided to have each Monday evening set apart for the training and coaching of aspiring junior players, and when all our training facilities will be placed at their disposal.

CUP FINAL TICKETS

We are asked to publish the following on behalf of the Rugby League. In the past there has been a demand for 'seating tickets' at the Cup Final which far exceeded the supply. Consequently, organisations (e.g. Clubs, Leagues or individuals) were taking block bookings of these tickets in the autumn and then disposing of them a few weeks before the final was played. Supporters wishing to attend the game were a little bewildered to find the market flooded with tickets in March, when six months earlier the Rugby League had announced all 'seating tickets' were sold. This season in an endeavour to ensure that tickets are sold direct to those wishing to to the match and not to those who wish to resell them at a later date, block bookings are now being carefully scrutinized and broken down. Supporters are warned that they may not be able to obtain tickets in March as many have done in the past. A limited number of 'seating tickets' (25/-, 12/6, 10/6, 6/6) are still available at the Rugby League Offices, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7. If you want to see the game, place your order now and avoid disappointment. The game will NOT be televised. Standing enclosure tickets at 3/- are also available and can be reserved now.

NEXT HOME MATCHES

December 3rd, kick-off 2-30 p.m.

"A" TEAM v. LIVERPOOL "A"

December 10th, kick-off 2-30 p.m.

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