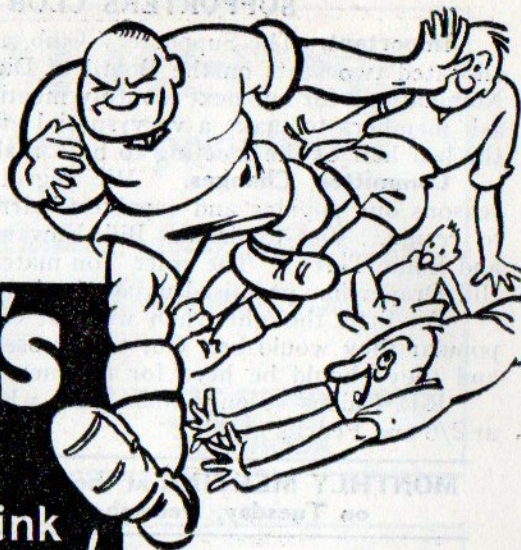


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EDITORIAL.

Congratulations to retiring Directors, Messrs. Gray, Lloyd and Loftus on being returned to the Board, unopposed, for a further three years service. Indeed they deserve more than congratulation, and it may be more befitting to offer them our heartfelt thanks and admiration, for as you of course must know, it calls for all the finest characteristics in the human make up to support, work, worry, and sacrifice for a cause like ours. It calls for a will of iron, an unsinkable spirit and an undying faith in the game to constantly fight and gradually overcome, all the adversities this club has had and might well yet experience. These men, with their fellow directors, supported by the old faithful Supporters Club are now sufficiently bonded to say that they have made the ship almost unsinkable. We can even trace the faint smell of success and sooner than some of us dared ever hope, we may pull away from existence levels to prosperity.

There are two vacancies on the Board to be filled by representatives of the Supporters' Club and if they can be filled by men of the qualities called we will be grateful, for such men are not easily come by.

PLAYERS RECORDS.

	T.	G.	Pts.		T.	G.	Pts.
Teggin	3	23	55	Parkes	3		9
Adair	11		33	Donegan	2		6
Wood		13	26	Hazlehurst	2		6
Barton	9		27	Melling		3	6
Grundy	7		21	Hockenhull	1		3
Birch	2	2	10	Farnall	1		3
				Davies	3		3

NEXT MATCHES AT KNOTTY ASH.

Dec. 17		CITY v. BRAMLEY.	2-30 p.m.
Dec. 26		CITY v. BLACKPOOL.	2-30 p.m.

OUR VISITORS.

Oldham started this season rather badly from their standards but have more than come into their own in recent weeks and may be regarded as one of the best sides in the league. After their defeat of Wigan, at Wigan, where they recorded the highest ever score against this fashionable club (48 points) we were able to pride ourselves that we held Oldham at Watersheddings to a margin of six points, only the week previous. We regard that as some feat and the football played was of the highest order and brought letters of appreciation from the sporting followers of Oldham. It was rugby as it should be played and if we get a repeat today we shall be feeling pleased with ourselves, whatever the result. For the good of the game we must all resolve to play good clean stuff to offset the filth which has been allowed to creep into the game in recent years. We know that Oldham and other enlightened clubs are of the same mind. Good wholesome and full blooded rugby does one's heart good to watch. Filth rancours and destroys. We are up against a team of stars including Davies, Etty, Daley, Pitchford, Keith, Turner, and evergreen Goldswain, and there is no doubt that we are going to see FOOTBALL sportingly played.

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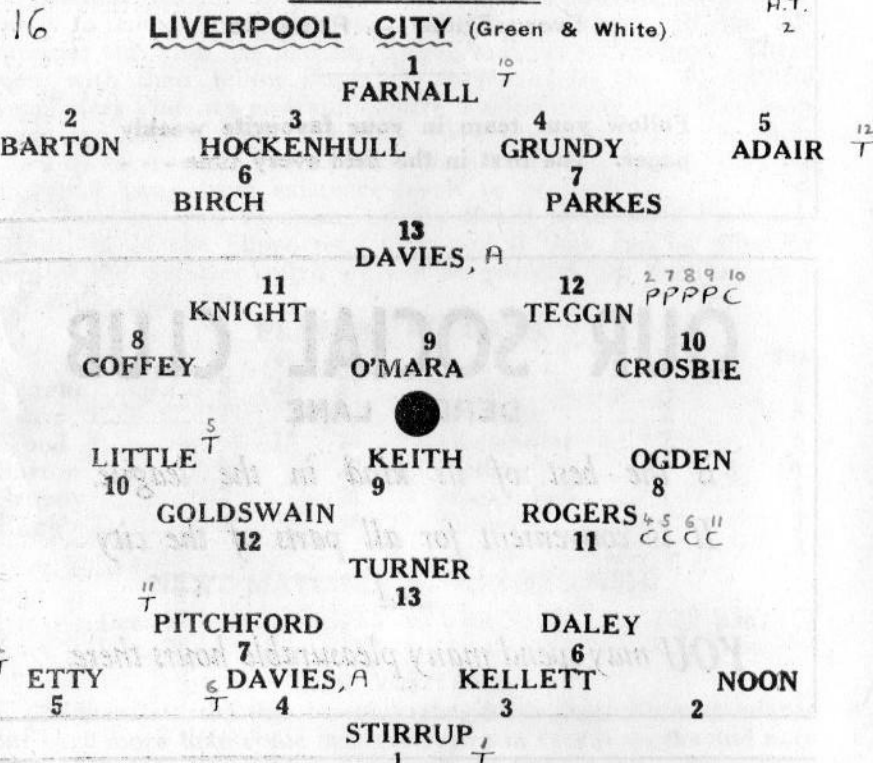
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TEAM TOPICS.

The St. Helens game was a disappointment, in every way, and the fare provided was certainly not a good advertisement for the game. Expressions of disgust from City supporters found their way to the press and I have not noticed that this is customary with us. Perhaps we expected too much. One thing however, stood out like a sore finger, and that is that THERE IS a way to success, however distasteful, by sheer "muscle" methods as typified in the advertisement on the back of this programme. This caricature might well have been taken from such a match. The referee should have adopted more courage and saved us the sickly sight of an afternoon's over vigorous mauling. We lost and in the result we do not complain, but we do not lay all our store on results alone, and St. Helens were a disappointment in not providing us with the class of football of which we know they are capable.

Last Saturday at Barrow was a different picture and we enjoyed a bright open game, played in a good sportsmanlike spirit. Our lads contributed full share to the fare provided and led at half-time. Lack of possession in the second half, however, proved our undoing, but the final result, 24-15, was not discreditable and we can feel satisfied at the progress the team is making. Our most pressing problem at the moment is a lack of pounds in the forwards to help stalwart Wilf O'Mara pull the ball our way from the scrummages. The forwards, however, are excellent in the loose and Knight, another converted three-quarter, had a successful debut.

In the "A" Team match at Knotty Ash we had Gordon Curran in the pack on leave from the R.A.F., and from all accounts he played an outstanding game. He is fast, tall and weighty and may be just the man we need. He finishes in the R.A.F. in August but I understand that he may put in a few appearances this season. Ken Melling also turned out after a long lay-off, but he wants a move and this week was placed on the transfer list at £600. Ken has the build and ability to make top grade in the game, but since coming out of the services he has not settled down with us for seasons known only to Ken. He came here through Wigan Director Tom Hesketh—not Tom Brown as has been quoted—and we held out great hopes for his future in the game with us. At £600 he carries a cheap price tag but our policy is not to hold any player unless he is completely happy with us.

Pen Picture — Alan Davies.

Alan came to us in the 1954 season at the same time as Barton and Rigby after a swoop in the St. Helens Junior Fields by Dr. Roebuck, and is amongst the most promising of our younger lads. He played for United Services and Pilkington Recs. before coming to us. Wigan were interested at the time and he had completed trials with Rochdale as a centre three-quarter but failed to come to terms. A bit more weight and Alan would soon be in international class, but he is young enough and will probably fill out a little yet. He is equally at home in the second-row or loose forward. He played representative rugby with the R.A.F. in Hong Kong during his National Service.

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SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES.

Important. The Supporters' Club, as shareholders, have been allocated two seats on the Board of Directors of Liverpool City. Nominations for our next monthly meeting on December 6th. We ask members to make a very special effort to attend. We want the last half of the meeting to be a real social get-together.

Committee Changes. We regret that owing to business reasons our popular and capable Chairman, Bill Draper, has had to resign. Vice-Chairman Bill Edwards is our new Chairman and Eddie Terry ("The voice" on match days) is Vice-Chairman. Bill Draper has promised us all the help he can. Thanks Bill.

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This season in an endeavour to ensure that tickets are sold direct to those wishing to go to the match and not to those who wish to re-sell them at a later date, block bookings are being carefully scrutinised and broken down.

Supporters are warned that they may not now 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 and 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.

M.A.R.L.A.

At the end of November the leaders in the Under 18 League are Old Swan who are still unbeaten. Two points behind come Hunts Cross, whilst bottom of the league are West Derby who are yet to record their first win, but I am assured that this will be put right this afternoon against Childwall at Longview. Next Saturday Old Swan travel to Langworthy, Manchester, to play a friendly game in return for the visit of Langworthy to Liverpool some time ago. The Manchester side then won 28-0, but the Old Swan lads have made a lot of progress since. Like our Senior Club, we hope to meet the best of the clubs on equal terms before very long.