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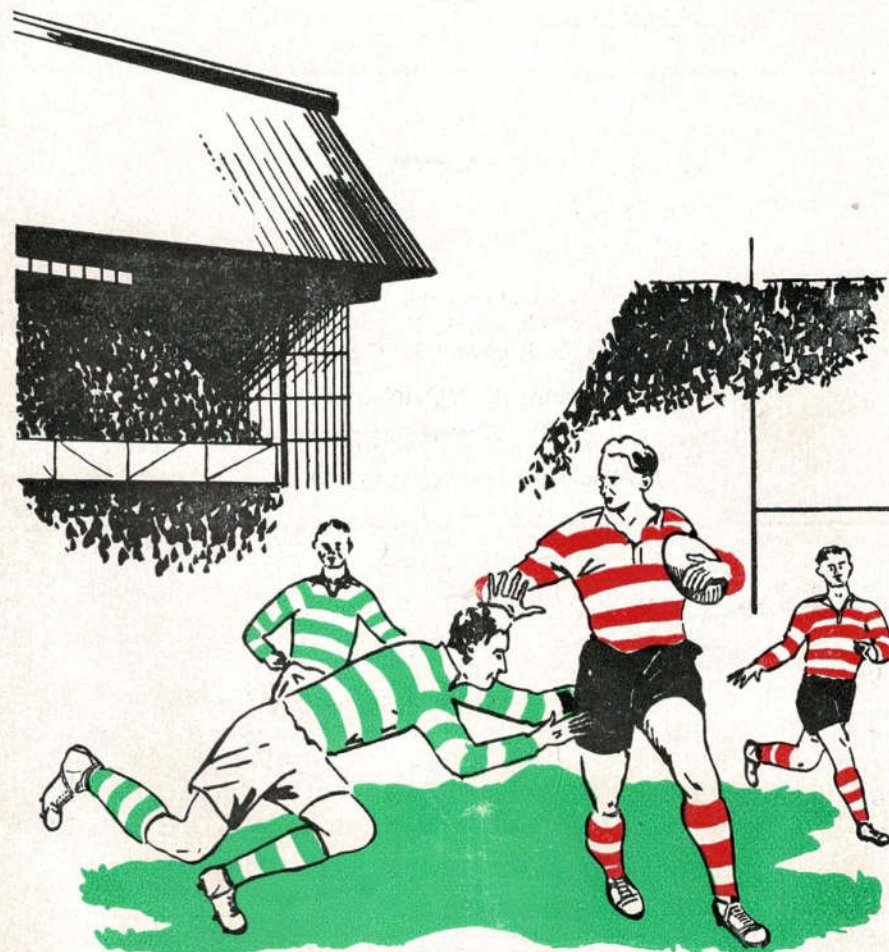
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Fixtures for the Season

1955-56	Opponents	Venue	K.O.
Aug. 13	Rochdale H. (Charity)	Away	3-0
20	Broughton R.	Away	3-0
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
26	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
Apr. 2	Barrow (E.M.)	Away	3-0
7	Broughton R.	Home	3-0
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Although our team recorded a victory against Blackpool at Watersheddings on Saturday last, the victory was not convincing, and our play in general was not up to the standard that we expect at Watersheddings.

Slip shod passing will not do, and we are not used to it. Opportunities galore were there for the taking, but rank bad handling neutralised all the good approach work, in fact, if all opportunities had been taken advantage of, the score would have been very much larger.

We must compliment the Blackpool team in endeavouring to keep the game open, they did not play a "stopping game."

To us it was just another game and must not have been satisfying to the public. We hope that our players will correct the deficiency and let us have something that is entertaining.

One must sympathise with the Blackpool Club in having the worst of the bad knocks that were going around. To lose three players is a great loss during the game and we state that all the three accidents were not due to over vigorous play, and also not due to the hardness of the ground, as given by various press reports. Our ground was in perfect condition, and a heel could be dug into the ground quite easily. The accidents were just the luck of the game.

OUR VISITORS

To-day we welcome the Leigh Club to Watersheddings—what we may call our bogey team when visiting us.

It was at the end of last season, by making a draw at Watersheddings, that they robbed us of the Lancashire Championship, and earlier this season, we received the knock-out from the Lancashire Cup. Against this we may state that the Leigh ground is one of our lucky grounds, and we invariably do well, having won our League match at Leigh on November 5th. So to-day let us break the sequence with a home victory.

The Leigh Club are in a more favourable position in the League than we are, having lost nine matches, against twelve by us, they can consider themselves having just an outside chance of first four honours. Like ourselves they appear to be somewhat erratic at times in their play, and a shock defeat at home on Saturday last by Liverpool City came as a surprise.

In their team to-day they hope to play two recent additions to their playing strength in Reakes, ex-Coventry Rugby Union, who is a Welshman, and Atherton, ex-Orrell Rugby Union, a native of Wigan. We were interested in Atherton two seasons ago when he appeared in one of our pre-season trial games.

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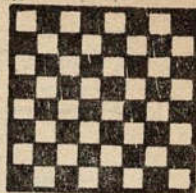
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- 11—LITTLE, S. D.
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- 13—TURNER, D.

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- 4—ATHERTON, W.
- 5—KINDON, W.
- 6—BAXTER, K.
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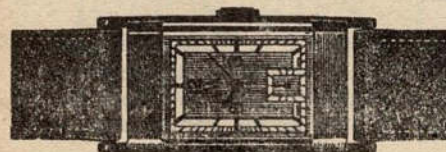
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TWO DIVISIONS

May we again dwell upon this subject which is most important in the constitution of the Clubs for season 1956/57.

It is evident that the League will be split up for next season. There have been six schemes put forward, and at the Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on March 28th all the amendments to the various schemes will be dealt with. Each scheme (amended where necessary) will then be discussed, and representatives will then go back to their Clubs, who in turn, will be allowed to vote by post for two of the six schemes.

The Management Committee will meet on April 12th to consider the replies.

The two schemes obtaining the highest number of votes will then be put to the vote at a further Extraordinary General Meeting. One scheme will be put against the other, and the one obtaining the highest number of votes will be the scheme governing the compilation of fixtures for season 1956/57. There will be a straight vote, for or against, on this scheme. If it does obtain a two-third majority it can then be incorporated in the bye-laws.



BRIEFS

Our first team home match against Workington has now been fixed for Monday evening, April 16th, and the kick-off will be at 6-30 p.m.

Injuries to two of our first team forwards are proving rather troublesome. Jack Rogers is suffering from a pulled thigh muscle and Ron Rowbottom from strained ligaments of the knee. We hope to see these players in action before the close of the season.

B. V. Goldswain's Testimonial match will be played at Watersheddings on Saturday, April 21st, kick-off 3-0 p.m. T. O'Grady will select an Oldham team to play against B. V. Goldswain's team of Internationals. We hope to have several of the top ranking Internationals on view at the above date.

After April 21st the centre portion of our ground will be taken up, the soil removed, and the perished clinkers removed. This portion will have extra drains put in and about four hundred tons of fresh clinkers put in, the soil replaced, and the whole area seeded. We hope that this will cure our ground of the heavy condition that appertains after rain. The ground will only be used for matches—all training will take place on the new training ground.

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