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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

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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
14—St. Helens		Home	3-0

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OLDHAM v. WORKINGTON

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

What a revelation and what a surprise we had on Saturday last by the display given by our first team against the mighty St. Helens. Although our visitors were minus three of their stars, very efficient reserves were introduced in their places.

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That doyen of trainer coaches, Jim Sullivan, stated after the match that he could not understand our position in the League Table, or of being out of the Cup with such a brilliant display and such promising material, and he had no excuse for the heavy defeat of his team, the heaviest received this season, and had good reason to be thankful that St. Helens were not playing Oldham again this season.

So far, so good, but that does not appease our members and supporters in a season which, at the commencement, appeared to be one of great promise, a season of unfilled promise. However, the remedy must be found for this great inconsistency. The youth and material is there, build, stamina, and speed we have got, all the ingredients of a championship side. Hopefully we look forward to next season after an indifferent one of 1955-56.

OUR VISITORS

This being the last senior team match of the season, it is a pleasure that we should wind up the season against such attractive opponents as Workington, and to them we extend a welcome.

Like ourselves, they have had a mixed season from a playing point of view, after commencing the season full of promise they have failed to realise their ambitions.

However, we can rely upon our visitors giving a lively exhibition, and if the game comes up to last weeks standard, all will have something to rejoice about.

Like all teams, they have had their ups and downs. Last season they lost two great players, Paskins and Mudge, who returned to Australia, also those two clever half-backs, Pepperell and Thomas retired from the game, and that great-hearted club man, Ivison. These players require some replacing and this cannot be done in one or two seasons. Workington have some very capable players coming along, and much will be heard of these youngsters in the future.

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- 13—EVE T

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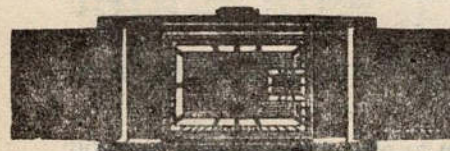
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NEW INOVATIONS

Looking back on the seasons new innovations. One is of the two touch judges standing behind the goal posts when a kick at goal is being taken, we consider that this has worked very well during the season generally.

During two of our matches this season we have, however, not been impressed with the decision, and in a match we have seen a hesitant touch judge seeing what his colleague was doing, and if a goal was signalled, he would do the same.

Touch judges who stand behind the goal posts have to be very alert and very alert and very observant. How many times have we seen a kick at goal fall short, and the ball booted down the field towards touch. The touch judge in such a case has to run very hard to the touch line to denote where the ball has entered touch.

However, we consider the innovation worthy of a further trial for next season.

An incident occured at Odsal Stadium on April 11th during the game between Great Britain and France—only one touch judge went behind the posts to adjudicate on a penalty kick at goal. Was this absent-mindedness or ignorance of the bye-laws?

There is one little matter we should like to see corrected on the field of play, and that is when a player has a torn pair of pants, and he changes them on the field of play in full view of the spectators. It is very embarrassing to a large number of female spectators. The player should be sent to the trainer's bench for replacement, also in the case of a torn jersey this should be the case. We consider that to-day there are more females watching our game than ever before, and a very nice compliment to our game it is, chivalry becomes everybody, and we expect this on our playing fields.

BRIEFS

On Monday evening next, April 23rd, kick-off 7-0 p.m., the Lancashire Junior Cup final is being played between Saddleworth Rangers and Salford Juniors. "A" team prices of admission will be charged. This is going to be a good final, so come along and watch the stars of tomorrow show our game it its best light.

Don't forget that on Tuesday evening we are playing the Goldswain Testimonial match, kick-off 7-0 p.m.

Rochdale Hornets are sending a team to play our first team, and both teams will be strengthened by star visiting players in Hunter, Sullivan, Briggs and Valentine of Huddersfield, Holliday and Kelley of Wakefield, Robinson of Leeds, and Smith of Hunslet. All these players have promise to come along.

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