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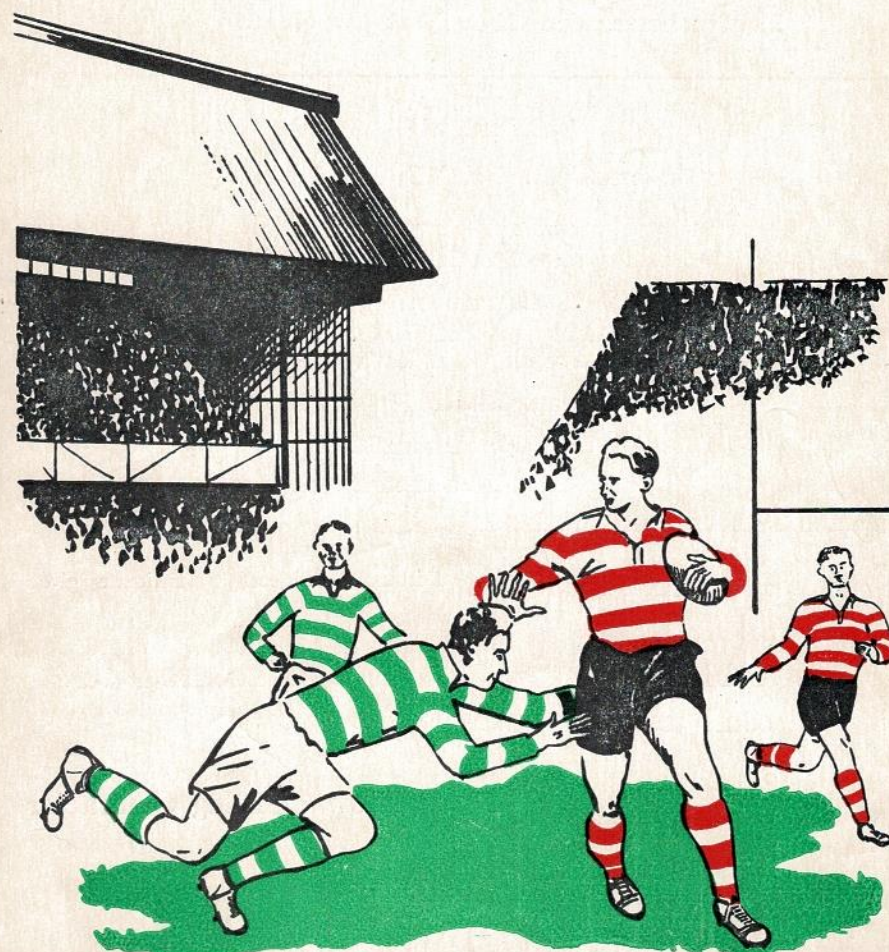
Fixtures for the Season

1955-57	Opponents	Venue	K.O.
Aug. 11	*Rochdale	Home	3-0
18	Bramley	Home	3-0
20	Halifax	Away	7-0
25	Rochdale	Away	3-0
28	Leigh	Home	7-0
Sept. 1	*Wigan (Lancs C.)	Away	3-0
8	St. Helens	Away	3-0
15	Wakefield	Home	3-0
22	Barrow	Home	3-0
29	Liverpool	Away	3-0
Oct. 6	Wigan	Away	3-0
13	Halifax	Home	3-0
20	Barrow	Away	3-0
27	Keighley	Home	3-0
Nov. 3	Workington	Away	3-0
7	*Australia	Home	3-0
10	Workington	Home	3-0
17	Keighley	Away	2-30
24	Blackpool	Home	2-30
Dec. 1	York	Home	2-30
8	St. Helens	Home	2-30
15	Wakefield	Away	2-30

1956-57	Opponents	Venue	K.O.
22	Warrington	Away	2-30
25	Swinton	Home	2-30
26	Blackpool	Away	2-30
29	Widnes	Away	2-30
Jan. 5	Hunslet	Home	2-30
12	Salford	Home	2-30
19	Whitehaven	Away	2-30
26	Warrington	Home	3-0
Feb. 2	Salford	Away	3-0
9	R.L. Cup		
16	Widnes	Home	3-0
23	R.L. Cup		
Mar. 2	Liverpool	Home	3-0
9	York	Away	3-0
16	Whitehaven	Home	3-0
23	Bramley	Away	3-0
30	Wigan	Home	3-0
Apr. 6	Leigh	Away	3-0
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19	Swinton	Away	3-0
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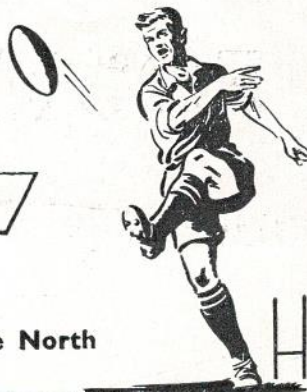
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Once again the dawn of a football season is coming, and today's match is a preliminary in the shape of things to come. All expect much, and it is a case of sorting out the players who are capable of giving a good show, the public something to shout about, and the critics something to expound their views of who's who.

It is the turn of our Club to entertain our old friends, Rochdale Hornets in the annual charity match. The Hornets have held the cup for three consecutive matches, so we consider that if we win today it will not be out of turn.

The result is unpredictable, the condition of the players and the form displayed will have a bearing on the result, but we trust that both teams will show the public what the best is in our game of Rugby League. Let us have something attractive, yes, and let it be in every game in which we play. The attractiveness of any game or sport depends in what is put on for the public, and it is up to all clubs' executives to insist on the players playing the game according to the rules, then, and then only, will a great number of clubs be lifted up from the financial despondency which at present exists.

NEW PLAYERS

The close season in the Rugby League has been one of the quietest on record and the movement of players has been negligible. There is no doubt about it that money is very scarce in the Rugby League, and all clubs are out to make their own players from the junior ranks.

Up to the present time we have added only one player to our playing staff in Kevin Lloyd, a loose forward from Tyldesley Rugby Union Club, age 17½ years, height 6 feet, and weight 13 stone 6 lbs. He is employed in the mine.

The Committee are fully alive to the fact that replacements must always be made, even if your team is riding on top of the world, to stand still is fatal, and we are always on the look-out for class players, and even juniors who show ability.

ENTERTAINMENT TAX

The terrible brake on enterprise and unfairness is still with the Rugby League by way of Entertainment Tax being imposed. Why any Chancellor of the Exchequer can think in all fairness that one sport can be exempt and another sport be taxed, and taxed for a slow extinction is beyond us. We do not envy the cricketing fraternity, but why exempt professional cricket and not other professional sports requires some explaining. Maybe County cricket has a pull with the Government.

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- 2—UNSWORTH
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- 4—JONES/SMITH
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- 6—TAYLOR
- 7—EVANS
- 8—GALLAGHER
- 9—SIVILL/DAGNALL
- 10—GILL
- 11—HANSON
- 12—TIERNEY
- 13—KELLY

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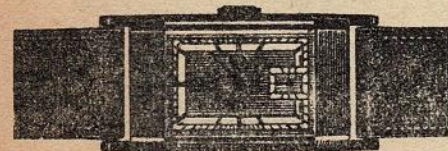
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At the Seven-a-side games played at Wigan on Wednesday last, the receipts were exempt from Entertainment Duty after expenses not exceeding 50% of the receipts, and the net given towards the expenses of sending the AMATEURS of the sporting world of this country to Melbourne for the coming Olympic games. The players were paid in actual cash for their services, in fact more than what the players are receiving for their services today, and yet repayment of tax is granted, why, is beyond anybodys sense of reason. The conditions of both games are identical, yet one must pay tax and the other not. Of course the seven-a-side games were sponsored in London and that must make a difference. It is obvious that in anything the Rugby League sponsors do, they are up against some evil body that thinks our game and we Northerners are not much to be concerned about.

BRIEFS

Five of our up and coming players spent a very enjoyable coaching holiday at Bisham Abbey, situated on the Thames. The five players: Ayres, Edwards, McKeown, Nestor, and O'Brien have gained much in theory and experience by their visit.

John O'Brien and Ian Carruthers reported for "Z" training last week and are down at Aldershot. They should be available for our opening match on Saturday next.

Alan Kellet is doing his military service and is stationed at Oswestry. We hope to have his service during the coming season.

We hope to have our new public address machine in operation for the match today. This equipment is on contract from Rediffusion Ltd. (North West), who guarantee the reception of same. Their engineers will be on the final test today.

It is good news to note that Lawrence Platt is improving in health and, although struck off our list of players, has been given permission to train at Watersheddings. We hope he will still make steady progress and be restored to perfect health.

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