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Oldham have won their two opening matches—in each case by substantial margins and both at home.

We have also won our two opening matches—comfortably against Huddersfield at home and narrowly against Leeds at Headingley on Friday night.

Last season Oldham finished 9th in the League Table with 658 pts. for and 455 pts. against.

We finished 2nd in the League with 761 pts. for and 306 pts. against.

In the Cup Oldham were defeated at Leeds in the 2nd round. We lost at Wembley in the Final.

Oldham finished 5th in the Lancashire League and we headed the Yorkshire League.

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Oldham include two Yorkshire wing threequarters in Cracknell and Eddy. They also include two Welshmen, Vines a recent capture from Newbridge, and Winslade in the forwards. We play three Welshmen today—Daniels, Freeman and Pearce.

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- 3.—DANIELS
- 4.—PALMER
- 5.—FREEMAN
- 6.—DEAN
- 7.—KIELTY
- 8.—THORLEY
- 9.—ACKERLEY
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- 1.—GANLEY
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- 3.—NESTOR
- 4.—DAVIES
- 5.—ETTY
- 6.—STIRRUP
- 7.—PITCHFORD
- 8.—JACKSON
- 9.—KEITH
- 10.—VINES
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Aug. 11	HUDDERSFIELD (C.C.)	... home
17	LEEDS	... away
20	OLDHAM	... home
25	BARROW	... home
29	WARRINGTON	... away
Sept 1	DEWSBURY	... home
3	WORKINGTON T.	... away
8	FEATHERSTONE R.	... away
15	SALFORD	... home
22	WHITEHAVEN	... away
29	WIGAN	... home
Oct. 6	WHITEHAVEN	... home
13	OLDHAM	... away
20	HULL	... home
27	BRADFORD N.	... away
Nov. 3	ST. HELENS	... home
10	SALFORD	... away
17	LEEDS	... home
24	LEIGH	... away
Dec. 1	BLACKPOOL	... away
4	AUSTRALIA	... home
8	FEATHERSTONE R.	... home
15	ROCHDALE H.	... home
22	ROCHDALE H.	... away
25	HUDDERSFIELD	... away
26	HUDDERSFIELD	... home
29	SWINTON	... home
Jan. 5	LIVERPOOL C.	... home
12	WIDNES	... home
19	LIVERPOOL C.	... away
26	WIDNES	... away
Feb. 2	LEIGH	... home
9	R.L. CUP—First Round	... away
16	SWINTON	... away
23	R.L. CUP—Second Round	... away
Mar. 2	ST. HELENS	... away
9	WARRINGTON	... home
16	BLACKPOOL B.	... home
23	WIGAN	... away
Apl. 6	WORKINGTON T.	... home
13	BARROW	... away
19	BRADFORD N.	... home
20	BRADFORD N.	... home
22	HULL	... away

"A" TEAM FIXTURES, 1956-57.

Aug. 18	HUDDERSFIELD	... home
21	KEIGHLEY (7-0)	... away
25	WAKEFIELD	... away
Sept. 1	HULL K.R.	... away
8	DEWSBURY	... home
15	YORK	... away
22	HUNSLET	... home
29	FEATHERSTONE	... away
Oct. 6	BRADFORD N.	... away
13	DONCASTER	... home
20	CASTLEFORD	... away
27	BRADFORD N.	... home
Nov. 3	LEEDS	... away
10	YORK	... home
17	HUDDERSFIELD	... away
24	LEEDS	... home
Dec. 1	HULL	... home
8	DONCASTER	... away
15		
22	BATLEY	... home
29	HULL	... away
Jan. 5	BRAMLEY	... away
12	BATLEY	... away
19	WAKEFIELD	... home
26	HULL K.R.	... home
Feb. 2		
9	CUP	
16	CASTLEFORD	... home
23	CUP	
Mar. 2	BRAMLEY	... home
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Palmer, after passing a fitness test, resumes at centre threequarter. Daniels takes over the other centre position and Freeman moves to the left wing.

Lynch, our other casualty, is improving rapidly and hopes to be fit to play against Barrow whom we entertain at Thrum Hall on Saturday next, kick-off 3-0 p.m.

The New Zealand Rugby Football League have refused to grant a clearance certificate to the forward whom we had intended to play at Thrum Hall on September 8th.

Of our present team only Daniels, Dean and Ackerley played against Oldham in 1951.

We were greatly encouraged by the enthusiasm shown by our younger supporters at Headingley on Friday night. The support accorded us was wonderful. We trust that these schoolboys will continue to applaud good football and to encourage their favourites on every possible occasion.

It was refreshing to hear cheers rather than boos and sometimes I feel that all of us could follow the example of enthusiastic youngsters. I firmly believe that greater encouragement should be given to a player's good points rather than stress being laid upon his faults. Let us all for the forthcoming season endeavour to enjoy our football and to encourage every effort. Appreciation will bring out the best in everybody and at all times we should remember that there is a lot of good in the worst of us.

Tomorrow night our "A" team travel to Keighley to play the Keighley "A" side. Keith Williams, our signing from Castleford R.U., now home from his holidays, will be at stand-off half.

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