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18	Bramley	Home	3-0	25	Swinton	Home	2-30
20	Halifax	Away	7-0	26	Blackpool	Away	2-30
25	Rochdale	Away	3-0	29	Widnes	Away	2-30
28	Leigh	Home	7-0	Jan. 5	Hunslet	Home	2-30
Sept. 1	*Wigan (Lancs C.)	Away	3-0	12	Salford	Home	2-30
8	St. Helens	Away	3-0	19	Whitehaven	Away	2-30
15	Wakefield	Home	3-0	26	Warrington	Home	3-0
22	Barrow	Home	3-0	Feb. 2	Salford	Away	3-0
29	Liverpool	Away	3-0	9	R.L. Cup		
Oct. 6	Wigan	Away	3-0	16	Widnes	Home	3-0
13	Halifax	Home	3-0	23	R.L. Cup		
20	Barrow	Away	3-0	Mar. 2	Liverpool	Home	3-0
27	Keighley	Home	3-0	9	York	Away	3-0
Nov. 3	Workington	Away	3-0	16	Whitehaven	Home	3-0
7	*Australia	Home	3-0	23	Bramley	Away	3-0
10	Workington	Home	3-0	30	Wigan	Home	3-0
17	Keighley	Away	2-30	Apr. 6	Leigh	Away	3-0
24	Blackpool	Home	2-30	13			
Dec. 1	York	Home	2-30	19	Swinton	Away	3-0
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Our match on Saturday last against Wakefield Trinity did not show our team in its best form after the splendid away victories and good football they had displayed, and must have been a disappointment to several new adherents who visited our ground. A good crowd of 13,800 spectators watched the game, paying the sum of £1,297. Any team can just have an "off" day, but not too many. The spirit which was shown by the Wakefield team in the last quarter was a revelation, and must be a lesson to our team to never take anything for granted. To be winning by 19 points to 2 points, the game appeared to be well in the "bag," but a sudden lapse by our team enabled our visitors to gain the advantage.

How can we explain the temporary fall from grace in the best that our game can bring out? Is it because we are having too many matches so early in the season? Since the season opened on August 18th we have played six League matches and two Cup-ties, also four of our players have appeared in a County match. Physical fitness must be a factor which requires much consideration. A team can have two matches per week and still retain that stamina required for our game. Therefore one must turn to the question of training which can be overdone. An actual match is the finest training that any footballer can have, and it is in actual matches that a player learns all about the game. He is forced to do things, that is, if his opponent will let him, and vice-versa, therefore the minimum of training is all that is required to keep the reserve of energy that is so vital to any player. We consider our team to be one of the fittest in the Rugby League, due no doubt to careful consideration being given to the requirements of each individual player.

IS THIS OUR SEASON?

Once again we are in a Cup-final, the first of the season—the Lancashire Cup—and if ever a team earned this distinction, it is our team. We have had to play football of the highest class against opponents who had the right to appear on their own ground and before their own spectators. To win on the grounds of Wigan, Salford, and Leigh, and in a Cup-tie, which is more intense than League football, is an achievement that we must be proud of, and we now await the final with confidence and calmness to secure one of our ambitions and the recompense of playing football of the highest class. Good luck to our team in their endeavours.

OUR VISITORS

To-day we entertain one of the most attractive teams in the Rugby League—Barrow—and give them a special welcome to Watersheddings. They are skipped by that evergreen and polished footballer, Billy Horne—what memories this player brings to Oldham—Billy was on the verge of becoming an Oldham player, and actually played for this Club against Leeds and

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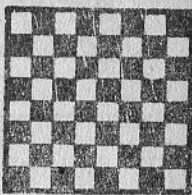
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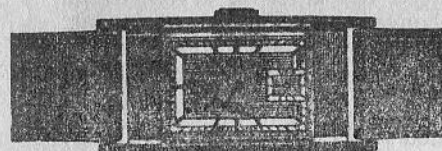
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The Barrow team are a well-balanced side and are capable of bringing out all the best that Rugby League provides for. Our team will not have to take any chances to-day, and every opening must be taken advantage of.

BRIEFS

Prior to the kick-off to-day our Supporters' Club is presenting us with a cheque for £200 from their funds. This is a splendid donation and our compliments and thanks are due to the President of the Supporters' Club and his Committee, along with a good band of workers, in accumulating this money and handing it over for our ground improvement scheme.

It is pleasing to report that Vincent, who received a broken collar bone whilst playing against Halifax on August 20th, has now recovered and will be available for selection in our teams next Saturday.

Plans are now being drawn and an estimate of the cost for the covering of the Watersheddings Street end of the ground. This is now a necessity, as it is essential that the person who pays his 2/- to watch our game should have covered accommodation, and in our opinion the cost of this covering will pay for itself by increased attendances during the inclement weather.

WEMBLEY FINAL

Is this season going to be our Wembley year?

May we bring this notice to your attention.

The last three times the Cup Final was played in the month of May, all the 95,000 printed tickets were sold. Next year the Cup Final will again be played in May, on May 11th, 1957.

Since 1952 the final has been played on the last Saturday in April, a date which many supporters find to be inconvenient. The change in date for next year's Final may mean that once again a capacity crowd will attend the game. This will mean that even tickets for the standing enclosures will be all sold in advance.

If you wish to avoid being disappointed **APPLY NOW FOR YOUR TICKETS.**

Applications for tickets, accompanied by a stamped and addressed envelope, should be sent to the Rugby League Offices, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7.

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