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25	Rochdale	Away	3-0	29	Widnes	Away	2-30
28	Leigh	Home	7-0	Jan. 5	Hunslet	Home	2-30
Sept. 1	*Wigan (Lanes 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
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24	Blackpool	Home	2-30	13			
Dec. 1	York	Home	2-30	19	Swinton	Away	3-0
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OLDHAM v. AUSTRALIA**WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS****WELCOME AUSTRALIA!**

Once again it is our privilege and pleasure to bid welcome to Oldham to our Australian visitors. This is the ninth Australian Touring Team to visit Watersheddings and it is the first time we have not been allocated a Saturday or holiday fixture. This is to be regretted as only a small percentage of our members and supporters can attend the match owing to being at work, however, we take it in all good part as our visitors are only here for a limited period, this being their shortest tour on record.

No matter what the result of to-day's match, we hope that we shall be treated to a view of Rugby League Football at its best, we are used to seeing it and our spectators expect it. Of course, all teams are out to beat the Australians and in each match they play they are up against the "cup-tie spirit." However, much as we should like—and expect—our team to come out of to-day's game with victory, the game will be played in the finest sporting spirit, and on the day's play, may the best team win.

Through the courtesy of His Worship the Mayor of Oldham, Alderman T. Lyson, our visitors have this morning been accorded a Civic Reception at the Town Hall, afterwards being entertained to lunch by Mr. J. Greenwood, at the Cafe Monico. This evening we are entertaining them to a Buffet Tea, and each Tourist will be presented with an inscribed silver pencil. Later, they return to their headquarters at Ikley, and we hope that they will leave us with pleasant memories of their visit to Oldham.

DO YOU KNOW ?

That the first Touring Team of 1908, from Australia, the net receipts of the tour were only £4,995 2s. 0d., the expenses of the Tour were £5,340 1s. 8d.

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The return at Widnes on the same tour returned the Australians only £17 5s. 1d., and at a match at Glasgow their share totalled £32 15s. 4d. In regard to the first Test match, it may be mentioned that it cost £40 to transport the team to London from their headquarters in Southport.

THE AUSTRALIAN RUGBY LEAGUE TOUR OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

SEASON 1956-57

Pen Pictures of the Players

Clive Churchill. Rated in Australia the best full-back in post-war football. Had played thirty-two consecutive Tests before missing this year's games against New Zealand through a broken wrist. Made splendid return to club football after injury recovered. Is the most fearless tackling full-back Australia has had and is a great attacking player. May have lost a little speed but is playing with greater judgment. Becomes the first back and only the second player to make three Test trips to England with the Kangaroos equalling record of 1937 captain Wally Prigg. Was skipper on 1952 tour but Vice-Captain this time.

Gordon Clifford. First overseas trip but played for Australia in second test against will be valuable on tour in this regard. Was a schoolboy champion as five-eighth and Kiwis this year, making great debut despite breaking wrist early in game. Is an attacking centre and started club football in 1948. Has been in first grade since 1951 and was a full-back with a lot of speed, safe handler and good defender. Is a great goal-kicker and popular choice for this tour.

Don "Bandy" Adams. Could be the sensation of the tour. Nuggetty and bowlegged Adams was the star of the Australian season and was outstanding in the Tests against New Zealand. Plays either wing without worrying and is a most determined player. Scrupulously clean he sickens his opponents with heavy tackles and he is extremely hard to hold because of his build. Is a terrific favourite with Sydney Cricket Ground crowds. Was coached by two former Australian captains in Ron Bailey and Col Maxwell at Maitland where his family has a farm. Has played nine matches for N.S.W. and was in all Tests against the Kiwis. Scored 27 tries in 15 games this year.

Denis Flannery. Toured with 1952 Kangaroos. His career has been hampered by injuries but is a solid winger with lots of speed and is hard to stop. Was schoolboy sprint champion at college in Brisbane and later became a chemist. Then took over an Ipswich Hotel owned by his father-in-law Dan Dempsey, a former great Test forward. Flannery has been in Test football since 1950 when he played against the Lions, was in the 1954 World Cup team and has been a Queensland representative winger since 1948.

Ian Moir. Is the fastest man in the team and just prior to the start of the last Australian season won the Canberra Gift pro-sprint footrace worth £500 0s. 0d. Was a beach sprint champion earlier in his career and can outpace any player in Australian Rugby League. A brilliant type of winger with a dazzling sidestep Moir scores the most spectacular tries seen in Sydney. Injury cost him this tour four years ago but he toured with the 1954 World Cup team. Was in winning first Test against Kiwis this year and missed others through injury. Has played for N.S.W. since 1953.

Des McGovern. From the famous Queensland football nursery, Toowoomba. Big fair-haired winger who has been a consistent player with Queensland for many years. Played Union after attending the same college as Flannery in Brisbane. Started in League as a half and was a reserve for Ipswich against Great Britain in 1946 when only 18. Toured with 1952 Kangaroos and with Australian team to New Zealand in 1953. Was in two Tests against the Kiwis this year. Scored six tries in game against Featherstone Rovers on last tour of England.

Dicky Poole. Captain-coach of the strong Newtown Club in Sydney for the past two seasons. Was one of Australia's greatest players in the Kiwi Tests this year. Was a last-minute selection for the third Test against France last year. This year developed into a very rugged player who has shown outstanding form on wet ground. Dribbles ball like a Soccer player. Proved his courage in tussles with Tommy Baxter in Kiwi Tests and outplayed Baxter at finish. Played League since a tiny schoolboy and has been in first grade since 1950. Played for Sydney versus Great Britain in 1954 and reserve for Third Test that year. Intelligent type of player who will develop still further on tour.

Kevin O'Brien. Is the utility back of the party being able to play full-back, wing, centre or five-eighth. In his first game for N.S.W. this season he was centre, full-back and five-eighth at various stages of the match. Came from Northern N.S.W. to join Ken Kearney's Club St. George in 1954 and has played over 60 matches without missing one. Was full-back for St. George in 1954, centre and winger in 1955 and centre this year. Played on wing for Sydney Colts against France last year and in inter-state games this year. Is a good goal-kicker.

Alex Watson. Big, straight-running centre who is at the peak of his form. Made winning break in second test against Kiwis this year. Been tutored by Duncan Hall in his Brisbane Club. A most penetrating centre, Watson impressed when in England in 1954 with the World Cup team. Toured New Zealand with Australia in 1953. Played in all three tests against the 1954 Lions and also starred against France in last year's Tests. Is bound to do well under English conditions.

Tom Payne. Baby of the side and one with a great future ahead of him. Has been coached by the redoubtable Mick Madsen and Duncan Thompson at Toowoomba. Was a first grader at 18, first as a five-eighth and then at centre. In first season of representative football this year was selected as reserve back for the Kiwi Test. Played for Queensland against N.S.W. and Kiwis. Has plenty of speed, is a good handler and a sound tackler.

Ian Jonston. Played as a junior in Newcastle before joining Vic Hey at Parramatta in 1948. Was centre alongside Hey and in 1949 won trip to New Zealand with Australian team. Played 93 first grade teams with Parramatta before going to country. Returned to Sydney this year as centre with Western Suburbs but ousted last year's Test player Darcy Henry as five-eighth midway through the season. Played only a few minor representative games later in the season but every critic tipped him for selection after sustained good form.

Bobby Banks. Comes from a footballing family with father, uncles, cousins all well-known in Newcastle district. Real name is Marjoriebanks but this has been abbreviated with all the family footballers. Like Wally Prigg and Clive Churchill, started his football at Central Newcastle. Started big football for North Queensland against France in 1951 and in 1952 played for Queensland. Toured New Zealand with the Australian team in 1953 and was selected for all three tests against Great Britain in 1954, missing one through injury. Toured with the World Cup team in 1954 but was out of big football last year. Duncan Thompson rates him the best player he has seen for years.

Keith Holman. Was a great player in England in 1952 but is better now. Is the most rugged half-back Australia has had in many years. He has the enthusiasm of a schoolboy and plays every game as hard as a Test. Was a shock selection for the first test in 1950 before representing N.S.W. Played in all three Tests that year and has hardly missed one against Great Britain, France or N.Z. since. He has played in 25 tests, 29 games for N.S.W. 11 for Sydney versus Country and several minor matches. Struck peak form against Kiwis this year and should be one of the stars of the tour.

Cyril Connell. Son of the team manager of the same name. Plays at Rockhampton after having learned the game in Brisbane and also at Toowoomba. He has been Queensland's captain this year and is one of the most experienced backs in the side, having played for Queensland since 1952. Was reserve for 1954 Test against Great Britain and is equally useful as five-eighth, the position in which he starred in two of the three Kiwi Tests this year.

Tom Tyquin. Brother of Bill Tyquin, vice-captain of 1948 Kangaroos. Comes from Harry Bath's old club, Southern Suburbs, Brisbane. In club firsts since 1951 and regular Brisbane inter-city team member since 1952. Played for Queensland against America in 1953 and in 1954 gave up football to study for his health inspector's certificate. Last year played for Queensland in all matches and against France. Played second row in all three Tests against Kiwis this year and was a big success.

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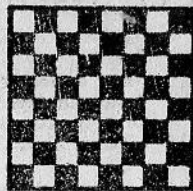
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24. MARSH, W.
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20. FURNER, A.
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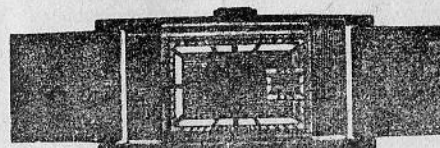
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Ian Doyle. Brother of Joe Doyle who toured with the 1933 Kangaroos. Has speed of a back and has represented Toowoomba as centre and winger. Has been with All Whites Club, Toowoomba for 10 years graduating from juniors to firsts in 1951. Came into prominence for Toowoomba against France and this year has been a star in all the tests against the Kiwis. Wears glasses off field but is a good handler when playing. He is a fine goal kicker.

Don Furner. Comes from the famous Balmain District in Sydney but has had all his football success from Toowoomba. Went to Toowoomba as a junior in 1952 and has been in the town's inter-city team ever since. Has been a Queensland State player since 1954 and last year was reserve forward for last two Tests with France. This year was reserve forward for all three tests against Kiwis when pack was unchanged throughout the series. Tried his hand as heavyweight boxer and fought for State Championship in 1954. Also a good goalkicker, always plays in headgear.

Bernie Purcell. Been in first grade in Sydney since 1948, first with Wests and later with South Sydney. Is the highest scoring forward Sydney has had since Frank Burge and has broken all scoring records for Souths. Is a great goalkicker with the temperament to kick goals when badly needed. Played in the Third Test in Sydney in 1950. Is a dashing forward with plenty of pace and has a great reputation in N.S.W. Has scored over a 1,000 pts. in all types of matches during his career. Clubmate of Churchill and Moir.

Kel O'Shea. Comes from North Queensland but has played in Sydney with Western Suburbs this year at a record fee for a forward. Was a centre in North Queensland in 1951 and was in second row for North Queensland against Kiwis in 1952. Played for N.S.W. against Queensland in 1953-4-5 but Army duties restricted his football in 1955. Played in all three Tests against Lions in 1954 and this year was in all three Tests against Kiwis. Tall, with a powerful fend and a strong runner.

Brian Davies. One of the stars of the last Kangaroo tour and also the World Cup Tour. Was a first grader in Brisbane at 18 and has been in Brisbane representative sides since 1949. First represented Queensland in 1950. Reserve for second Test in 1950 and in all three Tests in 1951 against France. In two Tests against Kiwis in 1952 and in all Tests in England and France with 1952-3 Kangaroos. Then played one Test against Gt. Britain in 1954 all Tests against France in 1955 and against New Zealand in 1953 and 1956. Was adjudged best and fairest winter sportsman—all codes—in Queensland in 1955. Has scored nearly 150 points this year and is a good goalkicker.

Norm Provan. Great second rower who starred in all three Tests in 1954 and the World Cup Tour. Was injured last year and missed Test selection and this year a broken checkbone forced him out until most of the big games were over. Runs well with the ball, serves a perfect pass and is a splendid exponent of low tackles. Bound to be a success in England.

Billy Marsh. Learned football in Balmain but this year played in the country at Cootamundra. Played for N.S.W. against France and Queensland last year and with N.S.W. against Queensland. Also in N.S.W. teams this season. Can play either prop or second row and is a great worker. Last year won newspaper trophy for best and fairest player in Sydney.

Roy Bull. One of the world's best forwards and a tireless worker. Has played in 15 Tests with only one break, that being when injury forced him to miss the final match of the 1954 series against Great Britain in Sydney. Has been alongside Kearney in every Test he has played. Toured England in 1952 and went again with World Cup team in 1954. Went to New Zealand in 1949 and 1953 and has been playing first grade since he was 17 with the Manly team in Sydney.

Bryan Orrock. Started with South Sydney Juniors and then in Souths' firsts before going to St George. Has been a prop for both Tour hookers, Hammerton when with Souths and now with Kearney. Played for Sydney Colts against France in 1951 and last year for N.S.W. versus France. This year has been in all N.S.W. teams. A very solid rucker and a good scrum worker.

Ken Kearney. Captain of the side and the first hooker in history to lead Australia. Has played 16 successive Tests since becoming Australia's No. 1 Hooker for third Test of 1952 series when he won the ball and Australia won the Test. Has had outstanding success as a coach in club and representative football in Australia since returning from Leeds in 1951. Is making his sixth trip to England having been first with the Union Wallabies. He then went to join Leeds and since has been with the 1952 Kangaroos and the 1954 World Cup team. Also went to New Zealand with 1953 Australian team. Form now is better than ever before.

Ernie Hammerton. Narrowly missed tour selection in 1952. Played one Test against France in 1951 and has been an outstanding hooker in Sydney football in the past five years. He has been kept out by Kev Schubert and then Kearney but has retained form. Is very fast striker for the ball and should win his share in England. Outhooked several strong contenders this year to win selection and generally breaks even with Kearney when they meet.

Cyril John Connell—Business Manager. First played in 1920 with past Grammar Club, Brisbane, 1921-22 Valley Club, Brisbane. Represented Queensland as half-back in 1922-23-25. Transferred to Charters Towers in 1923 and subsequently played in Townsville and Rockhampton. Academic Bachelor of Commerce, University of Queensland. Fellow of Australian Institute of Cost Accountants. Associate of Chartered Institute of Secretaries. Lecturer in Accountancy and Administration, University of Queensland.

Of latter years, President of the Queensland Rugby League, Member of the Australian Rugby League Board of Control and its Hon. Treasurer.

Clarence Wilfred Fahy—Team Manager. First played junior football in the St. George District in 1941. Became a foundation member of the St. George Club in 1922 and after occupying the positions of Third Grade Secretary from 1926 to 1935 and acting as the Secretary of the Club in 1936-37, was appointed Hon. Secretary of the Club, a position he occupied from 1939-1943. He acted as the Club's Delegate to the N.S.W. Rugby Football League from 1936 until 1943 and was elected a Vice-President of the N.S.W. Rugby Football League in 1944, a position he has occupied ever since, having also been appointed to the various sub-committees of the League, one of which was the Management Committee, he has been a member of since 1950.

Mr. Fahy served in the first A.I.F. 1915-20 and again in the last war, during which he was responsible for organising the Rugby League Code in the forces and was a member of the service Committee which organised several Rugby League charity matches for worthy objects.

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Where we fight there will be mighty attacks,
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Good, Good,
The Kangaroo is dangerous when at bay,
Come on, Come on, to death.

THE UNEXPECTED

The unexpected—it is surprising how often this happens—happened on Saturday last when we received our second defeat of the season at Workington. Although we expected a hard match, it was obvious that our team did not produce the form that we know they are capable of. The whole machine did not run smoothly and their tackling was far from effective. An opponent was to prone to slip a tackle. It is no use pawing at an opponent, there is only one way to tackle a man if you intend to bring him down. There is no doubt that that on Saturday last we were overplayed territorially, but we could have won the match, and we should have been lucky at that.

The try that Workington scored was a 'gift try,' hesitation on the part of two of our players—who should have had the ball over the line—cost us five points. We missed an easy kick at goal, and one of Bernard Ganley's 'specials' hit the upright on the wrong side—for us. Such are the fortunes of the game, but we cannot afford to have many slip-ups of this nature if we are to figure in the final reckoning, and distribution, of any honours.

BRIEFS

Please do not forget the meeting of members and supporters on Thursday, November 15th, 1956, in the Large hall, King street Stores, to commence at 8-0 p.m.

This meeting is for the purpose of launching a Pools Organisation for the purpose of Ground Improvement.

To our Members—This is your Club and this new organisation **must** be a success. It is for your benefit that the amenities of the ground should be improved.

The first step is the covering of the Watershedding Street end of the ground. Plans to this end are now being investigated and it is hoped that work on this project will be in hand at the end of the present season.

We could explain at length what other clubs in the league are receiving from a pool venture, and there is little doubt that great advantages to the various clubs are being brought about by this means—much to the benefit of Rugby League in general. Let us show by our support of this scheme that we too are concerned with our ground and facilities and that—and this is the point—we are personally prepared to do something about it. Do not leave it to your fellow supporter or member for this is truly a case of "a little help going along way" and doing a lot of good!

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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	2-3
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
20	Hunslet	Away	3-0
22	Rochdale	Home	3-0

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