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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
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16	Widnes	Home	3-0
23	R.L. Cup		
Mar. 2	Liverpool	Home	3-0
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16	Whitehaven	Home	3-0
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Both our teams are in the news and it is pleasing to record the good play of the 'A' team, where our up and coming men are. For our 'A' team—in fact, for any team—to register 156 points in three matches is some going and we must congratulate the players on the open type football they must be playing. What we can't understand is the scarcity of spectators to watch these obviously first-class exhibitions. The takings at our 'A' team matches do not average £20 per match, yet at Keighley the 'A' team are playing before 'gates' varying from £70 to £90. Now you Rugby League fans, why not just roll up and see the game at its best, for there is no doubt that on its present form our 'A' team would beat many first-class teams.

Our first team at Keighley, although without Alan Davies and Charlie Winslade, gave a first-class exhibition last Saturday and were voted by the Keighley spectators as being the best team to appear at the Lawkholme ground this season. From an outsiders point of view the game was very enjoyable and the Keighley boys did play open football but, alas, they could not match our skill and pace. To individualise would be unfair, but one must mention Frank Daley and Vincent Nestor who filled the vacancies as reserves. Both these boys had splendid games which could not have been bettered—Daley in the unaccustomed roll of second row man put in some devastating runs, and Nestor, fast and elusive, was always looking for the openings, and found them. Both of these players fully warranted their selection and showed only too well the capable men we have for emergency.

From the kick-off it was obvious that our team were in the mood for giving the spectators something to talk about, and so it continued all through the game—Rugby League as it should be played. Of course, we made some mistakes, but who doesn't? It's the person doing something that makes the mistakes, a person who does nothing can't make one, nor will he get anywhere. The Keighley Board of Directors and their players spoke in high praise of the game and hoped that we would be playing them again next season.

The Keighley club had their best attendance of the season, and so it has been on all the grounds we have visited so far this season. Our good name goes before us and we are happy to realise that we are doing a service to our hosts in bringing that much needed finance to the great majority of the clubs to-day. We are very proud of the distinction.

OUR VISITORS

To-day we entertain welcome visitors from Blackpool—often referred to as the 'babes' of the League, but they are far from 'babes' we can assure you. After an excellent start in their League programme they have slipped a little but to-day hold a reasonable position in the League having won 8 out of the 16 matches they have played.

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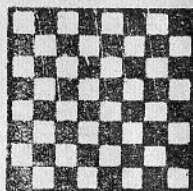
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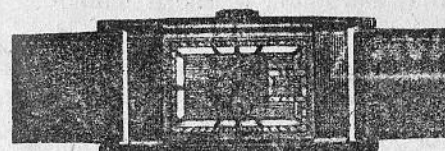
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Their team is managed by Sid Abrams, the old Wigan half-back and late referee of high repute. Sid has the honour of being the first try scorer on the "holy" turf of Wembley in the first final ever to be played there, the match being Wigan v. Dewsbury. There is no doubt that Mr. Abrams is making a good job of the talent at his disposal.

WEMBLEY

Although the Cup Final is not to be played for yet another six months—11th May, 1957—and the competition does not start for another three months, already, well over 80 per cent of the 42,000 seating tickets have been sold. At this time last year, only 70 per cent of all available tickets had been sold. If the present rate of sale of tickets is continued, then all the seating tickets will be sold before the competition begins on February 9th, 1957.

You are reminded that the Cup Final this year will be played on the second Saturday in May and not, as in recent years, on the last Saturday in April. Quite possibly, the change in date has increased the demand for tickets. The last time that the game was played in May, there was a capacity attendance of 95,000. It is quite conceivable that this figure may be reached and regular supporters who do not want seating tickets but prefer the cheaper 3s. 0d. tickets for the Standing Enclosures are also advised to apply early to The Rugby League, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds, 7. Disappointment will be yours if you delay, so act now and be wise.

Earlier in these notes we have praised the high quality of our team and their sportsmanship. There is, however, one matter we must comment upon regarding a certain section of our supporters and that is the nasty exhibition of slow hand-clapping which was so much in evidence in our match against the Australians. Surely this is uncalled for and is most certainly un-British, it is un-sportsman like and quite unnecessary and tends to reflect the type of mind of the offender. To those people who wish to adopt such an attitude at our matches we would ask them to keep away and follow a "sport" more consistent with their mentality.

We like our team to win but as sure as night follows day we are bound to lose sometime. Let us win by fair means and not by annoying our opponents and attempting to put them off their game. We at Watersheddings are noted for our fair comment and appreciation of good play by our opponents, so let us keep that good name.

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