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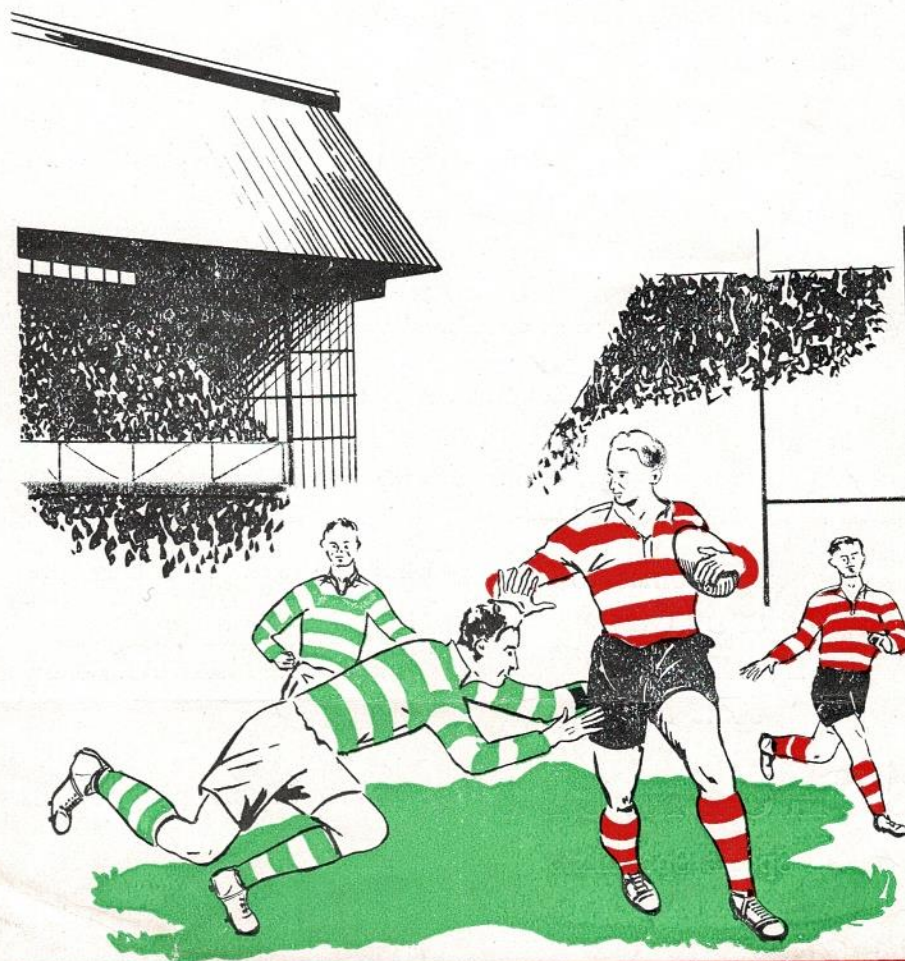
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1955-57	Opponents	Venue	K.O.
Aug. 11	*Rochdale	Home	3-0
18	Bramley	Home	3-0
20	Halifax	Away	7-0
25	Rochdale	Away	3-0
28	Leigh	Home	7-0
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8	St. Helens	Away	3-0
15	Wakefield	Home	3-0
22	Barrow	Home	3-0
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	*Austral	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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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Saturday, 15th December, saw us achieve one of the best away victories of the season in winning at Wakefield by 20 points to 18 points. We are very proud of the victory in view of the fact that we carried four reserves in our thirteen players and very well did our replacements play. There is no doubt that Wakefield are a very smart young team and much will be heard of them in the future.

We are now approaching the end of mid-season football and we can look back with some satisfaction on our achievements of the opening half. We hope to continue our progress and the road will be a hard one to travel but our players are playing with confidence and hope, with a little luck, to finish in the top four of the N.R.F.L. All matches up to, and including, the Wakefield match total twenty-four and we have lost three only, surely a record to be proud of. We have been treated to some wonderful exhibitions of how the game should be played by our team and by some opponents. One of the most outstanding games so far this season was the Barrow match at Watersheddings which produced a thrill a minute, and running this as a good second was when we entertained Workington, although the scoring was kept to a minimum the match produced that most tantalising thrill—uncertainty as to the final result.

In fact, all our matches have produced that little bit of something that Rugby League expects—and which attracts the crowds—and there is no doubt that we have been well supported and given much encouragement by our own supporters and visitors for good play. One thing that stands out in our attendance records is the splendid support given by juveniles (boys and girls) at our matches. To quote one match alone, when we played St. Helens on 8th December, 1956, the total gate was 16,781. Included in this figure are 1,384 juveniles paying an admission fee of £49 2s. 6d.—in addition to this we have 283 juvenile members.

There is no doubt that this is an encouragement for the future, we must bring them into the game young and encourage them to attend young, they must grow up with the game. One must not forget the "boys of the old brigade"—the old age pensioners who attend our matches. We have 350 privilege ticket holders (old age pensioners) who pay 10s. 0d. per year membership, and the average attendance for paying O.A.P.s is around 500 per match at 9d. each.

All are welcome at Watersheddings and may the youngsters see the day, along with "the boys of the old brigade" and all our other members and supporters, that we appear at Wembley and bring back to Oldham the Rugby League's most coveted trophy, and, let this be at an early date.

Christmas comes but once a year, and so do our dear old friends from Swinton. We are delighted to welcome them once again to Watersheddings. Many are the great games that have been played between the clubs and we hope that to-day's game will be no exception.

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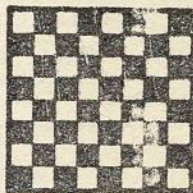
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To the credit of Swinton goes a record that they were the last victors on our ground—last Christmas when they won a very hard game. Since then our ground record has stood and we hope that at the final whistle we will still hold this proud record.

Much has been said in the press that we offered the sum of £6,000 for Cliff. Morgan, the brilliant Welsh International out-half. One may safely say that this sum was not offered to the player and the report is apt to give a very wrong impression of the finances of this club. £6,000 is a lot of money to expend on one player, and doubts are numerous as to the advisability of anyone paying such an amount for one player.

Congratulations to our three players—Messrs. Davies, Little and Turner—on their appearance in the final Test match against the Australians. They fully justified their selection and we hope that further honours will come their way.

In a letter to the club, Alan Prescott, the Gt. Britain captain, expressed that it was a great honour to the three players who put their all into the game and they contributed greatly to the convincing win.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

May we offer thanks to all our members and supporters who contributed to the Christmas Draw. This has been a great success and thanks are due to the undermentioned for the valuable prizes they contributed.

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POOLS

Like most other clubs, we are due to commence a Pools Organisation. The object of the Pool is to increase the facilities to our members and supporters, i.e., the covering of the Watersheddings end of the ground, and the general alterations to the ground that are required.

We rely upon the members for the success of this Pool. We also desire to enrol members as selling agents, please give a little thought to this matter—the success of the Pool is your success. Any member of the Club Committee or the Supporters' Club Committee will give you advice on how to become an agent for the Pool or a regular customer of it.

Remember! this is your Pool and you get it all back. Half in the form of prizes and the other half in the form of comfort on the ground.

NEXT MATCHES AT WATERSHEDDINGS

December 29—**OLDHAM 'A' v. WIDNES 'A'**

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