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(Charity Match)			14—Liverpool	Away	
17—Halifax	Home 3-0		21—Whitehaven	Home 2-30	
22—Barrow (Thurs.)	Away		25—Swinton (Wed.)	Home 2-30	
24—Wakefield	Away		26—Hull (Thurs.)	Away	
26—St. Helens (Mon.)	Home 7-0		28—Warrington	Away	
31—Barrow (L.C.)	Home 3-0		Jan. 4—Leeds	Home 2-30	
Sept. 2—Huddersfield (Mon.)	Away		11—Barrow	Home 2-30	
7—Halifax	Away		18—Widnes	Away	
14—Warrington	Home 3-0		25—Workington	Home 3-0	
21—Leigh	Home 3-0		Feb. 1—Wigan	Away	
28—Workington	Away		8—R.L. Cup		
Oct. 5—Hunslet	Home 3-0		15—St. Helens	Away	
12—Rochdale	Away		22—R.L. Cup		
19—Hull	Home 3-0		Mar. 1—Blackpool	Home 3-0	
26—Blackpool	Away		8—Widnes	Home 3-0	
Nov. 2—Wakefield	Home 3-0		15—Whitehaven	Away	
9—Salford	Away		22—Rochdale	Home 3-0	
16—Liverpool	Home 2-30		29—R.L. Cup semi-final		
23—Leigh	Away		Apl. 4—Swinton (G.F.)	Away	
30—Salford	Home 2-30		5—Wigan	Home 3-0	
			7—Huddersfield (E.M.)	Home 7-0	
			12—Hunslet	Away	
			19—Leeds	Away	

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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS & VIEWS

We are still blazing the trail and chasing that elusive top of the Northern Rugby Football League, being just one point behind St. Helens when all matches are level. Although our display against Liverpool City at home two weeks ago was far from convincing, this game was played against a team that were dour defenders and first time tackling was the order of the day. Of course, these tactics can be overcome by switching your own tactics, but for some reason our team did not do this, and the result was... one of the tamest games seen at Watersheddings for many a long day. This sort of exhibition will not do, it will not create any new customers to our enclosure.

Of course, all teams have their "off-days," this must have been one of ours. However, we made amends for this inept display by a brilliant victory at Leigh last Saturday. Both teams were minus star players, but I doubt that if these star players had been available, the exhibition that was put over could not have been bettered. In fact, the Leigh supporters stated that the game had proved to be one of the best seen at Kirkhall Lane this year.

Our five internationals, Messrs. Davies, Ganley, Jackson, Little, and Turner were, on this day, all playing with distinction for Gt. Britain against France, at Wigan. Although we are happy to provide five players from our team for international or test matches, they do require some replacing, and it speaks wonders for the five substitutes who appeared in our team at Leigh. Every man knew he was playing and gave of his best. Congratulations to the men for the grand display they gave.

It is often said that necessity is the mother of invention, and although nobody can claim to have invented Johnny Noon, nevertheless, we have found a new goal kicker in him. His personal record in this matter was 6 goals from 6 attempts which is no mean feat at any time. Johnny played in a new type of football boot—similar to the ones worn by Bernard Ganley—a hard, square right toe and a soft toe for the left boot. This may seem a little odd and unbalanced in weight, but they obviously do the trick.

"IS IT A LOST ART?"

by CYRIL BRIGGS, Sports Editor, Warrington Guardian Series

Can any reader answer the following conundrum? Why is it that new goal-kicking records are being made almost every season, and we see less punting in an actual game? I can hear some Oldham supporters saying that Bernard Ganley does make occasional efforts to find touch, but there are many teams in the league who ignore this ground-gaining idea.

There are some directors who say to their players "kick if you dare and you'll be dropped." Other selectors don't worry, simply because most of their players cannot punt with accuracy, and therefore they don't encourage the booting of the ball idea.

Gone seems the day when the scrum-half back would nip around the pack and gain 15 yards or so with a natty "grubber" kick to touch. Gone are the times when the full-back popped the ball about 50 yards from his own line and caught his direct opposite or the wing-man out of position with a lusty punt.

In Moderation

Opponents of the scheme have often said that if you kick the ball, you kick away your chances. To that statement I merely reply that everything done in moderation never upsets anyone. The R.L. game, I'm afraid, has become too much of the handling code. I have seen R.L. matches which have been likened to a hand-ball or basket ball game.

The passing has been overdone, and in some instances, a dozen players have handled the ball and the sum total of yards gained has been five and even less!

I realise that there is nothing so spectacular as halves and threes moving FORWARD in the approved style — passing and inter-passing. But when we get this passing for passing's sake, or when there is a cross-field movement of the you-have-it-I-don't-want-it type, then isn't an accurate kick much better applied?

A good punter is a rarity in certain fields of sport — and also in the pools' world. At R.L. he can save himself much energy, and in the old days we often read about full-backs saving their forwards. With the over-emphasis on passing, we sometimes see forwards trying to do the work of the backs, and therefore the bulldozing stuff comes so often into the picture.

In The Old Days

In the days of Jim Sullivan, Ernie Knapman and Ben Jolley, you could guarantee there would be a kicking duel, and plenty of honest-to-good touch-finding. Some people thought that kicking duels were a complete waste of time. I remember a Rugby Union chap telling me the same thing! And, believe me, finding touch in the 15-a-side game is as easy as taking ice-cream from a baby.

Those critics of the kicking duels between the full-backs must remember that it was not a time-waster. It helped the other 24 players to have a welcome breather, and while I abhor the Rugby Union type of touch-kicking, I have to agree that the resultant respite enables the forwards to re-group with increasing enthusiasm.

Where are the players of the Tommy McCue calibre today? Those deft "grubber" kicks were often followed by a smart follow-up. Then if Tommy re-gained possession, a huge kick to touch went to the spot where the full-back was NOT standing. Even if the winger on Tommy's side wasn't fast enough to follow up and gather, the ball usually trickled into touch at an annoying distance (to the defence) from the line.

Duty Of Scrum Half

Stan KIELTY, of Halifax, seems to be the last of the touch-finding scrum halves. He gains ground eight times out of ten kicks, and that tactic must have been of great value to the Halifax team since the war. Mind you, a half-back has to be a quick mover, and what is more important, he must be able to kick with the right foot as well as the left.

Another phase of R.L. football which has been overdone is the tap penalty. The half-back gets the ball and then he pitches it BACKWARDS. By that time the re-grouped opposition have marked their men and fanned out in the attack. Why not a kick to touch? The odds are with the kicker, in the fact that he can kick the ball on the full without being penalised.

It should always be a right-footed kicker for the left touch line and vice versa for the right touch line—unless you have a former Soccer player on your side. Normally he can be effective with either boot.

The Moaners

The value of the dropped goal is also being passed up. Never mind the moaners behind the posts who are ready to call you pretty bad names if you shoot outside. They will be singing your praises if you succeed. What I cannot understand is that a player who tries a drop at goal and misses, gets the boos, although his side has still a good chance of getting the ball again and is only 15 yards or so from their opponents' line.

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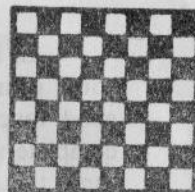
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SALFORD

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- 4—CHESHIRE, J. H.
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- 6—HANLEY, B.
- 7—KEAVENY, B.
- 8—HANCOCK, J.
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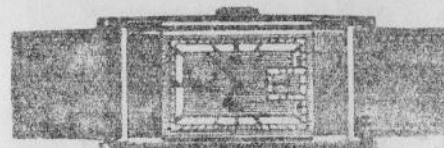
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OUR VISITORS

Today, it is a pleasure to welcome the Salford Club to Water-sheddings with, we hope, the latest addition to their ranks, Lowden—late of Whitehaven—whose transfer cost the Salford Club over £5,000.

This return fixture follows very closely on our visit to Salford on November 9th when we managed to scrape home 14 pts. to 5 pts. after a very hard game and an excellent display by the Salford boys.

We hope that today's game will prove no exception to the rich diet of football we are used to seeing by our team, and Salford will, no doubt, make it a game that will be talked about long after the result.

POOLS' ORGANIZATION

Our Pools' Organization is still progressing well and the total prize money paid out on last Saturday's matches was £211.

More Agents are still wanted, and more members paying their shilling each week. Remember, all the moneys that this club receives from the Pool is earmarked for ground improvement, and that is for your benefit.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

(Up to, and including, Saturday last)

	Barrow	Blackpool	Leeds	Leigh	Liverpool	OLDHAM	Rochdale	Salford	St. Helens	Swinton	Warrington	Whitehaven	Widnes	Wigan	Workington
Barrow	.....	19-16				10-17			12-18				24-10		
Blackpool		.....	16-11	9-15		5-34	12-17			5-13		13-18	9-12		
Leeds	52-12	68-6	.....					25-25	23-5				18-8	17-5	
Leigh				.....		14-24	12-5	12-7				25-14			13-18
Liverpool					.....			19-24	4-28	8-4	9-18			11-39	
OLDHAM				25-3	28-12	.....			7-21		17-15				
Rochdale	11-15	28-20				21-29	.....				16-12	15-8			
Salford	18-15				16-3	5-14	15-4	.....			10-8		5-16		
St. Helens			36-7						.....	43-11	14-2	26-9			29-6
Swinton							7-11		14-16	.....				5-28	13-20
Warrington		19-6			36-6						.....			21-5	10-5
Whitehaven		38-17	14-5				40-8	16-13	7-15			.....		6-16	
Widnes								12-3	13-22	15-12		11-2	.....	11-28	
Wigan	48-5		20-17	7-9	44-5									.....	35-11
Workington	15-0					22-11	13-24	33-6			10-10	17-11		.....	

Home Team on left. Away Team on top. Home Team's score given first.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY LEAGUE TABLE

(Up to, and including, Saturday last)

Team	Home				Away				F.	A.	Pts.
	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	W.	D.	L.			
St. Helens	12	5	0	0	6	0	1	5	271	105	22
Oldham	10	3	0	1	6	0	0	6	227	121	18
Wigan	11	4	0	1	4	0	2	5	277	118	16
Workington	11	4	1	1	2	0	3	6	170	162	13
Leeds	10	5	1	0	0	0	4	6	243	147	11
Warrington	10	4	0	0	1	1	4	6	151	98	11
Salford	11	4	0	2	1	1	3	6	141	134	11
Whitehaven	12	4	0	2	1	0	5	6	183	181	10
Leigh	8	3	0	2	2	0	1	5	102	109	10
Rochdale	11	3	0	2	2	0	4	6	142	203	10
Widnes	9	3	0	2	2	0	2	5	108	143	10
Barrow	9	2	0	2	1	0	4	6	112	205	6
Swinton	8	0	0	4	1	0	3	6	79	146	2
Blackpool	12	1	0	6	0	0	5	6	134	302	2
Liverpool	10	1	0	4	0	0	5	6	88	259	2

List of Appearances and Performances—First Team only

(Up to, and including, Saturday last)

Player	A.	G.	T.	Player	A.	G.	T.
Ganley	17	101	2	Duffy	4		
Cracknell	18		11	Turner	16		6
Ayres	6		2	Stirrup	6		
Nestor	16		7	Jarman	9		1
Etty	18		5	Daley	10		1
Moat	6		2	Noon	12	10	8
Pitchford	18		6	Rowbottom	3		
Jackson	16		1	Carruthers	2		
Keith	17		8	Winslade	12		1
Vines	15			Davies	5		7
Little	16		6	Kellett	1		

W. B. Ganley has also kicked 15 goals against France. Total 116 goals.

BRIEFS

We have not, as yet, agreed with the Hull Club for a date for them to visit Oldham—the fixture having been postponed on October 19th. It now appears that we shall have to play the game at the end of the season as an evening match. This will be in the interests of our members for it gives them a chance to see the match. Of course, if Oldham and Hull make an early exit from the Challenge Cup—and we hope not—there may be a chance of a Saturday fixture.

The Rugby League hold, each year, a coaching week at Bisham Abbey (which is situated on the River Thames near Maidenhead), from July 6th to 12th, 1958. We always make reservations for four of our players under the age of 21 years.

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Our Christmas Draw is proceeding with a fine swing and the final results will be better than ever. Will all members who have received books please return the counterfoils along with the money?

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