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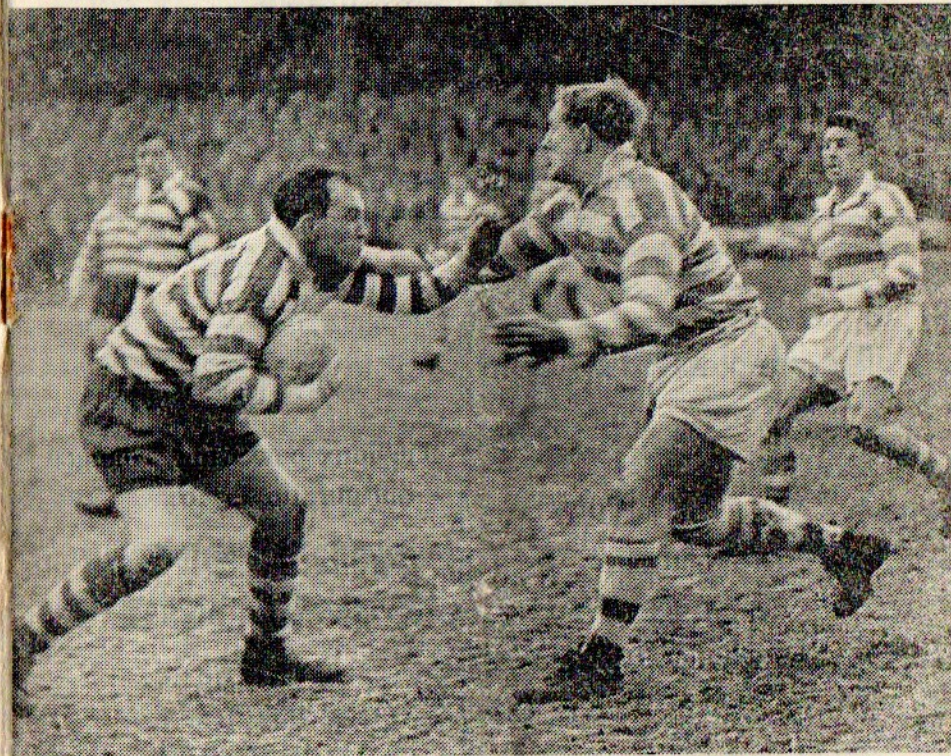
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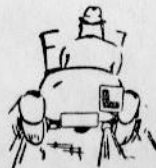
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OFFICIAL NOTES...

Our stock slumped badly again last week after a run of success. We fully expected to win at Thrum Hall as Halifax had made a really bad start to the season, but our form was much below par, and Halifax certainly deserved the points. Admittedly we were without Ashton and Bolton, and we definitely missed their thrust in midfield, but just the same we should have won the match if we had shown any urgency about our play early in the game.

Halifax did not look good in the early stages and we had plenty of the ball, but badly failed to utilise it and take a quick lead. Eventually the Thrum Hall side came back into the game, and due to two shocking defensive blunders on our part scored ten points in three or four minutes, and from then on we were struggling. We did come back into the game after the interval and twice came within one point of our opponents, but each time we came into the game Halifax came back and went further in front. We had ample possession to do better, but again defensive lapses on our part proved fatal, and Halifax took their chances to finish worthy winners. It was all most disappointing after our recent good form, but Halifax did

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certainly play better than they have done for some time, and their young pack was a real handful. This is now five matches we have lost and drawn one, and our hopes of a first four place took a severe blow last Saturday. It can still be done, but to put ourselves on the road we must definitely win our five matches this month as follows: Oldham (h), Workington T. (a), Blackpool B. (h), St. Helens (h), and Salford (a). If these can be won we shall certainly put ourselves well in the race again, but we cannot afford to lose one of these matches.

#### OUR VISITORS

Oldham are again having a most successful season, and have only lost three League matches. Although the power of their pack seems to have declined (on paper at least) their back division is as good as ever, and contains some outstanding players. Bernard Ganley is playing as well as ever, and kicking as well as ever, and in front of him the two centres Alan Davies and Johnny Noon are playing really well, Noon obtaining a hat-trick of tries against Rochdale last week. With two extremely good finishers in Southward and Sims they have an outstanding three-quarter line,

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and their half-backs also, Kellett and Pitchford, are of international class. Altogether a most formidable back division. The forwards while not as powerful as they have been are still doing a solid job, and Charlie Winslade is still a great leader. We can expect a really hard game to-day and one which should be well worth watching.

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### **RULE CHANGES**

At the recent meeting of the International Committee, consisting of representatives from Australia, New Zealand, France and Great Britain, it was decided that there will be a change of rules regarding scrummaging and tap penalty.

The latter, introduced in 1950, was brought into force to reduce the number of scrums per game and to allow the non-offending side the opportunity of starting a passing movement instead of the orthodox kick to touch and the eventual scrum. The intention was good but unfortunately it coincided with a swing in the game that was to become a bigger nuisance than scrums, the mania for possession. It only contributed to the latter because of instead of opening the game up as was the original intention, it allowed teams to hold the ball and play negative football after gaining a lead. This mania for possession itself reduced the number of scrums and consequently the need for solid scrummages and with the advent of the tap penalty scrums were reduced from around the 80 mark to the present around 30 mark but worst still caused the deterioration in the art of scrummaging.

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Also helping the latter complaint was the introduction of the advantage law at scrums, this meant that instead of the ball being placed in the scrum, a second time advantage was allowed to the non-offending side who were allowed to carry on play despite the fact that the ball hadn't come out of the scrum according to law. These new laws should put more onus on more solid scrummaging so that forwards will have to concentrate more on the job they were designed for, deciding whose ball it is after an infringement. This should also reduce the monopoly that forwards hold on the ball in the loose play, hard pushing forwards will find it harder in the increased scrums to run around the field as they are doing in the present set up.

It is difficult to understand the rejection of the International Committee of our style of play-ball. Our representative found himself a lone voter against the other three. Seeing the Australian games where the acting half-back is allowed to be tackled with the ball has shown a marked difference to our style but they contend the rule works alright in their countries. Our style has improved our game tremendously however and it will be surprising if our R.L. Committee go back to the old style.

Changes of the rules have been left to the individual countries to introduce them at their earliest convenience so it is more than likely that they will be introduced in this country before the end of the season.

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|                     |    | W    | D | L | W    | D | L |     |       |      |
| St. Helens          | 16 | 9    | 0 | 0 | 6    | 0 | 1 | 482 | 181   | 30   |
| Wakefield Trinity   | 16 | 7    | 0 | 1 | 7    | 0 | 1 | 395 | 209   | 28   |
| Oldham              | 17 | 8    | 0 | 1 | 5    | 1 | 2 | 422 | 203   | 27   |
| Featherstone Rovers | 16 | 6    | 0 | 3 | 7    | 0 | 0 | 367 | 198   | 26   |
| Warrington          | 15 | 8    | 0 | 0 | 4    | 0 | 3 | 359 | 181   | 24   |
| Hunslet             | 18 | 6    | 1 | 0 | 4    | 1 | 6 | 358 | 299   | 22   |
| Swinton             | 15 | 5    | 0 | 1 | 4    | 2 | 3 | 374 | 220   | 20   |
| Wigan               | 15 | 6    | 0 | 2 | 3    | 1 | 3 | 325 | 194   | 19   |
| Salford             | 16 | 7    | 1 | 1 | 2    | 0 | 5 | 321 | 263   | 19   |
| Leigh               | 16 | 6    | 3 | 0 | 2    | 0 | 5 | 273 | 262   | 19   |
| Whitehaven          | 17 | 7    | 1 | 1 | 2    | 0 | 6 | 296 | 288   | 19   |
| Hull                | 15 | 5    | 0 | 2 | 4    | 0 | 4 | 359 | 242   | 18   |
| Huddersfield        | 16 | 6    | 0 | 1 | 3    | 0 | 6 | 267 | 255   | 18   |
| Keighley            | 17 | 5    | 0 | 4 | 4    | 0 | 4 | 342 | 331   | 18   |
| York                | 17 | 6    | 0 | 2 | 3    | 0 | 6 | 326 | 334   | 18   |
| Hull K. R.          | 17 | 8    | 0 | 1 | 1    | 0 | 7 | 257 | 319   | 18   |
| Castleford          | 17 | 6    | 0 | 2 | 2    | 0 | 7 | 323 | 315   | 16   |
| Batley              | 17 | 5    | 0 | 3 | 3    | 0 | 6 | 222 | 305   | 16   |
| Widnes              | 16 | 5    | 0 | 3 | 2    | 0 | 6 | 256 | 232   | 14   |
| Workington Town     | 17 | 4    | 0 | 4 | 3    | 0 | 6 | 229 | 255   | 14   |
| Rochdale Hornets    | 18 | 4    | 0 | 5 | 3    | 0 | 6 | 205 | 268   | 14   |
| Barrow              | 16 | 5    | 0 | 3 | 1    | 1 | 6 | 239 | 248   | 13   |
| Leeds               | 15 | 4    | 0 | 4 | 2    | 0 | 5 | 272 | 322   | 12   |
| Bradford Northern   | 17 | 5    | 0 | 3 | 0    | 1 | 8 | 210 | 298   | 11   |
| Halifax             | 16 | 3    | 0 | 5 | 2    | 0 | 6 | 300 | 309   | 10   |
| Liverpool City      | 16 | 4    | 0 | 4 | 0    | 0 | 8 | 196 | 365   | 8    |
| Blackpool Borough   | 16 | 3    | 0 | 5 | 1    | 0 | 7 | 196 | 400   | 8    |
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|------------|--------|-----------|----------|-------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|------------|---------|------------|------------|--------|-------|------------|
| Barrow     | H      | 15-4      | 40-13    | 22-9  | 22-5      | 19-5   | 10-16    |         |            |         |            |            |        |       |            |
| Blackpool  | H      | 14-5      | 15-30    | 13-29 | 15-20     | 7-46   | 10-20    | 15-5    |            |         |            |            |        |       |            |
| Dewsbury   | H      |           | 26-15    | 7-35  | 14-19     | 11-29  | 7-35     | 9-30    |            |         |            |            |        |       |            |
| Leigh      | H      | 12-12     |          |       | 11-7      | 25-12  | 14-14    | 22-22   |            |         |            |            |        |       |            |
| Liverpool  | H      |           |          |       | 11-9      | 6-18   | 6-45     | 16-19   |            |         |            |            |        |       |            |
| Oldham     | H      | 20-9      | 34-5     |       | 25-3      | 6-10   | 24-12    | 28-2    |            |         |            |            |        |       |            |
| Rochdale   | H      | 18-13     | 10-6     | 0-45  | 7-12      | 5-8    | 10-12    |         |            |         |            |            |        |       |            |
| Salford    | H      | 13-5      | 26-0     | 12-12 | 7-15      | 23-14  |          |         |            |         |            |            |        |       |            |
| St. Helens | H      | 59-17     | 40-17    | 40-11 | 22-0      |        |          |         |            |         |            |            |        |       |            |
| Swinton    | H      | 61-7      | 63-8     | 9-32  |           |        |          |         |            |         |            |            |        |       |            |
| Warrington | H      | 30-12     | 48-12    | 26-8  | 27-8      | 30-2   | 16-6     |         |            |         |            |            |        |       |            |
| Whitehaven | H      | 33-13     |          | 23-9  | 34-10     | 12-15  | 20-4     |         |            |         |            |            |        |       |            |
| Widnes     | H      | 36-0      | 24-5     | 14-3  | 14-27     | 22-5   | 7-8      |         |            |         |            |            |        |       |            |
| Wigan      | H      |           | 17-6     | 18-8  | 37-6      | 31-12  | 16-12    |         |            |         |            |            |        |       |            |
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| Appearances          |             |       | Appearances           |             |       |
|----------------------|-------------|-------|-----------------------|-------------|-------|
|                      | Appearances | TRIES |                       | Appearances | TRIES |
| Ashton, E. ....      | 16          | 14    | Gentles, T. A. ....   | 5           | —     |
| Barton, J. T. ....   | 16          | 2     | Gregory, J. ....      | 9           | —     |
| Bolton, D. R. ....   | 15          | 12    | Griffiths, W. F. .... | 11          | 2     |
| Boston, W. J. ....   | 14          | 18    | Halliwell, F. ....    | 13          | 6     |
| Bretherton W. ....   | 15          | 1     | Holden, C. K. ....    | 18          | 8     |
| Cherrington, N. .... | 9           | 2     | Lyon, G. ....         | 7           | 4     |
| Collier, F. ....     | 13          | 1     | McTigue, B. ....      | 16          | 1     |
| Collingwood G. ....  | 1           | —     | Sayer, W. ....        | 16          | —     |
| Cunliffe, J. ....    | 7           | 1     | Sullivan, M. ....     | 17          | 9     |
| Entwistle, T. ....   | 16          | 4     | Thomas, R. ....       | 4           | —     |
| Evans R. ....        | 14          | 1     | Wright F. ....        | 4           | 1     |
| Fenton, S. J. ....   | 4           | 2     |                       |             |       |

Total Number of Tries : 89

### GOALS SCORED

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Ashton, E. ....       | 40 |
| Cunliffe, J. ....     | 6  |
| Griffiths, W. F. .... | 52 |

Total Number of Goals : 98

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### "A" TEAM

|             |                          |       | F. A.                    | F. A. |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Aug. 8 ...  | Warrington (W Cup) H     | 31-22 | Warrington (Friendly) A  | 32-10 |
| 15 ...      | Wakefield Trinity ... A  | 14-21 | Blackpool B. .... H      | 38-10 |
| 19 ...      | Widnes .....H            | 16-12 | Liverpool .....A         | 18-16 |
| 22 ...      | Swinton .....H           | 37- 6 | Swinton .....A           | 20-36 |
| 26 ...      | Leigh .....A             | 22-22 |                          |       |
| 29 ...      | Rochdale (L. Cup) ..H    | 39-20 | Leeds .....A             | 11-14 |
| Sept. 5 ... | Wakefield Trinity .....H | 19-27 | Oldham (L. Shield) A     | 8-11  |
| 7 ...       | Salford (L.C. 2nd Rd)H   | 39-15 |                          |       |
| 12 ...      |                          |       | Rochdale H. ....H        | 32-17 |
| 15 ...      | Warrington (L.Cup) ..H   | 13-15 |                          |       |
| 19 ...      | Leeds .....A             | 29-13 | York .....A              | 10-29 |
| 26 ...      | Rochdale H. ....H        | 8-18  | Rochdale H. ....A        | 16-18 |
| Oct. 3 ...  | Warrington .....A        | 6-16  | Workington T. ....H      | 38-7  |
| 10 ...      | Whitehaven .....H        | 31-12 | Whitehaven .....A        | 8-11  |
| 17 ...      | Hull .....A              | 9-8   |                          |       |
| 24 ...      | Liverpool City .....H    | 17-6  | Wakefield Trinity .....A | 10-13 |
| 31 ...      | Dewsbury .....A          | 35-7  | Salford .....A           | 18-10 |
| Nov. 7 ...  | Hunslet .....H           | 38-3  | Leigh .....A             | 11-2  |
| 14 ...      | Australia .....H         | 16-9  | Warrington .....A        | 2-14  |
| 21 ...      | Hull .....H              | 24-2  | NO MATCH.                |       |
| 28 ...      | Halifax .....A           | 20-21 | Liverpool C. ....H       | 26-3  |
| Dec. 5 ...  | Oldham .....H            |       | Oldham .....A            |       |
| 12 ...      | Workington T. ....A      |       |                          |       |
| 19 ...      | Blackpool B. ....H       |       | Blackpool B. ....A       |       |
| 26 ...      | St. Helens .....H        |       | St. Helens .....A        |       |
| 28 ...      | Salford .....A           |       |                          |       |
| Jan. 1 ...  | Warrington .....H        |       | York .....H              |       |
| 2 ...       | Hunslet .....A           |       | Workington T. ....A      |       |
| 9 ...       | Workington T. ....H      |       | Whitehaven .....H        |       |
| 16 ...      | Whitehaven .....A        |       |                          |       |
| 23 ...      | Leigh .....H             |       |                          |       |
| 30 ...      | Blackpool B. ....A       |       | Wakefield Trinity ... H  |       |
| Feb. 6 ...  | Barrow .....H            |       | Barrow .....A            |       |
| 13 ...      | R.L. Cup (1st Round)     |       |                          |       |
| 20 ...      | Leeds .....H             |       |                          |       |
| 27 ...      | R.L. Cup (2nd Round)     |       | Leigh .....H             |       |
| Mar. 5 ...  | Rochdale Hornets ... A   |       | Leeds .....H             |       |
| 12 ...      | Oldham .....A            |       | Oldham .....H            |       |
| 19 ...      | Barrow .....A            |       | Barrow .....H            |       |
| 26 ...      | Halifax .....H           |       |                          |       |
| Apr. 2 ...  | Widnes .....A            |       | Widnes .....H            |       |
| 9 ...       | Dewsbury .....H          |       |                          |       |
| 15 ...      | St. Helens .....A        |       |                          |       |
| 16 ...      | Liverpool City .....A    |       | St. Helens .....H        |       |
| 18 ...      | Salford .....H           |       |                          |       |
| 20 ...      |                          |       | Widnes .....A            |       |
| 23 ...      | Swinton .....A           |       | Swinton .....H           |       |
| 30 ...      |                          |       | Warrington .....H        |       |