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**CLUB CHAT.**

**A Strenuous Time.** If anyone need be glad that the Christmas and New Year holidays are over, those individuals are footballers. They have had a very strenuous time during the past two week-ends. Most of the clubs in the League played five games, during Christmas and New Year, and in all, from December 23rd to January 1st, both dates inclusive no fewer than 63 games were decided in connection with the League. That is something to be going on with and makes one feel more comfortable now that we are back to normal times. Halifax and Castleford followed up their Christmas successes, and were the only two clubs in the League to obtain the full ten points in their five games. Below we give the figures of the first ten clubs in the League up to and including New Year's Day games:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Salford	21	16	1	4	393	158	33
Hunslet	23	16	1	6	368	251	33
Halifax	22	16	0	6	274	209	32
York	21	15	0	6	314	173	30
Warrington	23	15	0	8	342	218	30
Castleford	22	14	0	8	334	233	28
Hull	22	13	2	7	317	348	28
Widnes	22	12	3	7	223	207	27
Leeds	21	13	0	8	277	229	26
Oldham	20	12	2	6	258	218	26

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# FIXTURES 1933-34.

1st TEAM FIXTURES					"A" TEAM FIXTURES				
Date	Opponents	T	F	A	Date	Opponents	T	F	A
1933-34					1933-34				
Aug. 26	Broughton R'g'rs...	H	8-30	31 0	Sept. 2	Rochdale Hornets A	H	3-30	19 7
Sept. 2	Rochdale Hornets...	A		15 6	16	St. Helens "A"	H	3-30	33 7
9	Australians...	H	8-30	6 38	23	Leeds "A"	A		5 23
16	St. Helens ...	A		8 25	Oct. 7	Swinton "A"	A		7 5
18	St. Helens ...	H	6-15	16 3	14	Salford "A"	A	3-30	5 0
23	Leeds ...	H	3-30	24 7	21	Br'ght'n R'ng'rs 'A'	A		5 7
25	Lancs. v. Yorks. ...		5-45	12 15	28	Warrington "A"	H	3-0	2 10
30	Widnes				Nov. 4	Widnes "A"	A		2 24
	(1st Rd Lancs. Cup)	H	8-30	2 0	11	Barrow "A"	A	3-0	27 10
Oct. 3	Rochdale H. (I.C.)	A	6-0	8 28	18	Salford "A"	A		7 11
7	Hunslet ...	H	3-30	18 8	25	Leigh "A"	H	2-45	10 0
Oct. 11	Broughton Rangers				Dec. 9	Wakefield "A"	H	2-30	7 0
	(3rd Rd Lancs. Cup)	A		12 0	16	Barrow "A"	A		0 13
14	Salford ...	A		8 18	23	Lond. Highfield 'A'	H	2-30	42 5
21	Keighley ...	H	3-0	8 8	26	Broughton R'g'rs A	H	2-30	23 0
25	Wigan (Semi-Final)				30	Wigan "A"	H	2-30	35 0
	(Lancs. Cup)	A		21 15	Jan. 6	Warrington "A"	A		
28	Warrington...	A		5 30	13	Leigh "A"	A		
Nov. 4	Widnes ...	H	3-0	12 0	20	Leeds "A"	A	2-45	
11	Barrow ...	A		8 24	27	Lond. Highfield 'A'	A		
18	St. Helens Recs.				Feb. 3	York "A"	H	3-0	
	(Lancs. Cup Final)				18	St. Helens "A"	A		
	at Swinton			12 0	Mar. 3	Widnes "A"	H	3-30	
25	Leigh...	A		3 19	10	Wakefield "A"	A		
Dec. 2	Batley ...	H	2-45	17 9	17	St. Helens Recs. 'A'	H	3-30	
9	Wakefield ...	A		20 15	24	Wigan "A"	A		
16	Barrow ...	H	2-30	27 16	31	Swinton "A"	H	3-30	
20	London Highfield...			8 7	April 2	St. Helens Recs. 'A'	A		
	(Wednesday)	A		11 4	7	Rochdale Hornets A	A		
25	Swinton (Xmas Dy)	H	2-30		14	York "A"	A		
26	Hull Kingston R...			5 5					
	(Bowling Day)	A		2 6					
30	Wigan ...	A		12 8					
Jan. 1	Hull Kingston R.	H	2-30						
6	Warrington ...	H	2-30						
13	Leigh ...	H	2-45						
20	Batley ...	A							
Feb. 27	London Highfield	H	3-0						
3	Hunslet ...	A							
10	Challenge Cup 1 rd.								
17	Keighley ...	A							
Mar. 24	Halifax ...	H	3-30						
3	Widnes ...	A							
10	Wakefield ...	H	3-30						
17	St. Helens Recs. ...	A							
24	Wigan ...	H	3-30						
30	Swinton (G.F.)	A							
31	Halifax ...	A							
April 2	St. Helens Recs. ...	H	3-30						
3	Leeds...	A							
7	Rochdale Hornets	H	3-30						
14	Broughton Rangers	A							

**Poor Display** The conditions were terrible at Wigan last Saturday, and at Wigan. the wretched weather which prevailed both prior to and during a greater part of the game must have cost the Wigan club some few hundred pounds, for there was a very meagre attendance. With the ground in such a wretched state, scientific football was out of the question, and it was early apparent that the least bit of luck to either team would give that side the victory. Wigan came in for fortune's favours, for though we were attacking for more than three-parts of the game, we could not score, whereas they broke away on one occasion in the second half—the only time they crossed the half-way line in that period—and

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scored what might be termed a lucky try. Their other try was the result of a very serious lapse in our defence, of which the big burly Mason quickly took advantage. Even though we penned Wigan down so decisively, our attack was lacking in many respects. Our halves were far too long in getting the ball away, and when the ball did reach our centres there was too much indecision about them. In the first half both Lewis and Reynolds should have had tries to their credit had they gone ahead for the line instead of showing hesitancy. We used to have an old saying "the man who hesitates is lost." We had concrete proof of that last Saturday. Our forwards worked splendidly and no blame could be attached to them for the defeat. Tom Rees opened rather badly, but improved as the game proceeded; but it was a long way from being Tommy's best day.

**Introducing** It was generally thought after our defeat at Wigan, that **Youngsters.** some slight alteration would have to be made in the rear division for the game against Hull Kingston Rovers last Monday. The alteration was done by bringing in two of the reserve youngsters who have been recently signed, viz., Marsh a centre three-quarter from the Manchester district; and Heywood, a half back with local connections. It is pleasing to record that both players made a very favourable impression. It was a very bold step to try the youngsters under such difficult conditions; but still it had to be done sometime, and now that they have had their baptism of first-class football, they will be quite ready for calling upon in future. We had much the better of the first half in our game with the Rovers; our handling was safer and general play much



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2. Taylor, A.		2. Garrett, J. W.	
3. Bardsley, S.		3. Rutledge, A. M.	
4. Stephens, S. J.		4. Dingsdale, W.	
5. Lewis, L.		5. Thompson, T., or Ray, S.	
6. Reynolds, J. B.		6. Hawker, A. B.	
7. Heywood, J.		7. Davies, D. M.	
8. Read, J.		8. Hardman, S.	
9. Scaife, J. M.		9. Dilorenzo, V.	
10. Clayton, A.		10. Miller, J.	
11. Ashworth, F. W.		11. Williams, F.	
12. Butterworth, W. E.		12. Evans, A.	
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smarter than the Tykes. A lead of twelve points at half time made some of our followers think we had the game well won; but the Hull team had different ideas. and when there was still a quarter of an hour to go they had got within four points and were going strong. Our defence held out, however, and we placed another couple of points to our credit. Like the Saturday's game at Wigan, play was certainly spoilt by the bad weather conditions, but in what good football was shown, we think we were entitled to our victory, particularly after Heywood was so badly laid out. Our young scrum half will be a long time before he forgets that knock-out introduction to first-class football.

**Brilliant Reserves.** Our reserve team is vieing with the Australians in the matter of piling up big scores. In their last three games they have scored an aggregate of a hundred points. The reply of their opponents has been five points. A record of which our "A" team is justly proud. When the news came through to the Wigan club's office last Saturday giving the scores 35-0 in our favour, it was a bit of a shock to the Wigan officials and they were some time before they could realise it. At the present time we have an excellent nursery, and it is our Committee's intention to see that it is kept up to concert pitch, and any promising youngster in this locality can rest assured of having a good trial.

**The Australian Visit.** The visit of the Aussies to Watersheddings next Wednesday is arousing tremendous interest for miles round our district. The wonderful form which they have shown in recent games at York, Hull, Wembley and Paris, has greatly stirred the imagination

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of those who had the pleasure of seeing them here in September. We were thrilled on that occasion by the wonderful display of the Aussies, but since then they have achieved such wonderful feats, that interest has been revived and aroused to such an extent that every enthusiast who possibly can do so, intends being at Watersheddings next Wednesday. The game will be in the nature of a farewell match, so far as Lancashire is concerned, and we trust we shall have a fine day, and a big crowd to bid adieu to a really brilliant band of footballers.

**Our Visitors.** To-day we entertain Warrington, a team which in recent years has become somewhat of a bogey to our followers. Last season they beat us at Oldham 10-6, and at Warrington by 28-10. Those were two nasty blotches. Can we clear them off this season? In their last two games Warrington have tasted defeat on both occasions, Halifax beating them at home last Saturday and Rochdale Hornets gave them a real trouncing on New Year's Day at Rochdale. They are well above us in the League table as will be seen from the following figures:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Points for	Points Agst
Warrington	23	15	0	8	314	178
Oldham	20	12	2	6	277	229

It will be seen that Warrington have played three games more than us. No doubt they will have a desire to-day to make amends for last week-end's defeats; so do we. May we have a fine open game.

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<b>B</b> LEEDS	<b>E</b> ST. HELENS
<b>C</b> GRIMSBY TOWN	<b>F</b> WIDNES
<b>D</b> OLDHAM ATHLETIC	<b>G</b> ROCHDALE HORNETS
<b>E</b> ST. HELENS RECS.	<b>H</b> HALIFAX
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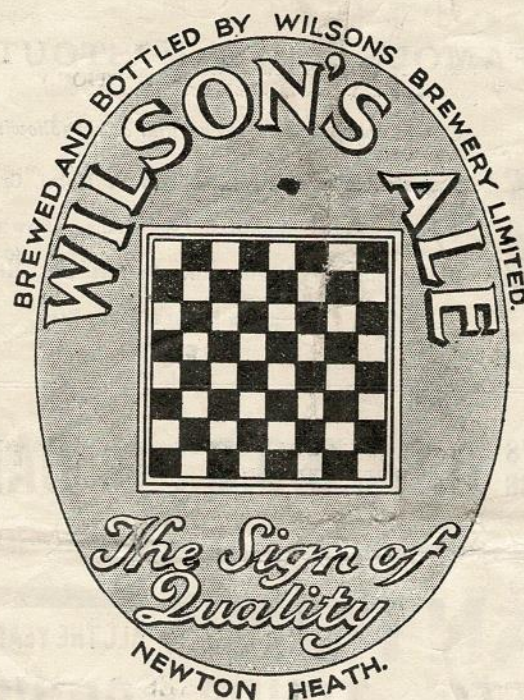
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