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NOTES.

Castleford gained their first League victory over Wigan on their own pitch in no uncertain manner, viz., 32 points to 2. The absence of Sullivan was plainly felt, and the players appeared to have that lack of confidence owing to the captain's absence. Wigan were completely overwhelmed and the third try scored by Castleford was a magnificent movement covering the full length of the field. Brindle started it over his own line and the ball was handled by seven or eight players before Atkinson received an inside pass to score behind the posts.

With this reverse our "first four" efforts received a setback, but with Salford, Swinton and Barrow still strenuously engaged for the double, anything may happen. We have still a chance and intend to go all out in the race for the remaining honour. A victory is confidently expected to-day, and on Monday we visit Barrow, and after their encounter with Halifax to-day in the cup semi-final will naturally be at a disadvantage regarding physical endurance, and with a little luck we may be the first club to lower the Barrow colours on their own ground this season. Should we escape defeat up to Good Friday, when St. Helens are our visitors, everything will then depend upon the clash at Leeds the following day. Salford (away) on Easter Monday, and Widnes (home) complete our fixture list.

Congratulations to Jim Sullivan who, with his three goals in the International (Wales v. France) on Saturday, reached his hundredth goal for the present season. This is the seventeenth consecutive season he has accomplished such a feat, a record that may stand for all time. Sullivan has also scored 75 tries, chiefly from the full-back position. He has played in a record number of international matches, and has toured Australia three times. His record of goals and tries is as follows:—

	Goals	Tries	Points		Goals	Tries	Points
1921-22	108	2	222	1931-32	117	5	249
1922-23	172	10	374	1932 (Australia)	110	1	223
1923-24	158	1	319	1932-33	146	5	307
1924 (Australia)	84	0	168	1933-34	200	6	418
1924-25	148	3	305	1934-35	168	6	354
1925-26	130	3	269	1935-36	117	4	246
1926-27	148	7	317	1936-37	120	6	258
1927-28	113	3	235	1937-38, to Apr. 2	100	3	209
1928 (Australia)	59	1	121				
1928-29	110	3	229	Totals	2555	75	5335
1929-30	114	2	234				
1930-31	133	4	278				

BARROW REQUEST: NO ACTION.

Barrow's request for a reconsideration of the Management Committee's refusal to delay the playing of the Rugby League championship semi-finals and

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		For	Agnst
1937.			
Aug.	29 Broughton	away	16
Sept.	4 Warrington	home	5
	11 Swinton—Lancashire Cup	away	9
	15 Swinton—1st Rd Lanc C'p Re-play	home	24
	18 Liverpool Stanley	away	4
	20 Oldham	away	5
	23 Widnes—2nd Rd. Lancs. Cup	away	5
	25 Huddersfield	home	12
Oct.	2 Newcastle	home	51
	9 Huddersfield	away	18
	16 Swinton	away	9
	30 Hull	home	10
Nov.	3 Australians	home	23
	6 Widnes	away	12
	13 Barrow	home	5
	20 Halifax	home	28
	27 Rochdale	away	8
Dec.	4 Swinton	home	2
	27 St. Helens	away	15
1938.			
Jan.	1 Broughton	home	13
	3 Liverpool Stanley	home	13
	8 Warrington	away	14
	15 Halifax	away	3
	22 Castleford	home	12
	26 Leigh	home	18
Feb.	5 St. Helens Recreation	home	23
	12 Hull	away	2
	19 R. L. Cup—1st Rd.—Leeds	away	4
	26 Rochdale	home	24
Mar.	5 St. Helens Recreation	away	3
	12 Newcastle	away	19
	19 Leeds	home	16
	26 Leigh	away	17
	30 Salford	home	17
April	9 Castleford	away	2
	15 Oldham	home	2
	16 St. Helens	home	2
	16 Leeds	away	2
	18 Salford	away	2
	23 Widnes	home	2

TIMES OF KICK-OFF

Aug 25 to Oct 22.....3-30
Oct 23 to Nov 15.....3-0
Nov 16 to Dec 7.....2-45
Dec 8 to Jan 7.....2-30
Jan 8 to Jan 22.....2-45
Jan 23 to Feb 2.....3-0
Feb 3 to April 30.....3-30

CUP TIE DATES

Lancashire Cup

1st Rd.—Sept 11.
2nd Rd.—Between Sept.
19 and 25.
Semi-finals.—Between
Sept 26 & Oct 2.
Final.—Oct. 23.

Rugby League Cup.

1st Rd.—Feb. 19.
2nd Rd.—Mar. 12.
3rd Rd.—Mar. 26.
Semi-final.—April 9.
Final.—May 7.

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FULL-BACK	Goals	Tries
1. Sullivan
THREE-QUARTERS		
2. Holder
3. Williamson
4. Ward
5. G. Davies
HALF-BACKS		
6. Jenkins
7. H. Gee
FORWARDS		
8. Banks
9. Golby
10. K. Gee
11. Woods
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THREE-QUARTERS		
2. Hall
3. Lowe
4. Rhydderch
5. C. Davies
HALF-BACKS		
6. Downey
7. Smith
FORWARDS		
8. Ashworth
9. Brooks
10. L. Rees
11. Pugh
12. Moore
13. Givvons
14. Reed

Referee: Mr. G. S. PHILLIPS, Widnes.

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final until April 30 and May 14, in view of the congested state of the fixtures, was given a hearing by the council at Manchester yesterday, but no action was taken. Mr. Bonner, the chairman, stated that they had no power to intervene with a decision of the Management Committee.

OUR VISITORS TO-DAY ARE OLDHAM

who have always proved a great attraction, not only at Central Park, but previous to that time when the home of the Wigan club was on the Prescott Road ground. It is more than forty years since Wm. McCutcheon (who later became a noted referee) won the game for Oldham with a run over half the length of the field with the only try scored. Even in those "amateur" days, Oldham had the knack of importing Welsh internationals. On that occasion Oldham had the finest three-quarter line in the country, viz., Jack Hurst, Gwynne Lees, McCutcheon, The Wigan three-quarter line who opposed them were Whitehead, Winstanley (Soap), James Walkden and Johnny Roberts. Arthur Trow was full back. Another great winger who wore the Oldham colours was Hussey, from Cardiff. He kicked some remarkable goals from all angles, but the greatest centre Oldham enlisted was Tom Fletcher, from Seaton, in Cumberland, who played for England under Rugby Union rules. Dicky Thomas was an outstanding Welsh full-back who wore their colours, and Joe Ferguson and Bert Avery were two of the greatest forwards who ever put on an Oldham jersey. Oldham have been busy overhauling their back division and with the addition of Lowe, of Torquay, and Hoskisson, from the Fylde district, they field practically a new three-quarter line. Our old friend Tommy Rees, another Welsh International, holds the last line of defence. He has tremendous power behind those kicks with his left leg. We have recollections of him kicking six goals against us in a Lancashire Cup tie at Wigan some years ago. He practically won that game off his own bat. We hope the game to-day will provide us with one of those exhibitions which in turn made Oldham and Wigan famous—cutting out the over-vigorous forward methods and allowing the backs to provide the entertainment the spectators naturally expect.

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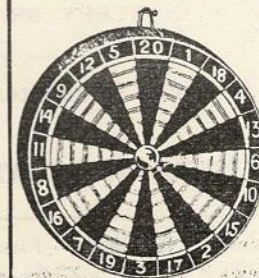
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