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1938		For	Agnst
Aug. 27	Wakefield	home	15
29	Broughton Rangers	away	11
Sept. 3	Leeds	away	10
10	Swinton—Lancashire Cup	home	12
14	Castleford	away	13
17	Rochdale Hornets	home	18
20	Oldham—2nd Round Lancs. Cup	away	13
24	Warrington	away	8
Oct. 28	Liverpool Stanley—S.F. Lancs. Cup	home	13
1	Batley	home	27
8	Leigh	away	19
15	Halifax	home	25
22	Salford—Final Lancs. Cup	away	10
29	Oldham	home	.....
Nov. 5	Hull	away	.....
12	Warrington	home	.....
19	Halifax	away	.....
26	Leeds	home	.....
Dec. 3	Oldham	away	.....
10	Leigh	home	.....
17	Batley	away	.....
24	Hunslet	home	.....
26	Salford	home	.....
27	St. Helens	away	.....
31	Liverpool Stanley	away	.....
1939			
Jan. 2	York	home	.....
7	Swinton	home	.....
14	Wakefield Trinity	away	.....
21	Barrow	home	.....
28	Widnes	away	.....
Feb. 4	Rugby League Cup	.....	.....
11	Liverpool Stanley	home	.....
18	St. Helens Recs.	away	.....
25	Castleford	home	.....
Mar. 4	Hunslet	away	.....
11	Hull	home	.....
18	Broughton Rangers	home	.....
25	York	away	.....
Apr. 1	St. Helens Recs.	home	.....
7	St. Helens	home	.....
8	Rochdale Hornets	home	.....
10	Salford	away	.....
15	Swinton	away	.....
22	Widnes	home	.....

### 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. 10.  
2nd Rd.—Between Sept.  
17 and 24.  
Semifinals. — Between  
Sept. 24 and Oct. 1.  
Final.—Oct. 22.

#### Rugby League Cup.

1st Rd.—Feb. 4  
2nd Rd.—Feb. 18.  
3rd Rd.—March 11.  
Semi-finals.—April 1.  
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### NOTES.

Mr. HARRY SUNDERLAND, the Wigan Rugby League Club's new Secretary-Manager, arrived in Wigan on Tuesday from Australia and was given a tumultuous welcome. It is unanimously acknowledged that Mr. Sunderland is the man to accomplish that great ambition of our late Chairman (Alderman James Walkden, J.P.) of making the Wigan club "the Arsenal of the Rugby League."

These are his aims:—

"To make them an eighty minutes team. The team that can always be that at full stretch will attain much greater success than those less ably equipped from the fitness standpoint.

"Of course, I realise there are twenty-seven other teams as well as Wigan in the League, and that a goodly number of them will be striving just as hard. Every one cannot get to Wembley, and the one that eventually wins through should be grateful to the goddess 'Kindly Luck.'

"One thing that will be uppermost in my mind at Central Park will be to have a good sporting atmosphere both inside and outside the touchline. If I can do that and get a good attractive style of football and pay our way, I will be more than satisfied.

"Whatever other schemes I have in mind, however, my first aim will be Wigan. I shall put in the four hardest years' work in my life in an endeavour to get Wigan at the top."

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By the way, who suggested that Jim Sullivan might go on playing until his son was ready to take his job?

\* \* \*

Harry Sunderland says that from now on he is a Wiganer for weal or woe, and will work his utmost to enhance the name of the Wigan Rugby League Club, and also the town. He also wishes to convey his good wishes and best thanks to the supporters of the club, and to assure them that nothing will be spared to make Wigan a team of which they may be very proud.

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Colours: Cherry and White.

FULL-BACK	Goals	Tries
1. Sullivan.	.....	.....
THREE-QUARTERS		
2. Morley.	.....	.....
3. Ward.	.....	.....
4. G. Davies.	.....	.....
5. Williamson.	.....	.....
HALF-BACKS		
6. Garvey.	.....	.....
7. Gee, (H).	.....	.....
FORWARDS		
8. Banks.	.....	.....
9. Darlison.	.....	.....
10. K. Gee.	.....	.....
11. Thomas.	.....	.....
12. I. Jones.	.....	.....
13. Bowen.	.....	.....

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*A Welcome  
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**WHAT** a wonderful welcome you Wiganers have given me to Lancashire! How grateful I am for all the smiling greetings that have been given to me since I arrived. Of course I knew that there were some who would greet me, because I have been here before and did make some friends. But I never dreamed that there would be such an enthusiastic welcome as that which has been mine ever since your delegation of Directors Platt and Brown met me when I stepped off the "Queen Mary."

And, mentioning the "Queen Mary," what a thrill it was to me to hear, right out in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, the voices of Swinton secretary Sammy Jones, then Chairman Entwistle, and other Directors who followed, all able to tell me of Jim Sullivan's wonderfully valuable five goals—and the winning of the Lancashire Cup for Wigan. The return of the Cup to Central Park after ten years! A wedding anniversary present for Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sullivan—aye, and the fine little laddie that the Sullivan home has been blessed with. I saw Mother bring him down to Central Park to have him "photoed" with t' Cup yesterday afternoon. Mothers do get a thrill sometimes, don't they?

And the little lad looks as if the Good Lady has had the image of the world's greatest full-back of all time well implanted in her mind in those important days during—well, you know what I mean. Just forgive me for putting it that way. But, when you look at the little Sullivan it makes you feel that the breed will live on in all its real majesty. I'm grateful to Jim Sullivan for the thrill that

his goals gave me out on the Atlantic. I know, more than anyone else here in Central Park to-day, what it means to the future of Wigan R.F.C. to have won that Cup—and above all things to have won it from such a fine organisation as Lance Todd's Salfordians. "No sweeter venison was ever won by huntsman's arrow."

And so, my good friends, I could wander on in loquacious fashion in this new fairyland of Wigan hopes and aspirations—where all the future will have its rewards and its sorrows. Yes, my good friends, its days of defeat and sorrow. If it was not for the pangs and pains of defeat and sorrow we should never appreciate success and the joy of it. I am grateful to the directors for the opportunity they give me, to the players for the hope of achievement that is in their hearts, and for the patrons on every touch and goal line who have sufficient faith in me to feel that I will fulfil my obligations and make good amongst you. My prayers are for sufficient success to merit your friendship, and a feeling of satisfaction that you have taken me to your hearts as you have done ever since I arrived.

And now, here's a slogan that I picked up in America on the way over: "Don't fail to co-operate, Be a team player"—and you who are outside the touchline and over the fence in the stands, or on the popular side, you must all be team players for the Wigan Club. Let's hear you shout and cheer and sometimes sing. Make everyone who visits us feel that we are **ALIVE AND FULL OF PEP**. "Onward Wigan, Ever Onward!"

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3. Lowe.	.....	.....
4. Downey.	.....	.....
5. Macrae.	.....	.....
HALF-BACKS		
6. Fleming.	.....	.....
7. Smith.	.....	.....
FORWARDS		
8. Read.	.....	.....
9. Brooks.	.....	.....
10. Moore.	.....	.....
11. Garnett.	.....	.....
12. Elson.	.....	.....
13. Givvons.	.....	.....
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Enough has already been written and read on Wigan's great triumph over Salford on Saturday last. It was an amazing game in which the lead changed three times. Salford gained an overwhelming advantage in the pack, winning possession from 46 scrums to 21. Jim Sullivan captured most of the glory with his five goals—one inside his own half, but the other twelve players were equally determined by desperate tackling to construct an impregnable form of defence. Salford did not lose because of their own fault. They were foiled by a team inspired.

The Wigan captain, during his remarkable career, has scored 2,624 goals and 89 tries, a total of 5,515 points. Will there ever be another?

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**OUR VISITORS TO-DAY ARE OLDHAM,**

whom Wigan beat in the second round of the Lancashire Cup. The League record of the two clubs reads—

	P	W	L	D	Pts. for	Pts. Agst.
Wigan	9	6	3	0	144	122
Oldham	9	6	3	0	124	63

Since signing on Downey and Fleming, of Rochdale, Oldham have shown improved form and are confident of giving a good account of themselves and taking revenge for the Cup defeat. An added attraction will be the debut of Darlison, late of Featherstone, as hooker in the Wigan pack. Prior to Saturday last, Oldham tied with Wigan in annexing the Lancashire Cup—six times. They won the trophy in 1907-8, 1910-11, 1912-13, 1919-20, 1924-25 and 1933-34.

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