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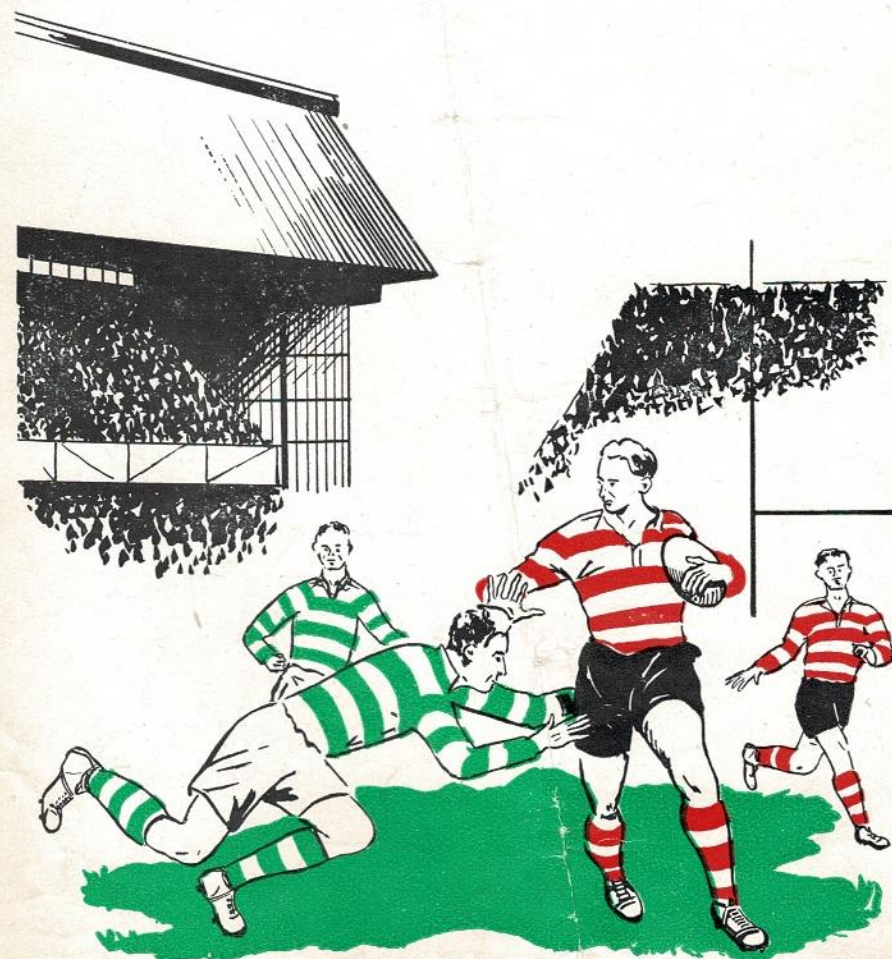
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## OLDHAM v. WIGAN

### WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

To-day it is our pleasure to entertain the Wigan Club, always an attraction at Watersheddings and we are sure that this applies to every ground they visit. The name 'Wigan' appears magnetic and rightly so, for they have been the most constant team in the Rugby League for the past twenty-five years or so. This season their star has not appeared too bright, but one has the assurance that at the end of the season the Wigan Club will be somewhere about the play-off and honours. Considerable change in the personnel of the Wigan forwards has taken place in the transfer of the players and these seasoned players require some replacing, but they possess some up and coming young forwards who are sure to make their mark in Rugby League Football, and the name of Wigan will stand out amongst the leading clubs of our game. We invariably look forward to the visit of Wigan to Watersheddings and we welcome them heartily. This is not said in a spirit of "must" but they are words truly meant. Whilst rivalry, of course, exists between

the two teams, it is as a friendly contest in that both teams give a good, sound exhibition whenever they meet. It is nice to foster this spirit in a game and it would not come amiss, in light of recent events, if other Clubs played in this strain. We will get a rousing game to-day—we know we shall—and we shall go away feeling that true sportsmanship still exists.

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### NATIONAL MEMORIAL FUND

His late Majesty, King George VI, was the Patron of the Rugby Football League, and it is the intention of the Rugby League Council to give the fullest support to the Lord Mayor of London's Appeal for the King George VI National Memorial Fund. A collection will be made later in the season, on our ground, for this Fund.

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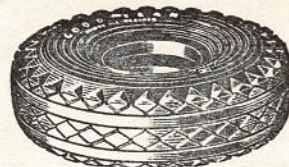
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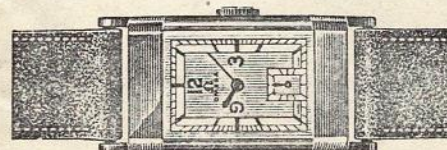
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season, during which period a special match will be arranged by the League in aid of this Fund. The Press Committee of the Rugby League have also recommended that a seven-a-side tournament, including Northern League and junior sides, be played on an area basis. The finals will be played at a central venue. Efforts are on foot for the celebration of the Coronation by the Rugby League and further notice will be given of these events later.



#### THE THIRD TEST

Our first team having no match on December 13th were guests of the Club to Odsal Stadium to witness the third Test and...their opinions cannot be expressed here.



The "after interest" of this match has been much and many hard words have been spoken of the manner in which the match was played. A sport that so easily degenerates into personal violence calls for a merciless punishment that will banish from the game those who cannot keep their tempers within reasonable limits. I believe that a high code of conduct in sport reacts upon behaviour generally, and that the lessons of the playing field are as essential and important as part of our education. It teaches us how to keep our passions within limits, how to take good fortune gracefully, and bear defeat without resentment—in a word—how to be civilized beings. It is for this reason that we should fight against any lowering of our standard of sportsmanship, whether amongst the players or the onlookers.

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