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27			
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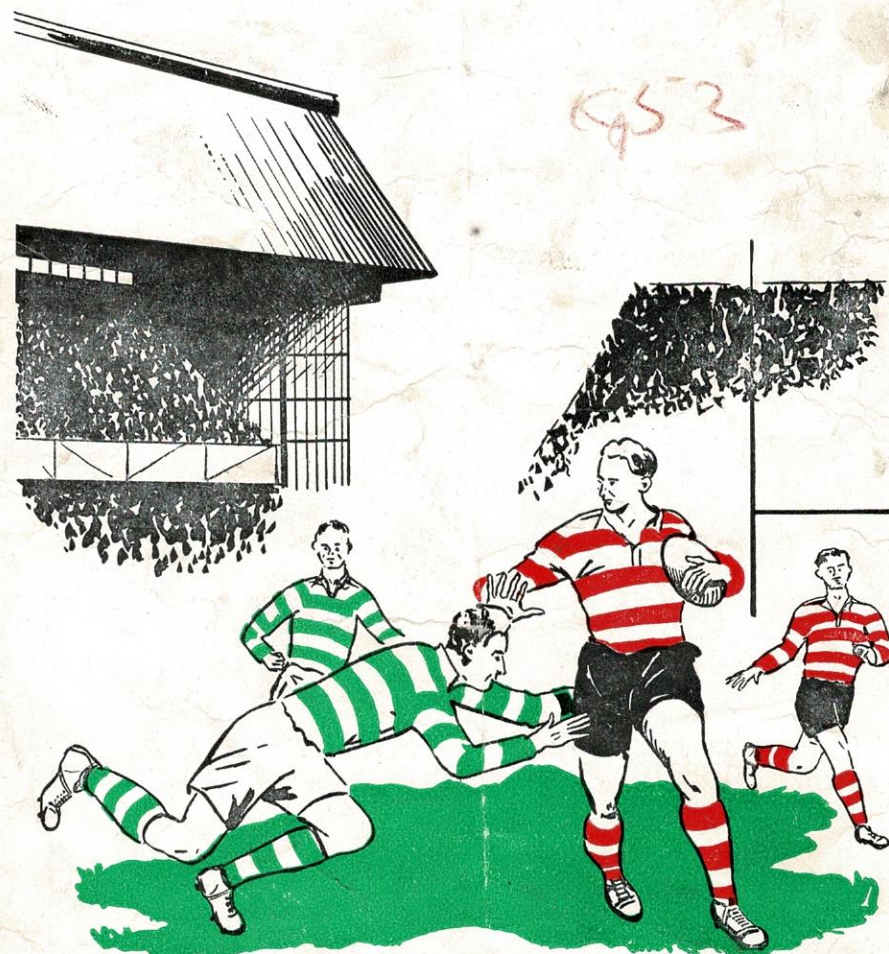
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## OLDHAM v. BRAMLEY

### WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Two League matches lost in succession is bad going for us, and we appear to be slipping down the table somewhat. The two matches lost were, St. Helens at home, and Whitehaven away, a little luck in these matches would have turned defeat into victory, but this had not to be. Admittedly we have the injury bogey still with us, and to take the field without our full back, Ganley, was a big loss, he is the one recognised goal kicker of the team. Not that the deputies have failed in the full back position—far from it. A good goal kicker is worth his place in any team, and no team can afford to take the field without a man who is capable of winning matches from kicking goals.

Our match against St. Helens was played under conditions that were not conducive to handling the ball with precision, but both teams came out with credit in their efforts to entertain the public. We lost the match by 5 points to 3 points, and the day was a disaster for our club, insomuch as losing the match, we were badly hit financially by the break in the weather, the "gate" receipts of £511 were down by nearly £1,000 in comparison to last season's match with the saints. This financial loss requires some bringing back, in fact, it appears to be impossible, but we can retrieve some of the loss by putting over attractive football, and of course, the weather must be kind to us.

Our game at Whitehaven on Saturday last, although having as much of the game as our opponents, we lost by 7 points to nil, a tale of missed chances, of course our opponents also had some near misses too. It is a long way to

travel to Cumberland in a day, and whether this had an effect on some members of the team is a problem that must be solved. It has its good points and otherwise. Whitehaven appears to be an unlucky ground to us, as we have never won on the ground yet..

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### OUR VISITORS

To-day our visitors are Bramley, who play the return match of August 26th, when we were unexpectedly beaten by 16 points to 9 nine points, so we have something to settle in to-day's match. We shall not have matters all our own way, as Bramley are one of our nightmare teams. Remember last season, they unexpectedly won at Watersheddings, nothing must be taken for granted. Our team will have to be at its best to bring off victory.

The Bramley Club was founded in 1881, and they joined the Northern Rugby Football Union in 1896.

The late Harold Wagstaff of Huddersfield—the prince of centres—made his debut on the Bramley ground on November 10th, 1906.

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### BRIEFS

One of the scribes who travel with the St. Helens team has placed a section of our spectators in the booing class, this happened in the match against St. Helens on November 7th, and we are now bracketed with Huddersfield as the champion booing spectators in the Rugby League. Memories of the last Wembley Final?



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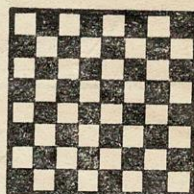
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- 6 DALEY, F.
- 7 STIRRUP, F.
- 8 JACKSON, K.
- 9 KEITH, J.
- 10 TOMLINSON, A.
- 11 LEYLAND, T.
- 12 GOLDSWAIN, B.V., Captain
- 13 LITTLE, S. D.

Reserves:

### BRAMLEY (Amber and Black)

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- 2 RILEY
- 3 NEPIA
- 4 WARRIOR
- 5 HARDING
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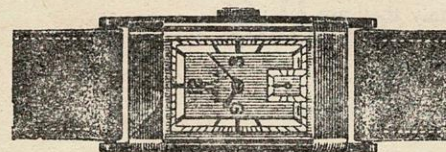
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Alf Murray is still in Providence Hospital, St. Helens, detained there for observation purposes to the head injury he received at St. Helens on Saturday, November 7th, against St. Helens "A". We all wish him a speedy recovery, and to be soon in action again.

We still have a casualty list, and if one player reports fit, we appear to have always one in reserve to take his place, such is the luck of the game.

Joe Warham is still suffering from a severe pulled thigh muscle. R. Bailey is slowly recovering from a dislocated shoulder. L. Platt is still on the sick list (no injury). We hope that B. Ganley will have fully recovered from a fractured finger to take his place to-day. Our latest addition is R. Cracknell with a pulled thigh muscle.

**Wembley Final.** All seating tickets for the Cup Final to be played at Wembley on April 24th, 1954, have now been sold. There is a steady demand for standing enclosure tickets at 3/- each and supporters in the North are strongly advised to apply without delay for these tickets to—

The Rugby League,  
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## JUNIOR MOVEMENT

Much activity is now taking place with reference to the Junior League movement in Lancashire. At an informal meeting of the representatives of Leigh, Oldham, Warrington, Widnes, St. Helens and Wigan, held at St. Helens headquarters on November 4th, 1953. The discussion at this meeting was focussed on the Amateur Junior Leagues, and it was felt by the Clubs present that something must be affected very quickly if the decline of the Junior Rugby League is to be halted. There is a further meeting to be held on November 25th, and an invitation has been extended to all Lancashire Senior Clubs to attend. The suggestion to be made is that Senior Clubs must make a greater contribution to the organising of the Junior Leagues, and to its financial commitments. Also it is suggested that a Lancashire Junior League of all Amateur Clubs be formed to give greater variety of fixtures, and more glamour to the organisations.

This is a step in the right direction, as the Junior Leagues and the juniors are the life blood of our game. The future international is a boy somewhere in junior football to-day. We shall be represented at this meeting on November 25th, and we shall go forward with suggestions that are constructive for the Junior Movement, and which must be good for the GAME we represent.

## HALF-TIME SCORES

The Half-time Scores of the Matches given below will be shown on the Score Board immediately they are received

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