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CLUB CHATTER

It seems strange to be writing notes when the first team has been without a game. The Bramley match belongs almost to the distant past, and while the "rest day" in the Rugby League programme has probably been to our benefit because some of our loyal supporters have been away with the Orient liner Orsova on her trials, it certainly does not help if one aims at topicality in programme matter.

The performance against Bramley was none too good before half time. When we had a full head of steam after the interval the presentation was more like the old Barrow and the side won in convincing style. That encourages us for we are hopeful that we have broken the spell of bad luck, yet the chances of finding a place in the top four are very mathematical. If the team can win every match then we should be where we hoped we might be. Can they win every match?

That is quite a problem. The task is not impossible though we admit that performances generally will have to improve greatly upon those of some recent weeks.

Another problem also looms large - that of the ground. The playing area has not worn as well as we expected and it is now obvious that we will have to do something about it. Not that we
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anticipate another major operation. Re-seeding has been suggested as one remedy, but, you know, one is always inclined to take the worst view rather than the best. Other clubs have suffered and we find that our own pitch compares very favourably with those at Central Park, Wigan, and Wilderspool Stadium, Warrington, to mention but two.

The response of spectators to our appeals not to use the playing area as a short cut to the exits has been rather encouraging and while you may think that the present state of the ground itself makes it unnecessary to take those precautions, the reverse is the case. It needs more care than ever and observance of what has now become the rule - Keep off the playing pitch, please - will help greatly.

The 'A' team is doing well and we compliment the side upon its victories at Workington and Warrington. It is a most encouraging position and answers those critics who saw in our early performances nothing but doom and disaster. Well done.

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This Week's Personality

Jim Lewthwaite is no stranger to "Personality Page." Details of his service to the game and the Barrow club have appeared before. Today's game is his benefit and he deserves a "second appearance" merely because of that fact.

Strange, but he might have been a Soccer player. He was with that great Crystal Palace team of pre-war years and had trials with two first class clubs. Then he was persuaded to become a Rugby League man and he signed for Barrow. He admits that he has never regretted it. We cannot say that we regret it either. He has given us loyal and devoted service and, with us, Cumberland County and the code as a whole. A Tourist in 1946 and an international he has received a host of good wishes in this his benefit year. He deserves them.

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BARROW, (Blue)

- 1 Hebblethwaite
2 Lewthwaite
3 Jackson
 or Johnson
4 Goodwin
5 Castle

- 6 Horne
7 Toohey

- 8 Belshaw
9 McKeating
10 Barton
11 Grundy
12 Parker
13 Wilson (D)
 HEALEY

Referee: G. S. Phillips (Widnes). Touch H. Ostle (Red), A. Kemp (Blue)

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.
OLDHAM

- 1 Ganley
2 Cracknell
3 Barrow
4 Davies
5 O'Grady

- 6 Feather
7 Stirrup

- 8 Ogden
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10 Tomlinson
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OUR VISITORS

It gives us a good deal of pleasure to welcome Oldham to Craven Park. That sounds something like the opening of a speech or the proposing of a vote of thanks but, you know, it is not quite so stodgy. Throughout the years we have come to regard the club from Watersheddings as one of those which have kept the flag flying and served up good, open Rugby League football.

At Watersheddings and at Barrow we can always anticipate a hard game but a good one. This year a chance offers our visitors to avenge their defeat at our hands earlier in the season. That makes the game more interesting.

The Oldham club has produced many notable players but, not so long ago had team building difficulties. They are recovering well for to lose to Warrington 4-7 in Saturday's Cup tie is no disgraceful performance.

May we have as good and as exciting a match.

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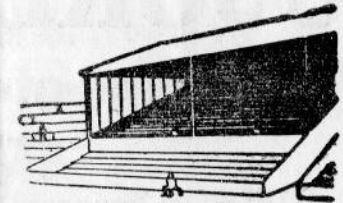
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CLUB NOTES

Today's game against Oldham is an important one for Jim Lewthwaite for it is the game he selected as his benefit. The Oldham club are delighted at the compliment he has paid them, and one hopes that the support given the match today will be a fitting reward for the service the player has rendered the club and the code.

We have had few more loyal servants than "Jimmy" and we wish his benefit effort well. A hard working committee has been active for some months now, and it says a good deal for the player that he has had the Mayor of Barrow (Ald. A. L. Hearsey) as the chairman of that committee. The Mayor, we know, is of the opinion that to take the chairmanship was the best and most practical method of showing appreciation of a sportsman who has done a lot for the name of Barrow in the world of sport.

By the time you read these notes you should know who will be going to Australia for the 1954 Tour. We are hopeful that there will be Barrow names in the list and that despite all the speculation and apparent confusion, our own captain will not have been overlooked as a leader of the Great Britain side once more.

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TOPICAL TALK

The Tour party and its composition appear to have created considerable speculation; the Tour trials have only added fuel to the flames. Five men in the two trial matches is not a mean record for a club such as ours. As for results, they are unknown at the time of writing. Speculation is not always wise but we will take the risk of wishing whoever is to represent us overseas the best of luck and bon voyage,

TO-DAY'S SCORE SHEET

Barrow Scorers

Tries— GRUNDY 2 Goals— HORNE 2
 HEBBLETHWAITE 1 Result 12

Oldham Scorers

Tries— O'GRADY
 CRACKNELL Goals— Result 6.

For those who save their programmes throughout the season, we give them this space to that they may also keep a record of the scorers

Scorers (Club games only)

(Up to and including last Saturday)
TRIES — Castle 22 Lewthwaite 20; Goodwin & Trelore 10; Toohy 7; Parker & Jackson 6; Horne 4; Gibson, Grundy McGregor, Wilson (D) 3, Marshall 2, Harris, McKeating, Hebblethwaite and Johnson 1 each.
GOALS: Gibson 83, Horne 15 McGregor 1

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First Team Appearances

(Possible to last Saturday) 32
 Parker & Toohy 32 Lewthwaite, Grundy 31 Gibson 30 Goodwin 29 Barton & Horne 26, Castle 25 Webster 19 McGregor 17; McKinneil 16, McKeating 16, Jackson, Pearson & Wilson (D) 14, Trelore 13, Nutland and Marshall 5; Belshaw 5, Hebblethwaite 4, Best 3 Harris Wilson (J) 2, Atkinson, Davies, Leatherbarrow, & Spencer 1 each.

Fixture List

August	F A	December—cont.	F A
8 St. Helens (Ward Cup) a	20-29	12 Leigh	h 15-7
19 Warrington a	7-12	25 Whitehaven	a 9-6
22 Swinton h	34-3	26 Whitehaven	h 7-3
26 St. Helens a	10-23	January, 1954	
29 Halifax a	2-3	2 Halifax	h 10-0
September		9 Bramley	a 13-10
3 Warrington h	0-5	16 Hunslet	a 7-14
5 St. Helens (Lanc. Cup) h	14-13	23 St. Helens	h 11-15
9 St. Helens (Lanc. Cup) a	17-21	30 Liverpool City	h Post.
12 Featherstone R. a	30-15	February	
19 Bradford N. h	21-5	6 Keighley, R.L. Cup a	11-12
26 Widnes a	18-5	13 Keighley, R.L. Cup h	6 10
October		20 Salford	a 0-8
3 Salford h	17-11	27 Bramley	h 33-8
10 Liverpool City a	29-15	March	
17 Belle Vue R. h	26-13	13 Oldham	h
24 Belle Vue R. a	21-9	20 Leigh	a
31 Wigan h	22-7	27 Hunslet	h
November		April	
7 Swinton a	20-7	3 Rochdale H.	a
14 Featherstone R. h	15-8	10 Rochdale H.	h
21 Wigan a	15-27	16 Workington T.	h
28 Widnes h	21-8	17 Bradford N.	a
December		19 Workington T.	a
5 Oldham a	24-8		

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