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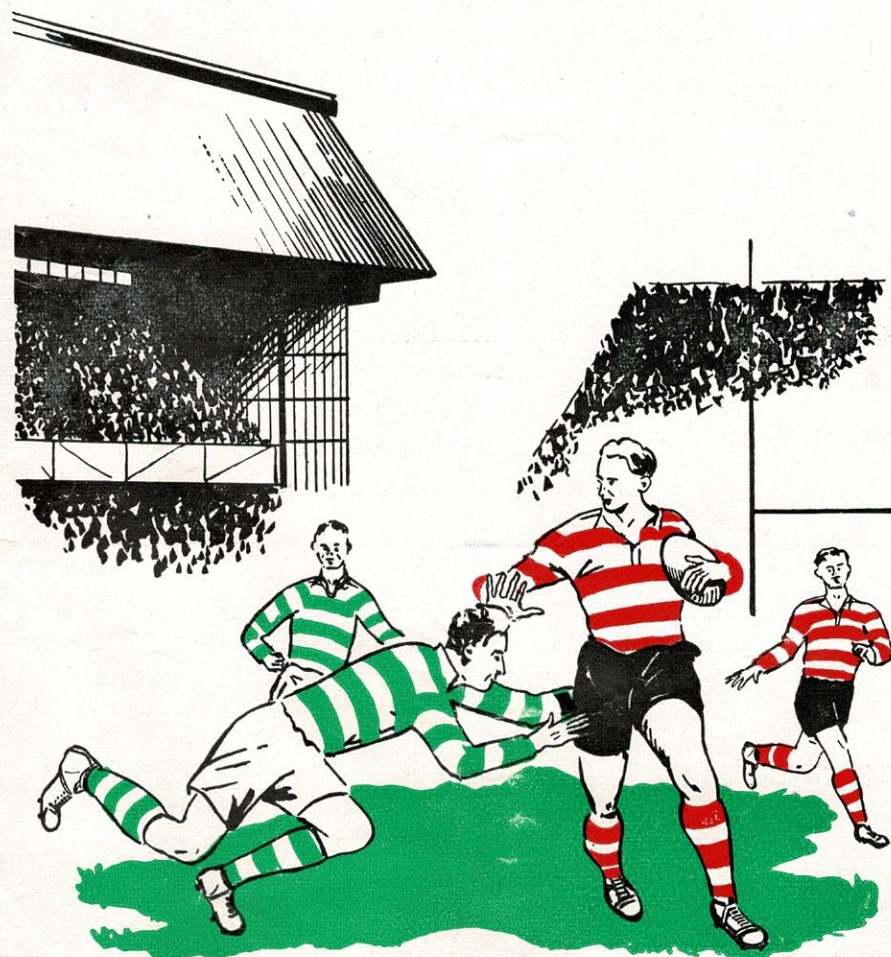
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1954-55	Opponents	Venue	K.O.	1954-55	Opponents	Venue	K.O.
Aug. 7—	Rochdale (Charity)	Home	3-0	Dec. 18—	Keighley	Away	
14—	Wakefield T.	Away		25—	Swinton	Home	2-30
21—	Batley	Home	3-0	27—			
25—	Salford (Wed.)	Away	7-0	Jan. 1—	Belle Vue R.	Home	2-30
28—	St. Helens	Away		8—	Leigh	Away	
Sept. 4—	Barrow	Away		15—	Warrington	Home	2-30
11—	1st Round Lanes. Cup			22—	Workington	Away	
14—	Liverpool (Tues.)	Home	7-0	29—	Rochdale Hornets	Home	3-0
18—	Batley	Away		Feb. 5—	Barrow	Home	3-0
25—	Wakefield T.	Home	3-0	12—	First Round R.L. Cup		
Oct. 2—	Blackpool	Away		19—	St. Helens	Home	3-0
9—	Workington	Home	3-0	26—			
16—	Rochdale Hornets	Away		Mar. 5—	Second Round R.L. Cup		
23—	Hull	Home	3-0	12—	Belle Vue Rangers	Away	
30—	Liverpool S.	Away		19—	Widnes	Home	3-0
Nov. 6—	Blackpool	Home	3-0	26—	Warrington	Away	
13—	Widnes	Away		Apl. 2—	Wigan	Home	3-0
20—	Whitehaven	Home	2-30	8—	Swinton (Friday)	Away	
27—	Wigan	Away		9—	Hull	Away	
Dec. 4—	Salford	Home	2-30	11—	Keighley (Mon.)	Home	3-0
11—	Whitehaven	Away		16—	Leigh	Home	3-0

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No. 7—Saturday, October 9th, 1954

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

OLDHAM v. WORKINGTON

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

It is with pleasure that we still report progress from a playing point of view, but in our match against Wakefield at Watersheddings on September 25th, our players appeared to have just that little off-day which comes to all individuals and teams, and, to be quite candid, on the day's play we did appear to be lucky to come out with a victory by the odd point. So far so good, it is quite possible that our players were thinking of the big task that awaited them on the following Thursday—the semi-final of the Lancashire Cup at Workington.

Never has a team of players undertaken the long journey from Oldham to Workington with more confidence in their ability to win the match than our team did on that dismal day. The task was great and we received the worst knocks that were going around during the game, no quarter was given, or asked, in the tackling, and the game was played in the spirit that all games should be played. We were unfortunate in losing the services of Harry Ogden for a period of fifteen minutes—during which time our opponents scored ten points. With the score now standing at seventeen points to thirteen, in our favour, we had anxious moments, but with the return of Ogden—limping back on to the field—our players appeared to gain fresh will power to win, and in the closing minutes of the game we scored a splendid try through Alan Davies, which put the result of the match beyond doubt. It was a very jubilant party of tired players who retired to their dressing-room. All had played their part in a great victory, and the return journey was made by a modest lot of players. Sleepy and tired when they arrived in Oldham at 1-45 a.m., but they all agreed that the whole show was worth it.

What an event for our supporters to look forward to on Saturday, 23rd October, when we meet Barrow—most worthy opponents—in the final of the Lancashire Senior Cup. For our younger generation of supporters, this is a new departure, one long overdue. We consider that after twenty-one years without the thrill of a final it has not come to us out of turn. We now look forward, with confidence, to bringing a delayed honour to the Club by being worthy winners, and with the possibility of still further honours in League and Challenge Cup competition.

OUR VISITORS

It is indeed a pleasure to welcome Workington to Watersheddings, more so, after our recent win at Workington on September 30th. Our team will have to be right up to standard to bring off another win, as we realise that our opponents will be all out to avenge the cup-tie defeat.

We are assured of an open game as our opponents are not a team of "stoppers," they go all out for the full eighty minutes of the game.

Workington were admitted to full membership of the League in 1945, and were League Champions in 1950-51, and won the Rugby League Challenge Cup in 1952. They were the runners-up in the Lancashire County League in 1951-52. This is a remarkable achievement in so short a period of the Club's existence.

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1. Ganley, W. B.
2. Cracknell, R.
3. Barrow, R. / Noon, J.
4. Davies, A. (Captain)
5. O'Grady, T.
6. Daley, F.
7. Pitchford, F. / Stirrup, F.
8. Jackson, K.
9. Keith, J.
10. Tomlinson, A.
11. Winslade, C.
12. Little, S. D. / Jarman, A.
13. Goldswain, B. V.

WORKINGTON

Blue and White

1. Thompson, S.
2. Ivill, W.
3. Paskins, A. H.
4. Gibson, E.
5. Faulder
6. Kerwick, E. / Archer, H.
7. Roper, J.
8. Henderson, J.
9. Lymer, W.
10. Hayton, J.A. / Key, A.
11. Mudge, J. R.
12. Thompson, T. C. / Herbert
13. Ivison, W. H.

Referee: Mr. A. HOWGATE of Dewsbury

Touch Judges:

Mr. A. Bolton, Knutsford (Red).

Mr. F. S. Rowley, Barrow (Blue).

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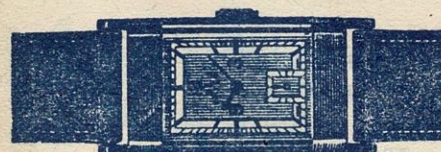
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PEN PICTURE—ROLAND BARROW

Roland Barrow is one of our local boys who is making a name for himself as a centre. At a weight of 13 st. 9 lbs., and a height of 5 ft. 10½ ins., he puts every ounce of energy into his play. Possessing a very deceptive pace—a pace which his opponents have testified—he is, with luck, one of the coming centres in the game.

At twenty-three years of age, he has youth on his side. At the age of 15, he joined the local Rugby Union Club, and was actually designed to become a loose forward, or a winging forward in Rugby Union terms.

Whilst completing his military service, he was converted into a centre by his unit and played several times for the Airborne Brigade in the Southern Command.

He is now in his third season with us. He is a married and a family man—possessing a fine young boy—possibly a player of the future. He is in the established family business of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Hairdressers in Radcliffe Street, Oldham.

He is one of our "finds" and we look forward to many years of service from this talented player.

BRIEFS

Lawrence Platt. It is with regret that we have to announce that Lawrence Platt has, on medical advice, decided to quit football. This is a blow, not only to the player but to the Club. Having been one of the best Club-men that we have possessed, we regret the loss of the services of this great player who had deservedly received County honours.

Although he is still a young man, taking all things into consideration, we are of the opinion that Lawrence is doing the correct thing in retiring from the game.

We hope that matters will run smoothly for him, and the Committee will now have under consideration a testimonial for his wholehearted and most willing services to the Club.

HALF-TIME SCORES

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

A HULL
HUDDERSFIELD

B ST. HELENS
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