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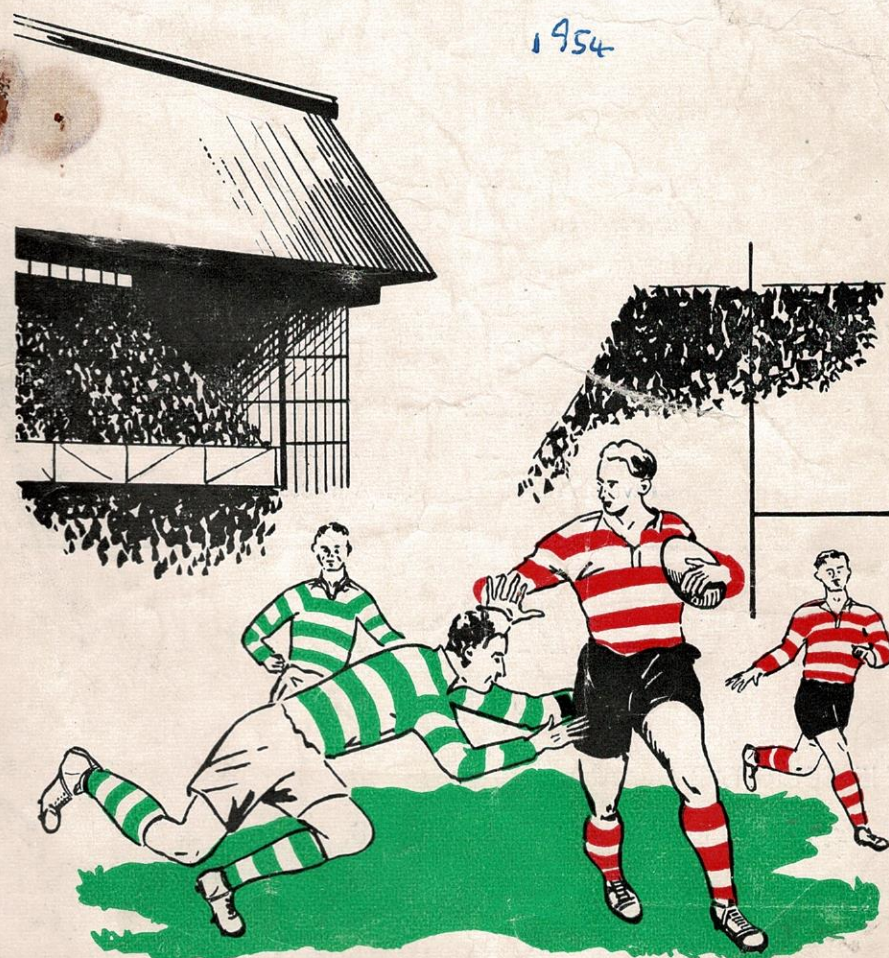
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1954-55	Opponents	Venue	K.O.	1954-55	Opponents	Venue	K.O.
Aug. 7—	Rochdale (Charity)	Home	3-0	Dec. 18—	Keighley	Away	
14—	Wakefield T.	Away		25—	Swinton	Home	2-30
21—	Batley	Home	3-0	27—			
25—	Salford (Wed.)	Away	7-0	Jan. 1—	Belle Vue R.	Home	2-30
28—	St. Helens	Away		8—	Leigh	Away	
Sept. 4—	Barrow	Away		15—	Warrington	Home	2-30
11—	1st Round Lancs. 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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OLDHAM v. BLACKPOOL**WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS**

We are all wiser after the event, and it was a severe blow to all connected with our Club that we had to submit to defeat in the Lancashire Senior Cup Final against Barrow, at Swinton, on Saturday, October 23rd. We have no excuses to make, we consider that we were beaten by a better team on the day's play, a team that adopted itself to tactics better on the conditions of the day, and the tries they scored were the direct result of our own mistakes.

There is no doubt that our players had an "off day" when we fully expected them to bring out that little bit of extra brilliance that has placed them in the top flight of the League. However, we were the losers and, as sportsmen, we must take defeat and look ahead for better things to come.

We have a strenuous League Programme, and when one is heading for honours, every match is a cup-tie. One good feature of the League programme is that from Christmas Day we have eleven home matches against six away matches, so we hope to be in for a good feast of football at Watersheddings.

OUR VISITORS

It is indeed a pleasure to welcome to Watersheddings, on their first visit, the newly formed Blackpool Borough Club.

The Blackpool Club have to gain their first victory in the League, but one must realise the difficulty that is experienced in raising a team of the required standard even to hold its own in competitive football. They are to be congratulated in opening up new ground for our game and we trust that the time is not far distant when they will see some tangible results for their efforts to place Rugby League "on the map" at Blackpool.

It is a difficult task to form a Club let alone secure the necessary players of the required ability to even hold its own in the competition. We do hope that the Blackpool Club will prosper, as the extension of our game can only take place by creeping round the edges of our present strongholds not a hundred miles from each Club.

PEN PICTURE—FRANK PITCHFORD

It is difficult to give a pen picture of a player who, at the age of twenty years, is in the top flight of Rugby League Scrum-halves. This happens to be Frank Pitchford who is just 20 years of age and, may we say, happily married.

A native of Leigh, his school days were spent at Windermere Road School, Leigh, and he came into the school rugby thirteen at the age of eleven and occupied this position until he left school at fifteen years of age. Owing to there being no Continuation League operative in Leigh district, the next two seasons were spent out of the game, but he was a keen student of R.L.

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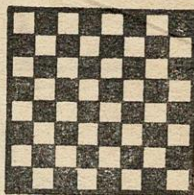
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8. Ogden, H.
9. Keith, J.
10. Jackson, K.
11. Winslade, C.
12. Tomlinson, A./Jarman, A.
13. Goldswain, B. V.

BLACKPOOL

Tangerine

1. Peace, D.
2. Emmitt, L.
3. Ryder, R.
4. Wilkinson, W.
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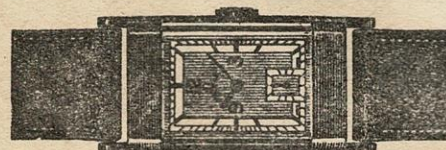
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He watched the ability of senior scrum-halves from the terraces of many football grounds. The time arrived when he considered that he could stand the rigours of Junior League standard, and he teamed up with Leigh St. Joseph's, but had only played in the team for nine months when our able scout spotted him and he came to Watersheddings for trials and was eventually signed on professional forms. Now in his third season with us, he has come up through the hard road—the experience of “A” team football—and this season appears to have come on by leaps and bounds, and has kept our other first-class scrum-half and utility player, Frank Stirrup, in submission.

With luck, we predict a brilliant future for Pitchford, and although no honours have come his way as yet, he is reserve scrum-half for the Gt. Britain team to play Australia at Bradford in a floodlight match at the end of November.

As he appears to be, as the saying goes, “as hard as nails,” this is in keeping with his work, which is a haulage hand at the coal face. Height, 5 ft. 7 in. Weight, 11 st. 4 lbs.

NEW STAND

To-day, we are officially opening our New Stand, which is better known as the old “Penny Rush Stand.” A plaque will be unveiled stating that the name of the stand is “The G. F. Hutchins Memorial Stand.”

This stand has been erected to the memory of the late G. F. Hutchins, who had passed through all offices as a Committee-man with this Club, also a late President of the Rugby League and President of the Lancashire County, a Tour Manager, and a well-known and respected legislator of the Rugby League.

We are please to have two of the late Mr. Hutchins' descendants with us to-day in Mr. George Hutchins, a son, and Mrs. Norah Halsall, a daughter, to witness the unveiling and to see the stand which has been erected in their father's memory.

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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