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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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OLDHAM v. WIGAN**WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS**

The League programme pauses to-day for the playing of the first round of the Challenge Cup, and it seems an appropriate time to review the position from the Oldham point of view.

Straight away it is obvious that fans have had some contented Saturdays when they have seen their side win at Watersheddings or learn of successful exploits on away territory. While the bonus went up and up the team strove to victory on eighteen occasions during a League run of nineteen unbeaten games. During that spell, only Whitehaven were able to hold us to a draw to maintain their unbeaten home record against Oldham.

Now resting in the runners-up position and confident that they can oust Warrington from the leadership, Oldham started their supporters thinking in championship terms with two great away victories. The first, St. Helens in August, and then the second the week after at Barrow—a side destined to upset us in the Lancashire Cup final, a goal we hadn't reached since 1933.

We have had our surprises. We managed only a shaky 8-7 home win over Wakefield Trinity, and Widnes almost took the points from us at Naughton Park. An interception try by Cracknell, goaled by Ganley, saved the day.

By this period, every team tried to halt Oldham's progress. Wigan couldn't manage it and suffered their third consecutive defeat against us at Central Park, then followed three hard games and closer shaves against weaker sides than Wigan. Whitehaven held us to a draw, Keighley were beaten 15-11 although they were winning 9-3 at half-time, then Swinton played above themselves in the Christmas Day fixture and fell only 8-5.

Then Leigh were gloriously beaten away, but we smarted through defeats at home to Warrington—a game, on run of play, we should have won—and at Workington.

Rochdale Hornets, beaten two minutes from time, then Barrow have been our latest victims. There have been some thrilling moments for us and we hope the thrills continue until we figure in the championship play-off. We have had our share of luck, but our players have been playing the sort of football to deserve it.

POSTCARD FROM BRYN

Our loose-forward **Bryn Goldswain**, convalescing at Abercrave (near Swansea) sent us a postcard this week wishing the boys well in today's cup-tie.

Another casualty, **Bernard Ganley**, has had his cartilage operation—it is a success and he should be out by week-end.

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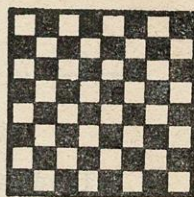
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- 1.—Stirrup, F.
- 2.—Cracknell, R.
- 3.—Etty, J. W./Barrow, R.
- 4.—Davies, A. (Capt.) 3
- 5.—O'Grady, T.
- 6.—Daley, F.
- 7.—Pitchford, F.
- 8.—Ogden, H.
- 9.—Keith, J.
- 10.—Jackson, K./Tomlinson, A.
- 11.—Winslade, C.
- 12.—Little, S. D
- 13.—Watson, J.

WIGAN

Cherry and White

- 1.—Platt, D. 2
- 2.—~~Boston~~, W.
- 3.—Broome, J.
- 4.—Ashcroft, E. J.
- 5.—Nordgren, B. C.
- 6.—Bolton, D. R.
- 7.—Parr
- 8.—Armstrong, A.
- 9.—Richardson, J.
- 10.—Collier, W.
- 11.—Hill, K.
- 12.—McTigue, B.
- 13.—Street, H.

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Mr. J. Woodward, St. Helens (Blue)

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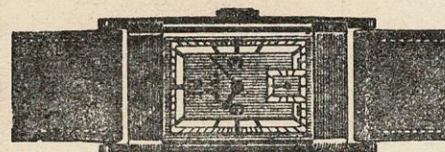
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Robert Jennings (hooker) from Hebden Bridge (Halifax League).

Peter Ingram (centre) from Lockwood (Huddersfield League).

Alan Jarman (forward) from Higginshaw.

Jack Doughty (scrum-half) from Greenacres.

Harry Standish (forward) from Wigan Road W.M. Club, Leigh.

John Etty (centre or wing) from Batley.

John Sperring (full-back) from Abertillery R.U.

Alan Kellett (centre) from Ovendale (Halifax League).

Our departures:—

Peter Fearis (centre) to Halifax.

Lionel Emmitt (wing) to Blackpool B.

John Feather (half-back) to Leigh.

THE TOP SIX

The present League position will show that there is not a great margin in the top six clubs and as far as Oldham are concerned points are the vital necessity as we are far below any of the other contenders in points average. Rugby, perhaps more than any other game, is where the turn-ups are—think of what Bramley did to us when we were playing so well—and a minor accident can upset a team and cause the loss of valuable points, we know this from bitter experience. Let us hope that from now onwards we shall not have the bad luck to have any of our players on the "sick list."

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Warrington	28	23	2	3	571	256	48
OLDHAM	26	22	1	3	446	227	45
Wigan	27	21	0	6	519	238	42
St. Helens	26	20	1	5	503	221	41
Leeds	27	20	1	6	507	267	41
Leigh	25	17	1	7	525	295	35

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