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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. LEEDS****WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS**

Last week-end must rank as a black one in the annals of this Club, to suffer two home defeats in succession is bad enough and appears to put us back in the old rut of inconsistency. The sting is not in the loss of League points, but in our match against Leigh on Saturday last, when so much was at stake—victory and not a draw would have made us Lancashire League Champions for the first time since the 1921/22 season, a long way back. The possession of a handsome trophy and thirteen gold medals for the players.

The game itself was worthy of the name of Rugby League, and whilst it is poor consolation in sympathizing with ourselves, we must congratulate the Leigh team on the splendid opposition they provided us. Our team did not function as a team—a team playing as a unit—we were good in parts, but as a combination, this was lacking to what we have seen so often this season. We had our chances to win, only to throw the game away with infringements. The heat and excitement of the game naturally affects some players and they commit infringements not realizing the seriousness of the offence.

However, this is the second disappointment of the season to our members and supporters in not securing one of the trophies that were to be had. No doubt, that in the Leigh match we missed our captain, Alan Davies, we think he would just have made that difference to the team by his presence, but an injury at Hull on Easter Saturday, had not yielded to treatment.

Our match against Hull on Monday evening last, was a match that will not be forgotten in a hurry. After the brilliant football that we have had at Watersheddings this season, not only by our own team, but by our opponents also, this match must rank as having touched the bottom of how our game should not be played. Too much playing of the man and not the ball was evident by both sides.

It has always been the rule of this present Committee of the Oldham Football Club that the open game must be played at all costs, win or lose, and to give spectators value for money. The Rugby League game desires all the support it can get, and it is only by playing the game according to the Rules, and in the spirit that it should be played, that it will attract new adherents to watch it. The solution of this must lie round the boardroom table, and not left to the players to dictate how the game should be played.

**OUR VISITORS**

No more welcome and worthy visitors to our ground could we have than in the Leeds Club, and it is a special welcome which we extend to them in this important match at Watersheddings this afternoon.

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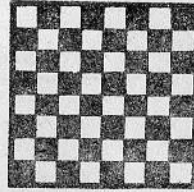
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- 2—BARROW, R.
- 3—CRACKNELL, R.
- 4—DAVIES, A. (Capt.)
- 5—O'GRADY, T.
- 6—DALEY, F.
- 7—PITCHFORD, F.
- 8—OGDEN, H.
- 9—KEITH, J.
- 10—JACKSON, K.
- 11—WINSLADE, C.
- 12—LITTLE, S. D.
- 13—GOLDSWAIN, B. V.

LEEDS <sup>16</sup>  
(Blue and Amber)

- 1—DUNN, J.
- 2—TURNBULL, A.
- 3—McLELLAN, K. A.
- 4—LENDILL, J.
- 5—SCHOLES, D.
- 6—BROWN, G. T.
- 7—PRATT, W.
- 8—SKELTON, A.
- 9—WOOD, A.
- 10—ANDERSON, C.
- 11—POOLE, B.
- 12—HANSON, W.
- 13—LAST, C.

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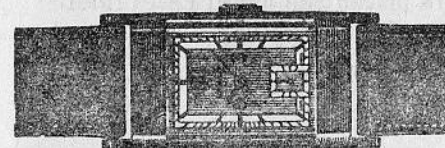
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It is unfortunate that the League position of the first four Clubs has not yet been completed. The fourth position is still left open owing to Halifax not having completed their fixture list, having two more matches.

The Leeds Club are always attractive visitors to our ground for they always play the open game, a game that all supporters enjoy watching, and we can be assured that to-day's match will be no exception—we expect Rugby League at its best.

Our team to-day will be at full strength, but they will have to be in top form to overcome clever opponents.

#### WHO'S WHO IN THE LEEDS TEAM

**J. Dunn**, full back. Age 21, a local and a product of the Leeds Club Nursery. Junior International, and Yorkshire County Schoolboy honours.

**A. Turnbull**, wing. A Scot and native of Hawick. Age 25. Holds the Club's post-war record of 42 tries.

**K. A. McLellan**, centre. An Australian from Rugby Union ranks. Signed in January, 1952.

**J. Lendill**, centre. A local boy, also a product of the Leeds Nursery. At present in the R.A.C. Yorkshire County Schoolboy honours.

**D. Scholes**, wing. Signed by Leeds from Hull Kingston Rovers as second row forward in November, 1951. A fast and clever player.

**G. T. Brown**, out-half. Another local product and a successful member of the World Cup team. Age 24. Captain of the team.

**W. Pratt**, scrum half. Still another local and also a product of the Nursery team. Age 22.

**A. Skelton**, forward. Another local player who graduated from the "A" team to first team this season.

**A. Wood**, hooker. Secured on transfer from Featherstone Rovers in 1951. England and Yorkshire County player.

**C. Anderson**, forward. Joined Leeds on transfer from Castleford in January, 1955. Yorkshire County honours.

**W. Hanson**, forward. An Oldham born player who joined Leeds from the local Junior Club, Lowermoor.

**B. Poole**, forward. A native of Leeds who migrated from Hunslet Supporters' Club to Hull then transferred to Leeds. England and Yorkshire County player.

**C. Last**, loose forward. Another local player who has come to the front rapidly. A further product of the Leeds Nursery.

The Manager of the Leeds Club is Ken Dalby, a man who knows all about Rugby League football, and who was responsible for the Leeds Club Nursery. His efforts and judgement can be seen to-day in the players he has brought into first-class football.

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