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20	Broughton R.	Away	3-0	27	Blackpool (Tues.)	Away	2-30
27	Blackpool (Lancs. Cup)	Away	3-0	31	Whitehaven	Home	2-30
30	Rochdale H. (Tues.)	Away	7-0	Jan. 2	Workington (Mon.)	Away	2-30
Sept. 3	Hunslet	Home	3-0	7	Whitehaven	Away	2-30
10	Leeds	Away	3-0	14	Workington	Home	2-30
17	Warrington	Home	3-0	21	Widnes	Away	2-30
24	York	Away	3-0	28	Rochdale H.	Home	3-0
Oct 1	Featherstone	Home	3-0	Feb. 4	Leigh	Home	3-0
8	Hunslet	Away	3-0	11	1st Round C.C.		3-0
15	Barrow	Home	3-0	18	Wigan	Home	3-0
22	Warrington	Away	3-0	25	Featherstone	Away	3-0
29	New Zealand	Home	3-0	Mar. 3	2nd Round C.C.		3-0
Nov. 5	Leigh	Away	3-0	10	York	Home	3-0
12	Liverpool	Home	3-0	17	Blackpool	Home	3-0
19	Wigan	Away	2-30	24	3rd Round C.C.		3-0
26	Widnes	Home	2-30	30	Swinton (G.F.)	Away	3-0
Dec. 3	Liverpool	Away	2-30	31	Leeds (E.S.)	Home	3-0
10	Salford	Away	2-30	Apr. 2	Barrow (E.M.)	Away	3-0
17	Salford	Home	2-30	7	Broughton R.	Home	3-0
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OLDHAM v. FEATHERSTONE

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

It was indeed a somewhat sad party that returned from York on Saturday last, knowing that we had lost the match and the humiliation of having two players dismissed from the field. In the first place may we record that the match was played in a fair manner, and it was a most unfortunate that we had our scrum-half, Pitchford, dismissed after twenty minutes play. Although York at one period were ten points to the good, we had visions of our team pulling round, and in fact with a key player short we were giving our opponents something to be going on with. The climax arrived twenty minutes from time when our loose forward, Turner, was dismissed from the field for what was termed ungentlemanly conduct, but with further deleted forces our eleven remaining men appeared to put all into the play and gave York some anxious moments. In the last five minutes of the game we scored a copy book try under the post by our full-back, Ganley, but this was promptly and quite correctly refused by the referee for a silly obstruction by one of our players on an opponent. This opponent had not an earthly chance of stopping Ganley, but would have stopped him from touching down behind the posts. So five points were thrown away which would have made the score 16 points to 15 points, and five minutes left for play, we consider that anything could have happened in the remaining minutes of the game. However, this was a match that should never have been lost, and we are confident that had we kept our full team on the field, we should have finished on the winning side.

Our two players dismissed from the field at York have appealed against being sent off, and will appear before the Disciplinary Committee at their meeting on Monday next at Leeds. We hope their cases will be dealt with in a lenient manner. We can ill afford to lose two key men at any time, especially now, because of the hard fixtures that are ahead of us.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

The first Test match against the New Zealand touring team to be played at Swinton on Saturday, 8th October, does not contain the name or names of any of our players, nor does the shadow team. Whilst this must be regretted from our point of view, the selectors must know their work, and have evidently chosen the Test team on current form. Of course there are other clubs as disappointed as we are and we must hope for better luck to some of our players for the remaining Tests.

However, one gleam of sunshine is that Lancashire County have the confidence of three of our players—Davies, O'Grady, Pitchford—who have played in two County matches up to date, and are chosen for Lancashire against New Zealand, to be played at Warrington on Wednesday, October 12th, we hope they will show the form they are capable of and impress the selectors of the Test teams. May further honours come their way.

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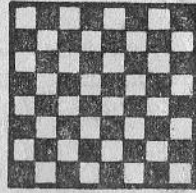
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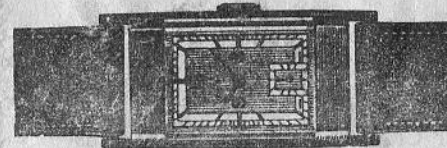
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BRIEFS

Christmas Draw. May we remind our members that we are once again having a Christmas Draw for members only. This will be run on the lines as last year, and very excellent prizes will be offered. The tickets will be on sale shortly at 1/- each.

1st Test Match. The first Test match will be played at Swinton on Saturday, October 8th (this day our first team is at Hunslet). Tickets for this match can be obtained from the Swinton Football Club, 16 Dorchester Road, Swinton, Manchester.

The prices are—Main Stand (reserved) 25/-; Townsend Road Stand (reserved) 12/6; Ring Side Seats 6/6; Standing Enclosure 4/-.

Manual of Rugby League. This official publication is now available to the public from most booksellers or from the League offices, 180 Chapel-town Road, Leeds 7. Price: 2/6, postage 3d. This book is illustrated by diagrams and photographs and has been specially written for the guidance of referees and clubs to assist in obtaining a more uniform interpretation of the Laws of the Game in this country, and it is hoped in other countries where the game is played. Spectators who are really interested in the game should make a point of obtaining a copy, they will derive benefit and enjoyment from it. It is a book we can well recommend.

International Cap. Terry O'Grady having now played for England twice is entitled to an International Cap. This has duly arrived, and will be presented to O'Grady. Terry is now the possessor of two caps, Test and International.

Member's Name Wanted. Will the holder of Ground Card No. 99 please forward his name and address to the Secretary in the Pavilion. One of our Agents issued this card without securing name and address.

Membership. The membership of our Club up to date is 2,951 plus 250 Juveniles and 330 Old Age Pensioners, against last year of 2,246, 144 and 262 respectively. The amount received this year is £7,656 with Entertainment Tax £1,028, against last year's £5,579 with Entertainment Tax £588. This is indeed a wonderful record and one we can feel proud of. Can any other club in the Rugby League equal or beat this? Furthermore, we are still selling members' cards (seats excluded) in view of our indifferent start. Our record membership was in the season 1925/26, when we had 4,563 members.

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