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27	Blackpool (Lancs. Cup)	Away	3-0
30	Rochdale H. (Tues.)	Away	7-0
Sept. 3	Hunslet	Home	3-0
10	Leeds	Away	3-0
17	Warrington	Home	3-0
24	York	Away	3-0
Oct 1	Featherstone	Home	3-0
8	Hunslet	Away	3-0
15	Barrow	Home	3-0
22	Warrington	Away	3-0
29	New Zealand	Home	3-0
Nov. 5	Leigh	Away	3-0
12	Liverpool	Home	3-0
19	Wigan	Away	2-30
26	Widnes	Home	2-30
Dec. 3	Liverpool	Away	2-30
10	Salford	Away	2-30
17	Salford	Home	2-30
24	St. Helens	Away	2-30

1955-56	Opponents	Venue	K.O.
26	Swinton (Mon.)	Home	2-30
27	Blackpool (Tues.)	Away	2-30
31	Whitehaven	Home	2-30
Jan. 2	Workington (Mon.)	Away	2-30
7	Whitehaven	Away	2-30
14	Workington	Home	2-30
21	Widnes	Away	2-30
28	Rochdale H.	Home	3-0
Feb. 4	Leigh	Home	3-0
11	1st Round C.C.		3-0
18	Wigan	Home	3-0
25	Featherstone	Away	3-0
Mar. 3	2nd Round C.C.		3-0
10	York	Home	3-0
17	Blackpool	Home	3-0
24	3rd Round C.C.		3-0
30	Swinton (G.F.)	Away	3-0
31	Leeds (E.S.)	Home	3-0
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Once again a big disappointment for our members and supporters in our efforts to reach that golden gate of Wembley.

Disappointment it is indeed to be knocked out of the competition in the manner in which it occurred at Leeds on Saturday last. To lose the match in the last two minutes is a very annoying part of the dismissal. In the first half we had the territorial advantage and playing with the wind, but could not drive home our advantage, in fact, our wing three-quarters appeared to be the most neglected part of the team, and with Bernard Ganley not being in top form of goalkicking, this appeared to have an effect on the rest of the side. As the time of the game was ebbing out we had visions of a draw and a replay at Watersheddings, but that one mishap in our defence, which left a gap, to allow Leeds to score the winning try and romp home to victory by 12 points to 7 points. A very dismal end to our cup aspirations for this season.

After the bright hopes from last season, when our team was playing football of the highest class, we fully expected going one further, especially after the acquisition of class players to strengthen the side, but something has gone amiss, players losing their recognised form, stalemate possibly, and injuries must be attributive to a degree for this fall from grace and our decline in the quality of football. Some defeats have set us wondering. Some teams played badly when they were expected to perform brilliantly, and our team has shown great form one match and poor form another match.

These variations puzzle us. How are they to be avoided and explained? Our team is physically fit, in fact no team trains harder, and the team spirit is there. Is it that an individual or individuals are causing the weakness through loss of form, and therefore not functioning to full capacity. A way out of this must be found as we cannot visualise our team appearing half way down the League Table, it is in the top flight of clubs we must be and remain there. Nothing short of this will satisfy our members and supporters who have rallied round this club second to none in the game.

OUR VISITORS

To-day we welcome the York club to Watersheddings, particularly so, as they are such infrequent visitors. Their last visit to our enclosure was in season 1950/51, when we inflicted a heavy defeat upon them. Our visit to York on September 24th last was a disastrous affair, for in addition to losing the match by 27 points to 19 points, we had Pitchford and Turner dismissed from the field, ultimately receiving suspensions along with our Captain of that day—Alan Davies, for insubordination... We must state that the game at York was played in a sporting spirit and we all expect the same spirit to be shown to-day.

We hope that our team will resume their winning activities, as it is very essential that we should finish as high up in the League Table as possible, in view of the shadow that is arising of two divisions for the Rugby League for next season.

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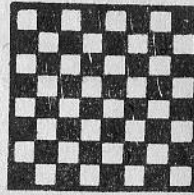
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- 5.—Etty, J.
- 6.—Daley, F.
- 7.—Stirrup, F./Pitchford, F.
- 8.—Jackson, K.
- 9.—Keith, J.
- 10.—Vines, D. G.
- 11.—Little, S. D.
- 12.—Tomlinson, A./Winslade, C.
- 13.—Turner, D.

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(Amber and Black)

- 1.—Hargreaves
- 2.—Hamblett
- 3.—Hansell
- 4.—Robinson
- 5.—Smith
- 6.—Hunter
- 7.—Riley
- 8.—Moore
- 9.—Illingworth
- 10.—Yorke
- 11.—Else, S. O.
- 12.—O'Brien
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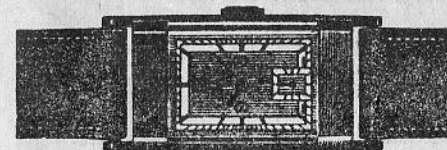
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BRIEFS

We have now fixed up to play Leigh at Watersheddings on Saturday, March 24th, 1956, kick-off 3-0 p.m., this match having been postponed from Saturday, February 4th. We have now a feast of football at home during March. The Blackpool club, Leigh and Leeds are due on the 17th, 24th, and 31st respectively, and of course on March 30th (Good Friday) we visit Swinton.

We are hoping that to-day, Donald Vines will have been fixed up with work as a railway wagon repairer, and if so, he will be coming to reside in the town along with his wife and daughter.

To-day we are giving the half-time score of several matches in the Rugby League at short intervals, immediately after our half-time.

We welcome back to our service Dennis Ayres, who left the Forces on Thursday, February 23rd. We expect this promising youngster to run into form after a few matches and to be knocking at the first team door for a place.

Allan Kellett has now joined H.M. Forces to complete his military service. We hope that he joins a unit where rugby is played, just to keep his hand in the game as he is sure to make good in Service football.

Ron Rowbottom was injured at Leeds and is nursing strained ligaments of the knee, an injury that will keep him out of the team for several weeks.

R. Cracknell has a damaged ankle which is proving very troublesome. Jack Rogers has a "pulled" thigh muscle. We expect to have both these players back in service very shortly.

Vincent Nestor has a damaged shoulder and has been advised to rest for this season.

TWO DIVISIONS

A most important meeting of the clubs of the Rugby League will be held on Wednesday, March 28th, 1956, when a decision will be made of the advisability of two divisions for next season. Three schemes were originally put forward for decision but a fourth scheme has now been tabled by the Wigan club in a suggestion of THREE divisions, and which appears to be a complicated scheme.

REFEREE APPOINTMENTS AT WATERSHEDDINGS

March 17th—Blackpool. S. Abram, Wigan
March 24th—Leigh. J. W. Jackson, Barrow
March 31st—Leeds. G. Scott, Wakefield

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