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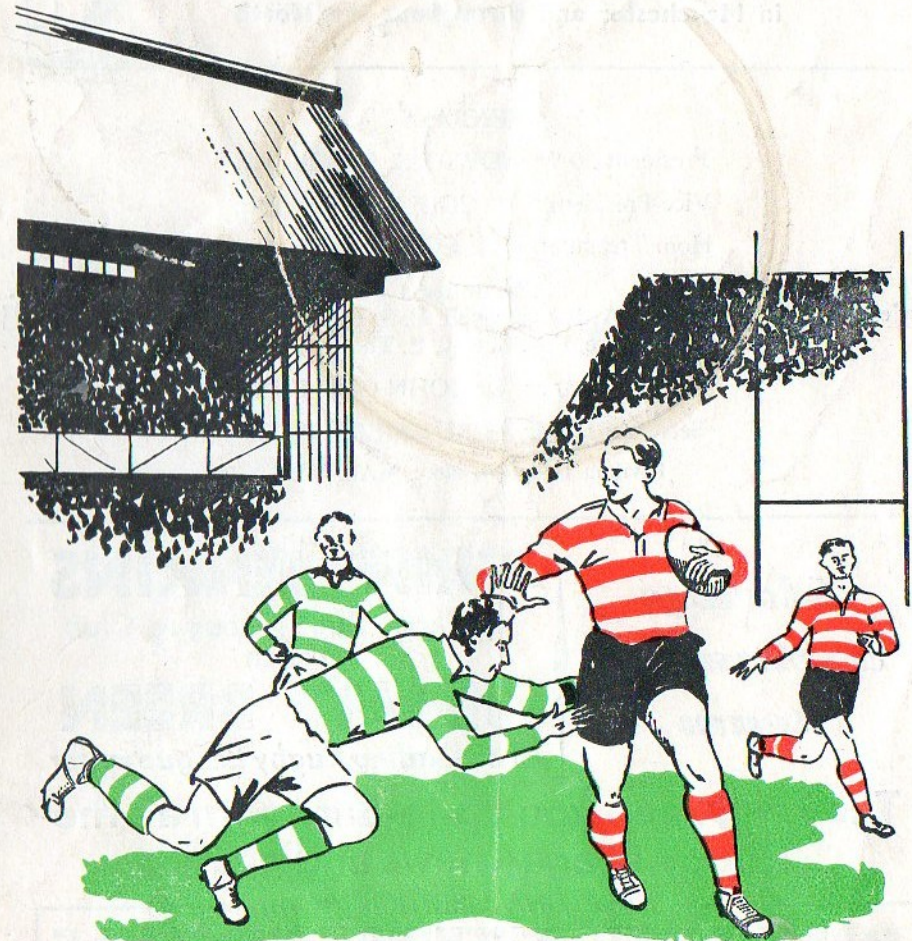
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Fixtures for the Season

1955-56	Opponents	Venue	K.O.	1955-56	Opponents	Venue	K.O.
Aug. 13	Rochdale H. (Charity)	Away	3-0	26	Swinton (Mon.)	Home	2-30
20	Broughton R.	Away	3-0	27	Blackpool (Tues.)	Away	2-30
27	Blackpool (Lanes. 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
24	St. Helens	Away	2-30	14	St. Helens	Home	3-0

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Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

OLDHAM v. BLACKPOOL

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Saturday last saw our team give a much improved display against worthy opponents from York, and we ran out winners by 29 points to 8 points. Although this appears to be a one sided victory, we must give credit to our opponents for the way in which they kept the game open.

Our team on the day lacked that little bit of steadiness in the final pass which could have resulted in more tries being scored. Our passing at times was just too bad, erratic should be the word when a pass was sent yards behind a colleague who appears set in a favourable position to finish the good approach work.

We must congratulate our scrum half, Pitchford, on his return to the first team, showing something of the form that brought him in the first flight of scrum halves last season, we consider him to have recovered his confidence and we hope that he improves with every match played.

The position of scrum half is one of the most important positions on the field, as all the approach work must come from this pivotable position, otherwise the backs are neglected and the onus thrown upon them of tackling the opposition and taking the heavy knocks when tackling.

The receipts for the York match amounted to £709, and considering our previous weeks exit from the Challenge Cup, must be considered very satisfactory, although played under perfect conditions of both ground and the weather.

OUR VISITORS

To-day we give a special welcome to visitors from Blackpool, who gave us the greatest surprise of the present campaign, when they beat our team at Blackpool on December 27th last. A shock defeat this was, as it eventually proved that we spent a very unhappy Christmas with three defeats, and which put paid to our "first four" endeavours. We are hoping to-day to take ample revenge for this defeat and to show our visitors that we were completely off form when visiting them.

The Blackpool club have won 6 matches out of 27 played, having scored 310 points against 618 points.

We hope that to-day's match will prove entertaining and a good victory for our team.

TWO DIVISIONS

The meeting of the Rugby League Council on March 28th, at which every club is to be represented, promises to be one of the most important ever held by the Rugby League.

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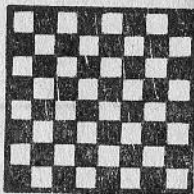
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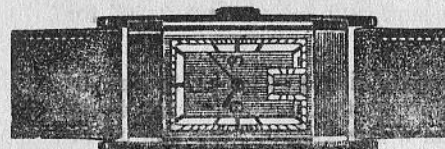
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Five scheme for two divisions or, an even three divisions are down for discussion, and second to this is a most important discussion and voting as to the amount of levy that each club pays to a pool from the net gate receipts, i.e., after deduction of Entertainment Tax, and which is divided between all clubs at the end of each season.

At the present time this levy is at 10%, but various amendments at the above meeting are tabled anywhere from the 10% to several increases up to a maximum of 33½%. To give comparison of what any increase means to a club of our standing, and the serious inroad it will have on the finances of the club. For the last five years, ending season 1954/55, we have paid the levy on League matches, Challenge Cup Pool and Lancashire Cup Pool the sum of £8,205 and received from the Pool the sum of £5,000, an average of £1,641 to the Pool and received an average back of £1,020, making an average of £600 per season paying more to the Pool than receiving. Although we recognise that we are one of the best supported clubs in the Rugby League and we hope to continue to be so, at the present rate of support on a 33½% levy fund, we should pay into the levy fund the sum of £5,470 and receive from the levy £3,400, thus paying in £2,070 more than we receive. This would be a very sad state of affairs from a financial point. It is a brake on enterprise and efficient management of the successful club in the Rugby League. Admitted the poor will always be with us, but any organisation that must live on a subsidy can only exist for a certain amount of time. The well will run dry some day by taking too much off the wealthy parent until the parent has no money to distribute.

BRIEFS

Tickets are still available for the B. V. Goldswain Testimonial Dance to be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, 24th March, 1956. The price is 4 s. 6d., and can be obtained from the Secretary's Office, in the Pavilion.

Please do not forget that on Saturday next our first team play Leigh at Watersheddings, kick-off 3-0 p.m. This match was postponed on February 4th last.

May we appeal to our Enclosure seat members not to stand on the seat after the match as a means of getting out early. Several of these have been broken recently and are very expensive to renew.

Comment has been made recently on team selection in the press and criticising the "selectors." This word is a wrong term to use. Our Manager is the selector acting with an advisory committee of four members from the general committee. The advisory committee act according to the word, but the Manager has the last say in the selection and puts his views forward for his selection.

We are endeavouring to fix up our remaining postponed fixture of January 14th with Workington. We have suggested that this match be played at Watersheddings on Monday, April 9th, and a late kick-off, the time to be fixed mutually.

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