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Club Chatter . . .

The only topic in 'pubs,' clubs, and any other place where people gather in this town, is next Saturday's cup-tie with St. Helens. The burning question is of course "can our forwards match their strong, robust pack, so ably led by that great forward, Alan Prescott?" — and the blunt reply from our "six" is "of course we can." The key to victory of course lies here, for we feel sure that given a fair share of the ball, and the opportunity to "throw it about" then our backs just have the edge on St. Helens. We do not under-rate our task in any way, in fact we realise the magnitude of our task, but such is the confidence and "will to win" in our camp that no local bookmakers will lay more than "evens" about the tie, and when you realise that St. Helens have been favourites to win the Cup since before the first round then this is proof enough that the public, in general, more than fancy our chances.

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CLUB CHATTER — continued.

Congratulations are again in order for Willie Horne — what again! (it would be hard to leave Willie's name out of these notes). His achievement this time - passing the 100 mark with his own peculiar brand of goal kick. It's not so long ago since some critics quoted Willie as being past his hey-day, but he is now making them all "eat their words" and enjoying as good a "Press" as at any time in his career, and still can not regain favour with the selectors. I, personally, still think he will be around, kicking goals and carving openings, for a few seasons yet.

Our 'A' team are still going great guns, and we are doing our utmost to ensure that last season's farcical proceedings do not occur again, when our second string missed the League title through other clubs failing to fulfil their fixtures, thereby causing the league to be declared void.

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In Brief

The postponed fixtures due to the weather conditions in the month of February has been the means of much re-arranging of League games, and as the pruning takes place when the Challenge Cup series are played off, Clubs still in the encounter are experiencing difficulties in re-arranging these "home and away" games!

Good Friday (30th Mar.)—Workington	away
31st March—Halifax	away
Easter Monday (2nd April)—Oldham	home
7th April—Salford	away
9th April—Whitehaven	home
12th April—Hull	home
18th April—Blackpool	away

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Teams for Monday, April 2nd 1951

BARROW, (Blue)

- 1—Ball
- 2—Lewthwaite
- 3—Jackson
- 4—Goodwin
- 5—Castle

- 6—Horne
- 7—Harris

- 8—Woosey
- 9—McKeating
- 10—Barton
- 11—Grundy
- 12—Parker
- 13—Healey

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Oldham

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- 1—Ganley
- 2—Cracknell
- 3—Noon or
Edwards
- 4—Davis
- 5—Etty

Stirrup
Daley
Pitchford

- 8—Jackson
- 9—Keith
- 10—Vines
- 11—Little
- 12—Winslade
- 13—Turner

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Our Visitors

Today's visitors, Oldham, are more than welcome for a holiday fixture in view of the fact that they always play our brand of fast, clean, open football, and today's game should be a feast of rugby for all you holiday-makers.

This season Oldham got away to a slow start, but have made much headway of late, although they are still not enjoying the successes of last season, memory recalls that at the time we defeated them in the Lancashire Cup Final, they then held pride of place at the head of the League table.

In Ganley they possess one of the soundest full-backs in the League, and a goal-kicker second to none; Cracknell (ex-Huddersfield) and ETTY (ex-Batley, and a convert from the centre position), are two strong running wingmen, and a distinct threat to our line; left-centre position is very ably filled by Davies (current international) who needs no introduction, while the other centre berth is contested for by Noon and Edwards since Roland Barrow's departure to Huddersfield. Pitchford, who recently withdrew his transfer request, must be about the fastest scrum half in the league and has developed a perfect understanding with out-half Daley. Jackson, Keith and Vines are a solid front 'three' and backing them up Little, Winslade and Turner cover a lot of ground in the loose.

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Club Notes . . .

Monday night's game with Leigh was played in two phases, the first half was a rather drab affair in comparison with what came after the interval when Jimmy Lewthwaite quickly showed our lads the way to the Leigh line, and then we proceeded to "give the ball plenty of air" and literally ran Leigh into the ground. There was, of course, one or two tries scored by individualism, and in this respect, Danny Leatherbarrow and George Woosey showed Rugby ability of a high order.

All in all, a very entertaining game, and a good 'gate' for a mid-week game.

Jimmy Lewthwaite's three tries bring his total of tries for the season to 40, and now puts Frank Castle's try-scoring record in sight, and I am sure Frank will be the first man to congratulate him if he succeeds in passing him, more so if he accomplishes it at Swinton on Saturday.

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Club Notes—Continued

What a come-back our right-winger has made since his spell in the 'A' team — which goes to prove the age-old argument that a spell in the "stiffs" bears fruit. Further proof of this is shown in the displays being given by Dennis Goodwin, Bill Healey and "Diaks Harris, all who have played in the 'A' team recently. These players have all shown that the only way to regain first team status is to play with that little bit more determination and not to flood the Boardroom with transfer requests.

Progressive Branch

We do not like to reiterate the importance of giving support to the Progressive Branch which is carrying on under difficulties, and we think that this position should not be like this in a town like Barrow, which is known as a Rugby stronghold. The membership of the Branch should be eight times larger than it is at present. Can we appeal to all of our supporters to become members of the Progressive Branch; the more members they get the greater the prize money. The money they are now getting is not being wasted. You have only to listen to the Loud Speaker arrangements at Craven Park, which is mostly due to their efforts.

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TO-DAY'S SCORE SHEET

Barrow Scorers

Tries— Goals—

Result

Oldham Scorers

Tries— Goals—

Result

Scorers (Club games only)

TRIES: Lewthwaite 32, Castle 23, Parker 15, Jackson (P) 14, Horne, Goodwin 9, Grundy 11, Barton, Rea, Toohey 4, Harris 3, Healey, Jackson (F), Wilson (J) 2, Ball, Best, Johnson, Parr, and Leatherbarrow 1 each.

GOALS: Horne 87, Ball 19, Leatherbarrow 4.

First Team Appearances

(Possible to Feb. 25th — 30)
McKeating 30, Lewthwaite and Horne 29, Barton and Parker 27, Grundy 23, Goodwin, Jackson (P) and Toohey 22, Castle 20, Healey 18, Ball, Woosey 15, Best 13, Harris 11, Belshaw 9, Parr and Wilson (J) 8, Rea 7, Jackson (F) 6, Suart 5, Trelore and Wilson (D) 3, Ducie (H), Gibson, Shatwell, Johnson and Mackie one each.

Fixture List

August	F	A
13 St Helens Ward Cup	a	31 19
20 Bramley	a	42 16
27 St. Helens (Lanc. Cup)	h	18 12
September		
3 Liverpool City	a	26 21
6 Workington (Lancs Cup)		24 10
8 Salford	h	30 13
10 Halifax	h	10 15
12 Whitehaven	a	8 15
17 Widnes	a	8 21
22 Leigh (L.C. S.F.)	h	7 11
24 St. Helens	a	15 66
29 New Zealand	h	17 13
October		
1 Hunslet	h	31 2
8 Warrington	h	19 32
15 Oldham	a	16 18
22 Doncaster (Friendly)	h	44 13
29 Hunslet	a	25 13
November		
5 Bramley	h	25 14
12 Swinton	h	21 2
19 Hull	a	13 10
26 Liverpool City	h	24 15
December		
10 Rochdale H.	h	17 8

December		
17 St. Helens	h	6 18
27 Swinton	a	6 6
31 Wigan	h	40 5
January, 1956		
7 Workington	h	31 7
21 Blackpool	h	28-7
28 Leigh	a	16-6
February		
4 Whitehaven	h	
11 York (R.L. Cup)	a	
18 Blackpool	a	26-2
25 Widnes	h	1 5
March		
3 2nd (R.L. Cup)		
10 Rochdale H.	a	
17 Wigan	a	
24 Leigh	h	
30 Workington	a	
31 Halifax	a	
April		
2 Oldham	h	
7 Salford	a	
14 Warrington	a	
Hull (to be rearranged)	h	

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