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| 24—Wakefield .....                | Away      |       | 26—Hull (Thurs.) .....      | Away      |       |
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| 14—Warrington .....               | Home      | 3-0   | 25—Workington .....         | Home      | 3-0   |
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| 28—Workington .....               | Away      |       | 8—R.L. Cup .....            |           |       |
| Oct 5—Hunslet .....               | Home      | 3-0   | 15—St. Helens .....         | Away      |       |
| 12—Rochdale .....                 | Away      |       | 22—R.L. Cup .....           |           |       |
| 19—Hull .....                     | Home      | 3-0   | Mar. 1—Blackpool .....      | Home      | 3-0   |
| 26—Blackpool .....                | Away      |       | 8—Widnes .....              | Home      | 3-0   |
| Nov. 2—Wakefield .....            | Home      | 3-0   | 15—Whitehaven .....         | Away      |       |
| 9—Salford .....                   | Away      |       | 22—Rochdale .....           | Home      | 3-0   |
| 16—Liverpool .....                | Home      | 2-30  | 29—R.L. Cup semi-final      |           |       |
| 23—Leigh .....                    | Away      |       | Apl. 4—Swinton (G.F.) ..... | Away      |       |
| 30—Salford .....                  | Home      | 2-30  | 5—Wigan .....               | Home      | 3-0   |
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**WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS**

It was bound to happen sometime, and on Monday last we lost our ground record when we lost to St. Helens, the first team to beat us since Swinton did it on Christmas Day, 1955. Although the score last Monday seemed pretty heavy, it in no way deprecates our team. The loss of our hooker, Jack Keith, after only five minutes play, put us in a very nasty position and it is a great credit to our team who virtually played without the ball.

To play against St. Helens with a full team is some task, and all praise must be given to our depleted forces for keeping the score to such respectable proportions—especially since two of their tries were in the nature of a gift, amounting a further 10 points. Reverse the position and let us suppose the St. Helens hooker, McKinney, had been absent from the game as long as Keith, we believe that a very different story would have been told, and we should have probably scored more than a mere twenty-one points with the possession obtained from the scrum as was obtained by St. Helens.

However, it happened, and I can assure you that there is no need to panic. Matters will right themselves when we can get our injured players back into the fold. Our reserves did well and showed considerable promise, but the absence of players of the calibre of Davies, Winslade, and Ayres obviously makes itself very noticable. Last season we were lucky as regards the injury bogey, but so far this season we, like some other clubs, appear to have had the bad luck with the hard knocks that are given and taken during the game. Our latest victim is Don Vines, who has a broken nose and will have to go into hospital for a few days to have it set and straightened, but it is hoped that he will soon be back in the game.

The game was watched by a wonderful crowd—16,900—but as such, it was far from the spectacle we had expected from the point of view of Rugby League, and far from what we have become accustomed to, both at Watersheddings and away from home.

Today, we start the cup-hunting competition of the early season—The Lancashire Cup, of which we are the proud holders. The winners of today's match have been lucky in being drawn at home against either Warrington or Liverpool in the next round.

Let us carry on the good work and hope that we may truly say at the end of the season, "What we have we hold."

**THE COUNTY TEAM**

The first County match of the season will be played at Workington on Monday, 16th September, 1957. The match is Lancashire v. Cumberland. We offer our congratulations to our one and only representative, Frank Pitchford. May he have a good game.

## "SHADES OF THE PAST"

by JACK STEEL, "Warrington Guardian Series"

Are "memorials" out of fashion with Rugby League people like they are with other folk who are less patriotic minded than their grandfathers? Seems like it from what I have seen and heard in recent years. Probably lots of R.L. fans who have witnessed the breaking-up of men in stone and metal in the town and city centres, think that reminders of the past are best wiped out.

I am writing in this strain after hearing at an important R.L. meeting the other day, that there was to be no official backing for a memorial to the late Reverend Frank Chambers of Dewsbury. While the R.L. would not back the fund from its funds, there was a compromise in that representatives of the various clubs could drop a donation into the collecting box (or was it a hat?) after the meeting. The cash result was somewhere in the region of £20.

## GIANTS OF THE PAST

What we think of the R.L. attitude is our own affair, but surely men who have helped to make the game make progress should be remembered in some way or another? So let us not just have writers dig up facts from time to time about the giants of the past as a means of making in article of interest.

Wigan club took the initiative some while ago when they were re-building their score-box, which, incidentally, has few, if any, superiors in the league. Famous players who had worn the cherry and white jersey had their names carved in the stone supports. It is a permanent record and a gentle reminder that we had some great men in the past.

When the double-decker stand was being re-built at Watersheddings, the name of the late Mr. G. F. Hutchins—a great name in Oldham as well as a League administrator of his time—was freely mentioned. The stand, a popular spot for many, is indeed an amenity to a ground likely to undergo much transformation in the next few years. This stand, without doubt, will always be known as the "G. F. Hutchins Memorial Stand." A living, and fitting tribute to a great man.

Then there was the scheme to erect a gate or gates at Fartown, Huddersfield in memory of the late Harold Wagstaffe, a leading member of that terrific team of claret and gold, which constantly hit the jack-pot, and were the talk of the Rugby League (or rather the Northern Union in those days)—and since.

But I have yet to see the gates go up, but I not that there is a memorial to another famous Yorkshire sportsman who evidently thrilled the crowds with his exploits.

A reader of my newspaper once suggested that the Warrington club should make a special place in the concrete wall at Wilderspool to mark the spot near where Brian Bevan, the great Australian winger, scored his 500th try. Some may call them sentimental memorials, but after all, we should have some permanent record of the tremendous deeds of the past.

Now for matters of today. At the Warrington-Keighley match, referee E. Clay of Leeds was heckled time and time again because he was determined to see the game played according to the official guide.

You have often heard it said in stand an terrace, about referees that, "so-and-so let that go," or "he should have played the advantage rule." In that game, there were no less than 31 penalty awards and Warrington had to pay the penalty on eighteen occasions.

Mr. Clay had the courage to stop the game at every infringement by either team, and the afternoon was not a happy one. Whose fault? Mr. Clay's? No, not a bit of it! Players spoil the game by breaking the laws, and if a referee decides a penalty should be given, can you blame him? I have often heard it said that if the referee blew his whistle for every infringement there would be little or no play. Mr. Clay did his duty on this occasion, but it was painful to lots of people, even some of the players who received lectures.

I'm all for this name-taking business, and the Disciplinary Committee should dole out more punishments. I realise that it doesn't make good reading to the public, especially for the players concerned, but R.L. football must be kept attractive, and these frequent penalties can often be avoided.

## BARROW ARE CUP FIGHTERS!

Unlucky Barrow! Not very long ago they were at Wembley and they almost carried off the Trophy once more in a thrilling finish.

Now they are—at the time of writing—at the bottom of the League table. Teams, including their Wembley opponents and victors, Leeds—seem determined to pile up the points at the Craven Park club's expense.



W. HORNE

But let us not forget that Barrow have had a lot of injuries and one or two headaches over players. Now things are improving and news that Phil Jackson, the Test centre, is to remain on Furness-side is a heartening announcement.

It was also a blow to the Barrow club when that veteran, Jimmy Lewthwaite, decided to hang up his boots. Jimmy had threatened this move before, but had changed his mind at the start of each season.

We sincerely hope that Willie Horne, one of the greatest stand-off halves of his time, will be on duty. Willie is also a veteran, but he can still puzzle a few players many years his junior.

Frank Castle, the former Test winger, and a product of Coventry Rugby Union, is one of the fastest left-wingers in the game.

Jack Grundy, who has won so many honours in the game, is still a whole-hearted player and a grand team man.

Dennis Goodwin and Reg. Parker are also good scrummagers, Dennis having switched from the centre position.

Barrow's misfortunes may soon pass, and we have to remember that they have always shown their best form when the cup-ties have been around.



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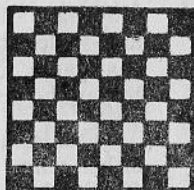
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- 3—NESTOR, V.
- 4—NOON, J.
- 5—ETTY, J. W.
- 6—DALEY, F.
- 7—PITCHFORD, F.
- 8—JACKSON, K.
- 9—A. N. OTHER
- 10—LITTLE, S. D.
- 11—WINSLADE, C.
- 12—JARMAN, A.
- 13—TURNER, D.

### BARROW

Blue and White

- 1 BALL, J.
- 2—HINCHLEY, D.
- 3—JACKSON, P.
- 4—REA, J.
- 5—CASTLE, F.
- 6—SKEELS, W.
- 7—DAVIES, B.
- 8—WOOSEY, G.
- 9—McINTYRE, L.
- 10—ROYLE, J.
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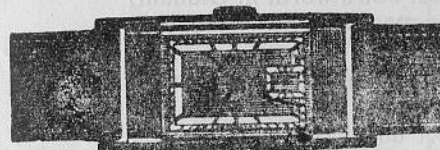
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## SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS

At the recent Annual Meeting, held at the Headquarters (Artizans Rest, Yorkshire Street), Mr. John McCallum was elected President. We wish Mr. McCallum well, for he has an arduous year before him.

The Secretary, Mr. C. Lingard, reported that, the previous twelve months, although not particularly successful from a financial point of view had shown much in the form of development and organisation. To-day, he said, there are eleven sub-branches, all very active, and it was hoped that this organisation would now be a virile force in the propagation of the Rugby League code throughout the surrounding area.

An appeal was made for increased membership, and it is hoped that when the Year Book for 1957-58 is available, a concerted drive will be made (weather permitting) at home matches. Remember, if you want to be sure to get one of these Year Books (the best bob's-worth in Oldham) don't forget to order one from any committee-man, supplies are strictly limited and we are soon sold out.

It is on the carpet that a draw will be held on the Manchester November Handicap. Members are asked to rally round and give this draw all the support you can. We have a big project under consideration and without the 100% help of members we are doomed to failure, or at least the project will be much delayed.

The new membership target for 1957-58 is 5,000. Will you please join, or if you are already a member, will you please introduce a friend?

It is hoped that Supporters' Club News will be a regular item in this new-look programme. Full details of Branches and Social Events will be given in future notes.

## LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

(Up to and including Tuesday, August 27th, 1957)

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Home Team on left. Away Team on top. Home Team's score given first.

### LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY LEAGUE TABLE

(Up to and including Tuesday, August 27th, 1957)

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### THE LANCASHIRE CUP DRAW

The draw for the second round of the Lancashire Cup was made on Tuesday last, and the pairings are as follows :

Blackpool or Widnes v. Workington or St. Helens

Oldham or Barrow v. Warrington or Liverpool

Leigh or Whitehaven v. Swinton or Wigan

The winner of today's match between Salford and Rochdale will get a free passage into the next round.

In the event of both ourselves and Warrington winning our first round matches it will mean that we shall play Warrington twice in one week, as they are due at Watersheddings in a League match in September 14th. We should know them quite well by then!

### THE NEW PROGRAMME

No doubt you will read this programme with interest. We have tried a new approach to Rugby League matters and the Club Notes, and from the demand, we may claim a fair measure of success. In fact, the first two issues were completely sold out.

If any reader, or any member of the Club, has any suggestions for further improving the programme, we shall be delighted to receive the ideas. Every endeavour will be made to make this programme the best value for money in the Rugby League.

It will be appreciated that sales influence these matters. We can only produce a good programme if we get the required sales to bring the cost of production down to an economic level, and yet we realise that we can only get the sales if the programme is of general interest to supporters of our code. It is something like the age-old problem of, "which was first—the hen or the egg."

At all times we welcome suggestions for the pleasure of our patrons, on any topic—programme, ground, or players. As I write these notes, a suggestion has been offered for a prize of 5s. 0d. for the most constructive letter published in this programme each week under "Post Bag."

We have some ideas too, and letters to the Programme Editor is one of them. Letters intended for publication must reach the Editor not later than Monday before the match.

### THE POOL

Our Pools Organisation, which is operated by a separate committee is going from strength to strength, and is at present paying the Club the sum of £150 per week. This money is earmarked for the erection of a new covered stand at the Watersheddings Street end of the ground.

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