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22—Barrow (Thurs.)	Away		25—Swinton (Wed.)	Home	2-30
24—Wakefield	Away		26—Hull (Thurs.)	Away	
26—St. Helens (Mon.)	Home	7-0	28—Warrington	Away	
31—Barrow (L.C.)	Home	3-0	Jan. 4—Leeds	Home	2-30
Sept. 2—Huddersfield (Mon.)	Away		11—Barrow	Home	2-30
7—Halifax	Away		18—Widnes	Away	
14—Warrington	Home	3-0	25—Workington	Home	3-0
21—Leigh	Home	3-0	Feb. 1—Wigan	Away	
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		Apr. 4—Swinton (G.F.)	Away	
30—Salford	Home	2-30	5—Wigan	Home	3-0
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS & VIEWS

Back once again on the victory trail after our reverse against St. Helens, and back with a vengeance, scoring eighty-two points with twenty points against us. Not bad going, but speaking candidly, we are not set up in top gear as compared with some of our exhibitions last season. Of course, we have had our share of injuries, which has upset the combination of the team, but our deputies have done excellently and it speaks well for our reserve power. In the game against Barrow, in the first round of the Lancashire Cup, the match was somewhat dimmed by the absence of several Barrow star players through injury but was nevertheless an entertaining game, and the result was never in doubt. Thanks to the Barrow players for making the game an open one, never did they try to close the game up, they tried to play the usual game which has always been one of the features of the Barrow club.

On Monday, September 2nd, 1957, a considerable number of our followers went to Huddersfield, and their enjoyment must have been great by the splendid game our players put up. The spectacle was also enjoyed by the Huddersfield crowd who are always willing to give appreciation to any good play by visitors. What a pity we do not meet Huddersfield each season, what capable opponents they are and what wonderful games we do get when in opposition. In the game at Fartown it was obvious that after the first ten minutes, we saw confidence in the play of our team, and it was no surprise that for periods we dominated the run of the game. Just for ten minutes in the second half did our players appear to waiver, when we conceded ten points, but back once again we came, and finished up a strong team both from a scoring point and from a stamina point. It is obvious that our team is in the pink of condition and that our training system is proving to be the best. Our two World Cup Tourists, Sid Little and Derek Turner, are in great form and it speaks well for their condition and constitution to play the kind of football they are showing, after non-stop football from August, 1956. The body and mind can get tired of continuous and strenuous games of football, but these two great players carry on with their efforts to the club's interest.

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List of Appearances and Performances—First Team only

This table does not include last Saturday's match

Player	A.	G.	T.	Player	A.	G.	T.
Ganley	6	36	1	Little	5		3
Cracknell	6		4	Dufty	2		
Ayres	2		1	Stirrup	6		4
Nestor	6		2	Turner	2		
Etty	6		3	Jarman	4		1
Moat	2			Daley	3		
Pitchford	6		1	Noon	3		4
Jackson	5		1	Rowbottom	1		
Keith	4			Carruthers	2		
Vines	4			Winslade	2		

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

This table does not include last Saturday's matches

	Barrow	Blackpool	Leeds	Leigh	Liverpool	OLDHAM	Rochdale	Salford	St. Helens	Swinton	Warrington	Whitehaven	Widnes	Wigan	Workington
Barrow	—					10-27									
Blackpool		—		9-15			12-17								
Leeds	52-12	68-6	—												
Leigh				—											
Liverpool					—						5-18				
OLDHAM						—			7-21						
Rochdale							—					15-8			
Salford							15-4	—					5-16		
St. Helens									—						
Swinton										—				5-28	
Warrington					36-6						—				
Whitehaven												—			
Widnes									13-22				—		
Wigan														—	35-11
Workington	15-0														—

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

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY LEAGUE TABLE

This table does not include last Saturday's matches

Team	Home				Away				F.	A.	Pts.
	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	W.	D.	L.			
Leeds	2	2	0	0	—	—	—	—	120	18	4
Warrington	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	54	11	4
Wigan	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	63	16	4
St. Helens	2	—	—	—	2	0	0	0	43	20	4
Rochdale	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	36	35	4
Leigh	1	—	—	—	1	0	0	0	15	9	2
Oldham	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	34	31	2
Widnes	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	29	27	2
Salford	2	1	0	1	—	—	—	—	19	20	2
Workington	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	26	35	2
Swinton	1	0	0	1	—	—	—	—	5	28	0
Liverpool	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	11	54	0
Whitehaven	1	—	—	—	0	0	1	1	8	15	0
Barrow	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	22	94	0
Blackpool	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	27	98	0

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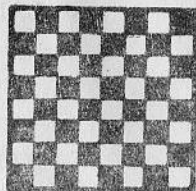
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- 7—PITCHFORD, F.
- 8—JACKSON, K.
- 9—KEITH, J.
- 10—JARMAN, A.
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- 12—LITTLE, S. D.
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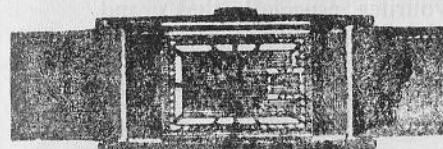
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INJURED PLAYERS

Gradually we are reducing our list of injured players, but the following are still not available:

Alan Davies	After a dislocated hip received in the World Cup Series, is making slow but steady progress and is at present on a fortnight's mining course at Cambridge.
Jack Rogers	A damaged knee — an old injury — has come to life again, and maybe another operation will be necessary for complete fitness.
Roger Dufty	Strained muscles of the neck. An X-Ray reveals no bone injury. Hopes to be fit shortly.
Ian Carruthers	Damaged shoulder received in the Huddersfield match, nothing serious, but should be football fit early.

OUR VISITORS

It is always a pleasure to welcome the Warrington club to Watersheddings, more especially in cup-tie warfare. We had the luck of the draw in having a home match for the Second Round of the Lancashire Cup, what a difference from last year, when we were drawn away every round, and eventually won the cup.

However, it is always a pleasure to any club to be drawn at home, it is just the luck of the draw. Our opponents are always an attraction, and, although they have some missing favourites, especially that grand pair of half-backs, Helme and Price, who appear to have gone out of the game, also Harry Bath, back in Australia, they have some very promising players who are making the grade. Like the giants of the past, Messrs. Helme, Price and Bath, have been a real asset to Warrington and the game, and it comes to all players when they have to make way for more youthful players to carry on the good work they leave. However, we have against us this evening a team who will give us a run for our money and we shall have to be in top form to record victory.

"FROM LITTLE ACORNS THE MIGHTY OAK DOES GROW"

I hope our literary readers will forgive this mis-quotation, but it is a long time since the writer attended school—and then he was not particularly bright in this field.

Anyhow, to business! I was speaking to Mr. Mitchell (father of the famous "Billy") and he was worried over the apparent lack of young lads to take part in Continuation League (ages 15 to 17) football. This would seem very strange indeed, especially as—so Mr. Summerscales assures me—all the Juvenile Member tickets are sold at Watersheddings.

For all these Junior tickets to be sold would seem to be a very healthy sign for the R.L. future in our area, and the senior club must be very proud this state of affairs exists. It is the contradiction that is hard to understand. That with so many juniors watching the game there appears to be none left to play the game. This is not so good!

Mr. Mitchell, the secretary of the Continuation League points out that the best way to learn all about Rugby League is to play the game. So what about it, you lads? Get in the Continuation league and play R.L. and then in the ripe years of your life you will be able to shout off-side or forward, and know what you are shouting about—believe me, there's many a "50-years-a-member" who still don't know.

If this somewhat abrupt appeal has tickled your fancy, write to Mr. Mitchell at 9 Hillside Avenue, Clarksfield, and he will welcome you with open arms.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE

Junior leagues—and by this I mean all leagues which cater for R.L. outside the Senior clubs—are the source from which the future players of our code are to come. Doubtless you are all aware that International Terry O'Grady came from the St. Mary's Club of the Oldham Junior League, and if we were to catalogue them all the programme would have to have the dimensions of a telephone directory—and a London one at that.

Even at the present moment, Billy Patterson, full-back from the Strinesdale Intermediate club has just completed his third and final trial at Batley, and I am assured that he will sign. He has, of course, yet to complete his National Service. Last year, our own club signed one of Patterson's team mates, Terry Ogden who now enjoys a more or less regular second-row position in our "A" team. More power to your elbow juniors!

The whole of the Strinesdale team have been invited to play a curtain-raiser at Batley against a local team in the early future—it would appear that Batley like the brand of football served up by our lads.

So what about it you juniors who are watching this evening? Get into the game itself and you will spend "the happiest days of your life."

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS

Our Supporters' Club are indeed well blessed in having the 101%—and I mean this—support of the Senior Club. Such a state of affairs does not obtain with every Supporters' Club

Mr. Howard, the President of the Senior Club, has attended the inaugural meeting of every one of the eleven branches of the Supporters' Club, and wherever he has been, appreciation for the good work he is doing for us has been expressed on every side.

A complete list of sub-branches is appended herewith and if you would like to "pop in" at any of them you will be made welcome.

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