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15	Leeds	home 3-0	25	Workington	away 2-30
18	Dewsbury	away 7-0			
22	Salford	away 3-0	1960		
25	Warrington	home 6-30	Jan. 2	Liverpool	away 2-30
29	Whitehaven	away 3-0	9	Wakefield	home 2-30
Sept. 5	Halifax	away 3-0	16	Leigh	home 2-30
8	Halifax	home 6-30	23	St. Helens	away 3-0
12	Hunslet	home 3-0	30	Widnes	away 3-0
19	Widnes	home 3-0	Feb. 6	Salford	home 3-0
26	Blackpool	away 3-0	13	R.L. Cup	
Oct. 3	AUSTRALIA	home 3-0	20	Wakefield	away 3-0
10	Barrow	away 3-0	27	R.L. Cup	
17	Workington	home 3-0	Mar. 5	Leeds	away 3-0
24	Warrington	away 3-0	12	Wigan	home 3-0
31	Barrow	home 3-0	19	Leigh	away 3-0
Nov. 7	Rochdale	away 3-0	26	Hunslet	away 3-0
14	Blackpool	home 2-30	Apr. 2	Liverpool	home 3-0
21	Whitehaven	away 2-30	9	St. Helens	home 3-0
28	Rochdale	home 2-30	15	Swinton G. F.	away 3-0
Dec. 5	Wigan	away 2-30	16	E. S.	
12	Hull	home 2-30	18	Whitehaven	home 3-0
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

At Warrington on Saturday last our team came to a heavy fall in losing the match by 27 points to eight, and was our heaviest defeat of the season. There is no doubt that we were well and truly beaten, especially in the forwards which proves once again that if your forwards are beaten both in the scrums and in the open extra work is put on the backs from a defensive point of view. The very same thing happened in the first Test Match at Swinton, the Australian forwards got on top of the opposing pack with a similar result as happened at Warrington.

At Warrington our forwards were well below their usual form, not that we have one of the best packs in the game, but they appeared sluggish and lacked what one may call fire. It just happens that way and we hope for better things to come in the future.

OUR VISITORS

Today sees a return match with the Barrow Club and we welcome them to Watersheddings. We visited Barrow on October 10th and managed to win an exciting game by twenty nine points to twenty.

Last Saturday the Barrow team created the sensation of the day by beating the Australians by twelve points to nine, so today we can expect a Barrow team full off confidence.

The Barrow team have been badly hit by injuries and the transfer of Denis Goodwin to Leeds they have lost a very good forward cum-centre, still they have some very good material to draw upon and they are an attraction to watch in action.

Some great players of the past have graced the Barrow colours and who can forget the great Billy Horne, who was nearly an Oldham player before he joined Barrow, Jim Lewthwaite a great wing three-quarter, who is now on the Barrow board of directors. Billy Little will be remembered as a great scrum-half. However all good things come to an end and the stars of the past leave only memories, but great memories.

May todays game be in keeping of our good games of the past and then all will be satisfied, especially if we record a good victory.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Owing to the 10 members of the committee which includes the 3 ex-officio members being expelled from the game as from October 15th, 1959, an instruction has been received from the R.L. to call an extraordinary General Meeting of the Club members for the election of a committee, which will be held in the Large Hall at Greenacres Hill Stores on Thursday, 5th November, 1959 at 8-0 p.m.

The two co-opted members of the committee, Messrs, Bradley and Goodwin have decided to retire also but will be nominated for the new Committee. They will carry on as at present until the appointment of the new committee.

A nomination sheet for candidates for the new committee will be on the Pavilion notice board from today, October 31st, until Saturday, 14th November inclusive. Ballot papers will then be forwarded to members to exercise their votes and must be returned to our Auditor by Thursday, 19th November, when the votes will be counted by scrutineers in the usual manner.

TODAYS R.L. GUIDE

St. Helens	Warrington
Bradford	Batley
Castleford	Rochdale
Dewsbury	Wigan
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says Cyril Briggs

Those hearties who turned up at Wilderspool last Saturday and saw the Warrington v. Oldham game were disappointed about the number of penalties awarded by Referee T. W. Watkinson, of Manchester. The number— and I took careful note—was 41, and surprisingly enough 24 of them fell to Oldham. Incidentally, Warrington scored 12 points from penalty kicks, and Oldham eight.

Eric Fraser missed two place kicks from penalties and Bernard Ganley was off target five times. Although one goal shot was ignored when Oldham were near the Warrington line, the home side had "penalty advantage," in fact the kicks came at times when they were within range of the Oldham posts.

WHY SO MANY

But the big talking point after the game was "why so many penalty kicks when two very experienced teams were in action?" That's quite a point and only the players can really answer the question.

Quite plainly they could say that they did not always agree with the refs decision—and the crowd too showed their disapproval several times by slow hand-clapping. And it was not always the Warrington crowd who made their protest!

I did not always agree with Mr. Watkinson, but I did agree when he often allowed play to proceed because of the advantage rule. This is a rule which so often puzzles the crowd.

A ref. can shout "play on" and most of the men on the field of play can hear him. But when a spectator is near the back of the stand or standing on tip toe on the last step of the terrace, it is often a little difficult for him to understand what is going on especially when players have been told to continue playing.

WHAT THE BOOK SAYS

The official manual—not the official guide—states quite clearly "to apply the law (advantage) correctly the ref. must not blow his whistle immediately a player infringes. He must wait to see which side gains advantage. If the non-offending side gain the advantage, then play should be allowed to proceed."

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- 6—KELLETT A. B.
- 7—PITCHFORD F.
- 8—JACKSON K.
- 9—KEITH J.
- 10—GODDARD P.
- 11—WINSLADE C.
- 12—ROBINSON G.
- 13—McKEOWN D.

Referee:

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BARROW

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- 2—LOWTHER
- 3—WOLVERIDGE
- 4—SKEELS
- 5—CASTLE
- 6—SHARP
- 7—BALL
- 8—HUBBOLD
- 9—WILSON J.
- 10—DONALDSON
- 11—GRUNDY
- 12—DELVES
- 13—WILSON D.

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Now this is what happened on Saturday. We saw knock-ons ignored when the non-offending side gained advantage. But let us see what else the "advantage law" says. I quote, "A referee could with some justification feel that his task would be easier if there were no advantage law. He could then blow his whistle for every infringement. He must remember however, that the laws of the game are not made to facilitate the task of the referee, but to provide a game which is enjoyable to play and to watch."

Now in the referee's signals, number three shows the referee crossing his arms. This is meant to indicate "play on," but we have seen this signal or something like it used when players have used one another for a neat piece of scientific obstruction.

NOT UNSIGHTED

Therefore, I think that instead of the ref. flinging out his arms after the cross-over movement, he could raise his hand over his head and give a circular movement. This would inform the crowd that play had been ordered to continue.

If a try was scored from resultant play, it would prevent people from saying that the referee was unsighted when such and such an infringement had occurred.

We are seeing the best of the play-the-ball rule, and it **must not** be altered no matter what the Aussies may say. This playing-the-ball back to the dummy half back who **must** pass the ball or concede a scrum, must continue no matter what happens. It has certainly led to better and open play and cut out the "bulldozers."

But players are still in a quandary about the full interpretation of the ply-the-ball rule. The ball should be dropped in front of the tackled player, but an opponent **must refrain from touching him until the ball is in play**. Now how many times do we find men leaning on the player in possession? Very many times!

THE LAW SAYS...

One of the annoying things about the play-the-ball rule is that some teams do not seem to be able to measure three yards—where they must stand. But the law lays it down very clearly—the distance of three yards shall be measured from the rear of the player playing the ball, to the foremost foot of any player on his own side.

Because frequent interruptions are annoying the paying public and, of course, prevent continuity of play—so vital to the interest in the game—I think it might be as well if the powers-that-be considered the American Football methods of pitch marking.

I agree that in certain instances players may get confused about the try lines (or goal lines as they are called) but surely if the Yanks find the marks beneficial we should find some idea of giving players exact distances. Then players (and referees) would have no arguments about the three yard lines.

LESS WHISTLE

The lines would be quickly obliterated on wet grounds, but the matter is worth consideration, especially if it meant less whistle.

And while we are at it, could touch judges have their touch-in-goal signal changed? They wave their flags above their heads when the ball goes touch-in-goal. The signal is confusing. The "dead ball" signal (flag waved below the waist-line) could be substituted. After all touch-in-goal is dead ball!

So there would be no confusion (as there is at the moment) when some spectators think that the ball has slipped into touch on the field side of the corner flag. These are just a few suggestions to help the game—and the spectators.

REFEREE APPOINTMENTS — NOVEMBER

- 7—**ROCHDALE v. OLDHAM**, Mr. H. Harrison
 14—**OLDHAM v. BLACKPOOL**, Mr. C. Whiteley
 21—**WHITEHAVEN v. OLDHAM**, Mr. G. Philpot
 28—**OLDHAM v. ROCHDALE**, Mr. D. T. H. Davies

PLAYING STAFF

Name	Birthplace	ft.	in.	st.	lbs.	Name	Birthplace	ft.	in.	st.	lbs.
D. M. Ayres, Oldham		5	8	12	2	D. McKeown, Oldham		5	10	13	6
J. Buckley, Oldham ...		5	10	12	10	L. McIntyre, Wigan ...		5	11	13	6
B. Byrne, Astley		5	9	11	10	A. Mumberson, As'tria		6	0	15	6
R. Cracknell, H'field ...		6	0	13	0	V. Nestor, Leigh		5	8	12	2
D. Chatterton, Widnes		6	1	15	6	R. Needham, Oldham		5	10	12	9
A. Davies, Leigh		5	11	13	1	J. Noon, Oldham		5	9	12	4
R. Dufty, Middlesex ...		6	1	14	7	J. O'Brien, Oldham ...		5	8	11	2
F. Daley, Wigan		5	9	12	7	T. Ogden, Oldham ...		6	0	12	9
J. Edward, St. Helens		5	11	13	1	R. Pugsley, Bridgend...		5	11	13	10
J. Govan, Golborne ...		5	10	13	8	J. Petley, Warr'ton ...		5	9	11	10
P. Goddard, Sheffield		5	11	14	3	F. Pitchford, Leigh ...		5	7	12	0
W. B. Ganley, Leigh...		5	9	12	8	B. Pendlebury, Leigh...		5	9	13	1
B. Hatherall, Leigh ...		5	6	10	12	S. Quinlan, Cork		5	10	12	10
A. Jones, Oldham		5	6	10	12	R. Rowbottom, Widnes		6	0	15	0
K. Jackson, Oldham ...		6	1	15	4	G. Robinson, W'ven ...		6	1½	15	0
G. Kelly, Rochdale ...		5	11	13	3	G. Sims, Leigh		5	9½	11	0
A. Kellett, Halifax ...		5	10	12	0	I. Southward, Work'ton		5	11	12	8
J. Keith, Leeds		5	11	12	8	R. Smith, Oldham ...		5	11	15	4
K. Lloyd, Tyldesley ...		5	11	13	13	C. Winslade, Maesteg		6	0	14	12
H. Lomas, Oldham ...		5	11	14	4	G. Warburton, War'ton		5	10	12	6

LIST OF FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

(Up to and including Saturday last)

Player	A.	G.	T.	Player	A.	G.	T.
Ganley	14	71		Davies	12		8
Southward	4		5	Robinson	10		2
Ayres	2			Quinlan	3		3
Noon	15	8	10	Stirrup	4	2	1
Sims	13		3	Smith	4		
Kellett	16	1	6	Nestor	9		5
Hatherall	3			Petley	1		
Jackson	9			Pitchford	8		2
McIntyre	10		1	McKeown	5		1
Goddard	10		1	Jones	1		1
Winslade	11		2	Pendlebury	2		
Duffy	13		2				
Pugsley	5		1				
Keith	11		1				

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Barrow			15-4	40-13		22-29	22-5								
Blackpool		14-5	15-30			13-29			7-46		11-29				9-30
Dewsbury					26-15	7-35	14-18								
Leigh							11-7	25-12						22-22	
Liverpool							11-9	6-18		6-45	16-19				
OLDHAM										6-10		34-12			28-2
Rochdale	18-13								7-12			5-8	23-14		10-12
Salford			26-0			12-12					7-15	23-14			
Skelton			61-7		63-8					9-32					
St. Helens	59-17														
Warrington					26-8	27-8								16-6	
Whitehaven		33-13								12-15					20-4
Widnes	36-0			24-5						14-27					
Wigan					17-6	8-18		37-6			31-12	16-12			
Workington				5-12	26-11			10-18							

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