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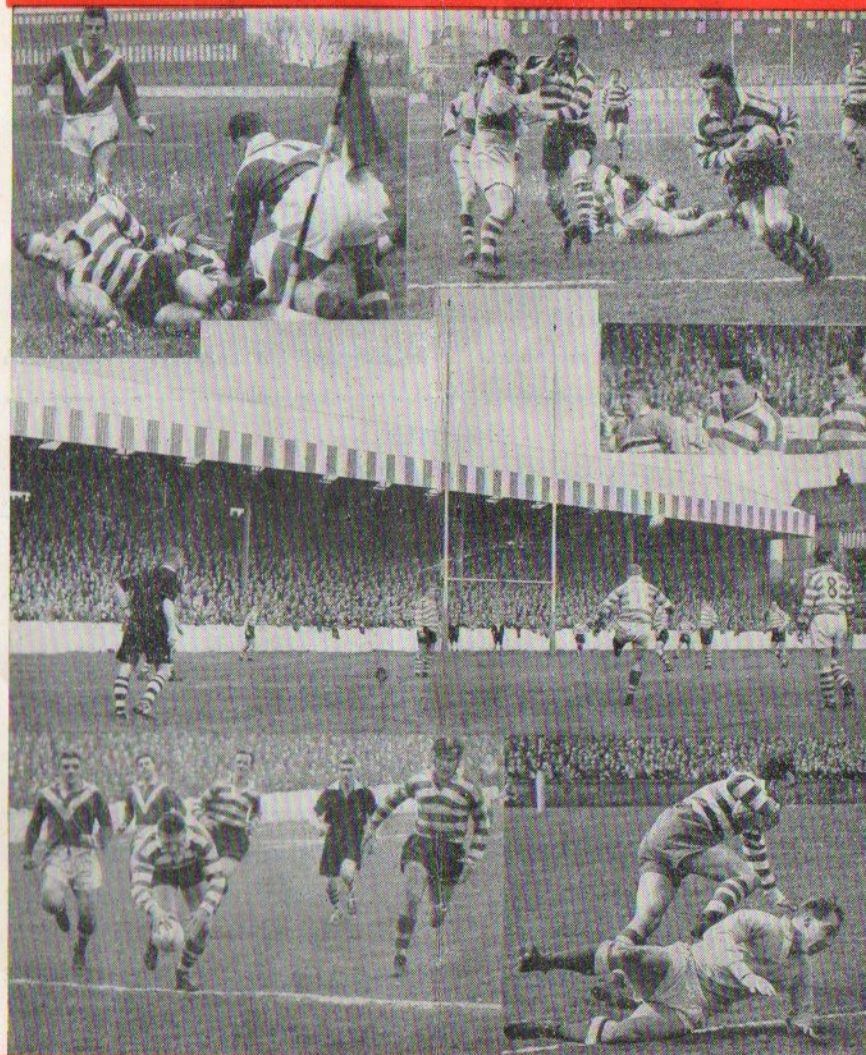
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Date	CLUB	Grd.	F. A.
Aug. 19	HALIFAX	Home	
21	BARROW	Away	
26	BLACKPOOL B.	Away	
28	YORK	Home	
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9	HALIFAX	Away	
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23	HUNSLET	Away	
30	BARROW	Home	
Oct. 7	WORKINGTON T.	Home	
14	YORK	Away	
21	WARRINGTON	Home	
Nov. 4	WHITEHAVEN	Away	
11	HUDDERSFIELD	Away	
18	HULL	Home	
25	SALFORD	Away	
Dec. 2	WHITEHAVEN	Home	
9	WORKINGTON T.	Away	
16	ST. HELENS	Away	
23	SALFORD	Home	

Date	CLUB	Grd.	F. A.
25			
26	SWINTON	Home	
30	WIDNES	Home	
Jan. 1			
6	WARRINGTON	Away	
13	WIGAN	Away	
20	WIGAN	Home	
27	ROCHDALE H.	Away	
Feb. 3	LIVERPOOL CITY	Away	
11			
17	LEIGH	Home	
24	WIDNES	Away	
Mar. 3			
10	LEIGH	Away	
17	ST. HELENS	Home	
24	HULL	Away	
31	LIVERPOOL CITY	Home	
Apr. 7	HUNSLET	Home	
14			
20	SWINTON	Away	
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS & VIEWS

How we flattered to deceive on Saturday last at York by losing the match by 30 points to 15 points, after holding a lead of 10 points to 2 points in the first twenty minutes of the game. We commenced the game as though we were going to run away with the match but something came over our team that is quite unexplainable, everything appeared to go wrong and it ran through the team.

The York team, commencing the second half scored 20 points in a space of twenty minutes. It was one of those displays that does require some understanding and explaining, if that is possible.

We can play brilliant football for a period and then we slump into the depths of a mediocre side. We shall have to correct this slump or we shall be arriving in some place which we do not want.

OUR VISITORS

We welcome Warrington to Watersheddings and if the match goes according to past visits we shall be in for a feast of good football. Their team will be minus their captain and full back, Eric Fraser, who is on test match duty at Bradford today, but we hope they will have that evergreen and great winger Brian Bevan in their ranks. This player is always a delight to watch. Our team will have to show of its best today to bring off victory, and we expect the team to pull that little bit extra out and give the supporters something to shout about.

CONTINUATION LEAGUE

The teams in the Continuation Rugby League are requiring players from the age of 15 to 17 years of age. The Continuation League require every encouragement and we appeal to boys of the above age group to take up the game of Rugby League. If there is no fresh recruits, there is a danger of the game gradually dying out. Some of the greatest players in the game today have come out of Continuation teams. Applicants should contact the Hon. Secretary of the league, Mr. J. S. Mitchell, 7 Hillside Avenue, Oldham, who will be pleased to give advice.

THE ALAN DAVIES SAGA

On Saturday, August 19th, Alan Davies hurt his back paying against Halifax. On Monday morning, August 21st, Alan Davies telephoned to say he was not fit for the match with Barrow the same evening. The team travelled with several reserves and had lunch at Bolton-le-Sands where Alan Davies caught up with the team, and although declaring himself unfit said he ought to be paid for the Barrow game.

The Oldham Officials present asked him to leave it over until the following day when the Committee met. He refused, and the Manager, Mr. Risman, pleaded with the Officials for Davies to be paid so as not to upset the rest of the team. Alan Davies was then told he would be paid but that the matter would be further discussed the following day.

On Tuesday, August 22nd the Committee interviewed Alan Davies, and John Noon, and told both boys that no player would be paid unless fit to play. This instruction was laid down—"That any player not fit on the Thursday evening should not be considered for the game on Saturday." Neither player trained that evening.

On Thursday, August 24th, Alan Davies turned up for training but after running up the track twice complained of tightness of the chest due to a cold. The Manager asked him to go inside and have his chest rubbed and then come out to try his back to see if it had recovered from the injury. Alan Davies went inside but did not return. He dressed and went to the Secretary's office for his pay. He then told Mr. Alan Woodcock, Secretary's Assistant, Mr. E. Watkins, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, and Mr. P. G. Carter, member of the Advisory Committee that he was not fit as due to a heavy cold he felt as though he had a tight band across his chest. Alan Davies then went downstairs and before leaving the Club told Mr. H. Goodwin, member of the Advisory Committee he was fit.

On Friday, 25th August, Alan Davies telephoned the Secretary, Mr. Summerscales and asked the team. On being given this he asked why he was not in the team. The Secretary asked him to telephone the Manager who was the man in charge of team selection. Alan Davies did not contact the Manager but did talk to the Press and a report appeared in the Saturday morning newspapers. After returning from Blackpool the Manager, at the request of the President, contacted Alan Davies and asked if he was fit and would he meet him at O.F.C. on Sunday morning for a try out. Alan Davies said he could not as he was taking his family to the Lake District. On Sunday, August 27th, the Manager went to O.F.C. on other business and was told that Alan Davies had been to the Club, but had not left any message. The Manager contacted Alan Davies who said he would have a fitness test if he was paid for the game he had missed at Blackpool. The Manager reported this to the Committee, and also reported that Alan Davies still had a heavy cold. Alan Davies was therefore not chosen for the game with York on the Monday evening. On Monday, August 28th, Alan Davies put in a letter requesting a transfer. On Tuesday, 29th August the Committee discussed the letter, and after long deliberation agreed by six votes to four, to put Alan Davies on the transfer list. On the casting vote of the President the fee was fixed at £12,500, the other figure being £15,000. On the way back from the Cup-tie with Barrow on Saturday, 21st September, the Manager, at the request of the President, telephoned Alan Davies and asked him to have a try out on Sunday morning to test his fitness for the game with New Zealand, but Alan Davies refused.

From this application for a transfer up to the date of being transferred Alan Davies had been contacted by numerous people, all of whom came back with varying stories. All were told that Alan Davies was free to train at Oldham, play for Oldham, and see the Oldham Committee if he desired to air any grievance. The Press, the Players, and many Supporters of O.F.C. conveyed this information to Alan Davies but he made no effort to come to the club, or to write to the club, although he had expressed a wish through the Press to see the Committee, a request which would have been granted. Finally he appeared on Television and reiterated what he had stated previously, "that the die was cast and he would not play for Oldham again". For the record Alan Davies as a Junior was paid £300 to sign on, at a time when the top fee paid for a R.L. player was under £2,000, and later paid a further £100. He received £50 for his County Blazer, and £100 for his International Cap, and in June of this year received the highest benefit given to a R.L. player, £1,500.

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Three outstanding games between the Warrington and Oldham clubs are recalled by the clash between this afternoon's teams. There will be many of the old 'uns who will remember in 1921, making the long tramp up to the **Cliff**, the home of Broughton Rangers ground for the the final of the Lancashire Challenge Cup.—writes CYRIL BRIGGS

It was a game in which Warrington were supposed to have no chance at all of winning.

And they would **not** have won at all if Oldham had taken advantage of a goal-kick slap bang in front of the posts. The teams would have been level had that goal succeeded, but to the disappointment of the Oldham fans the ball went wide.

In those times (we are now often reminded that they were the good old days) interest in the R.L. code was not what it is today. The attendance was 18,000 and the **Cliff** was packed that day. What a pity that the **Cliff** was not preserved for all time for the R.L. It may be that Broughton Rangers would then still be in existence.

Here are some of the men who played in that final—a game which Warrington won 7-5 and carried off the cup for the very first time. Oldham : Ferguson, Farrar, Knapman — Warrington : Bradbury, Collins, Anderson.

WEMBLEY HOPES

The time now switches to 1954 when Warrington and Oldham were bent on reaching Wembley and if it had not been for Bevan, then Oldham would most certainly have appeared there for the first time in the Final—and maybe carried off the cup at that.

Warrington were a beaten side and Oldham were attacking strongly. Suddenly Bevan brought off a spectacular interception. After a great run he placed the ball safely between the posts. It was a wonderful piece of opportunism on Bevan's part, and the goal-kick was easy. Oldham had lost but how unlucky. No wonder they called it Bevan's cup.

Then came another game, in the mud this time at Maine Road, Manchester. There was a cloud-burst before the game started and it looked at one time as if the game would be postponed. Warrington won again in this championship match of 1955, yet there was only a small margin between the sides. Once again things did not go well for the Oldhamers, who seemed to have scored a try in the early stages. But no, the Wires won again.

WIRE DEFEATS

Of course, there have been several occasions when Oldham have beaten Warrington in league games, although there were some heavy defeats for the Watersheddings 13's at Wilderspool. There was a nasty accident which resulted in the game being a runaway for Warrington. And believe it or not, in a subsequent game on the same pitch an Oldham player (yet another scrum half) was badly hurt.

Oldham have won at Warrington, and there have been some cracking games in the past few seasons. Goldswain, Ganley, Cracknell, Davies and Southward have been men who have caused Warrington many headaches, but when we think of Johnson, Helme, Palin, Bath and Pimblett, the Wires too have fielded brilliant men who have destroyed Oldham's hopes.

It used to be said at Oldham that the man who was usually in sparkling form at Watersheddings was Billy Dingsdale.

BIGGEST THORN

Billy was a wonderful attacker and season after season he treated the local crowd to some brilliant stuff. But the man who seems to have been the biggest thorn in the side of Oldham teams over the years has been Brian Bevan, despite what some of the real old 'uns say about Jackie Fish.

If today's game is as thrilling as those last season between the respective sides then the crowd will not be disappointed.

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Palyer	App.	T.	G.	Palyer	App.	T.	G.
Noon	11	11	9	Morgan	1		
Sims	11	2	41	Parker T	1		
Patterson	7	1		Robinson	8	2	
Holden	9	5		Nestor	7	2	
Davies	3			Bird	9	9	
Kenny	4	2	3	Smethurst	2		
Kellett	13	7		Pycroft	2		
Pitchford	13	7		Goddard, P.	1		
Payne	13						
McIntyre	12	2					
Winslade	11						
Dufty	11	3					
Rae	8	2					
Parker, D.	11	1					

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

(Up to and including Saturday last)

	Barrow	Blackpool	Huddersfield	Leigh	Liverpool	OLDHAM	Rochdale	Salford	St. Helens	Swinton	Warrington	Whitehaven	Widnes	Wigan	Workington
Barrow	....					11-5		2-34							8-12
Blackpool	....	2-23				5-20								8-33	5-22
Huddersfield	....		....									34-10			
Leigh	....			....				33-10							
Liverpool				5-9	....			11-22		4-34					
OLDHAM	40-0					....	53-9								14-12
Rochdale			0-10				....		2-14					8-28	4-14
Salford								....	7-24						
St. Helens									....			44-0			
Swinton									15-6	....				16-2	
Warrington					27-2			32-11			....	25-4		15-10	
Whitehaven			5-5						3-10	0-24					
Widnes				8-18											
Wigan		31-5			25-6	45-0				6-13					
Workington	24-10	25-5									11-2				

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