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20	Halifax	Away	7-0	26	Blackpool	Away	2-30
25	Rochdale	Away	3-0	29	Widnes	Away	2-3
28	Leigh	Home	7-0	Jan. 5	Hunslet	Home	2-30
Sept. 1	*Wigan (Lancs C.)	Away	3-0	12	Salford	Home	2-30
8	St. Helens	Away	3-0	19	Whitehaven	Away	2-30
15	Wakefield	Home	3-0	26	Warrington	Home	3-0
22	Barrow	Home	3-0	Feb. 2	Salford	Away	3-0
29	Liverpool	Away	3-0	9	R. L. Cup		
Oct. 6	Wigan	Away	3-0	16	Widnes	Home	3-0
13	Halifax	Home	3-0	23	R. L. Cup		
20	Barrow	Away	3-0	Mar. 2	Liverpool	Home	3-0
27	Keighley	Home	3-0	9	York	Away	3-0
Nov. 3	Workington	Away	3-0	16	Whitehaven	Home	3-0
7	*Australia	Home	3-0	23	Bramley	Away	3-0
10	Workington	Home	3-0	30	Wigan	Home	3-0
17	Keighley	Away	2-30	Apr. 6	Leigh	Away	3-0
24	Blackpool	Home	2-30	13			
Dec. 1	York	Home	2-30	19	Swinton	Away	3-0
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The season has now got on its way and Clubs are settling down, but not without a few surprises.

We must congratulate our team on its splendid start and especially on its away victories. We have become known as the "home wreckers" of the the League. Our team, if it keeps this form up, must come in for the final honours of the game. What an achievement to win on the grounds of Halifax, Wigan, and St. Helens, and to win thoroughly with the game being played as it should be played. What a drawing card the name of Oldham has always been. Tradition is a wonderful thing and even in lean times we have always had the pleasure of being one of the teams to be most welcome as visitors.

Our Lancashire Cup-tie win at Wigan was a thriller, and it speaks for the magnificent fighting spirit and fitness of our team when, with only three minutes to go, we appeared to be on the losing side for the first time this season, that we scored a try of the unstoppable type, which was converted, and gave us a win by two points and the right of entry into the second round. A good crowd of 28,351 spectators paid the sum of £3,245, and our share of the receipts, £1,124, was a good financial return.

Our victory of Saturday last at St. Helens was a startler to everybody, including most of all, the St. Helens players. All the journalistic world was confident of a St. Helens victory, but here some of the scribes had not seen the Oldham make-up for this season. In this game every man played his part, and we even taught the St. Helens crowd that there is another team that can run and pass with the ball. What a game this was to witness, running and passing with the ball by both teams. It gives credit to twenty-six players that there is nothing wrong with our game if played according to the book, and is a direct answer to legislators and rule interfering representatives of Clubs who are always condemning our game and putting forward their answer to brighter football.

The answer to this is round the boardroom table, by instructing managers, coaches, and players that the game is the thing that matters, and that if you play for the first team of a Club you should not be told how to play the game, you should have arrived. Club executives must insist on players putting over an attraction, how can they expect to be a crowd drawing spectacle by second and third rate showings of the game they play. Personally if I was like the man in the street paying 2/- to watch PROFESSIONAL football of any kind, I should expect to have my moneys worth, otherwise I should turn my attention to somewhere where I should get value for money.

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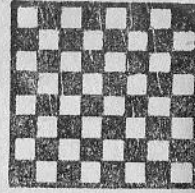
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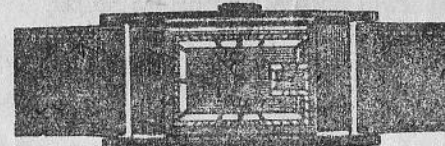


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OUR VISITORS

It is always a pleasure to welcome to Watersheddings visitors from Yorkshire, and especially Wakefield Trinity, who are infrequent visitors to our ground.

The Wakefield team has some good performances to its credit so far this season, and have beaten at home, teams of the calibre of Leeds and Huddersfield.

In F. Mortimer, the full-back, they have a first-class goalkicker, who, up to last Saturday, had kicked 27 goals in six matches. He has been chosen by the County selectors for the match against Cumberland on September 19th.

Taken allround, the Wakefield team consists of some promising material, and much will be heard of several of their players.

To-day we may expect a hard game and our team will have to be up to its usual form to record victory. May the match prove worthy of the occasion, and at the final whistle may we all say we have enjoyed ourselves.

BRIEFS

It is with regret that we have to report on the illness of that grand old stalwart of the Club, Bryn Goldswain. Bryn was taken suddenly ill with stomach trouble whilst on holiday at Aberystwyth at the home of his wife's parents. Bryn has been advised to discontinue his activities in the sporting world as a player. This is a great blow to the player and ourselves. He will be on a strict diet for a considerable time. We trust that he will not be lost to the game of Rugby League, as there is an opportunity for some Club to secure the services of a first-class coach. There is no doubt that Bryn knows the game backwards. We can trace the revival of our Club to the splendid service rendered by Bryn when playing as captain/coach. He is in the scholastic profession, and we hope he will not be long before he is back among the boys at Waterloo Secondary Modern School.

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