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25	Rochdale	Away	3-0
28	Leigh	Home	7-0
Sept. 1	*Wigan (Lancs C.)	Away	3-0
8	St. Helens	Away	3-0
15	Wakefield	Home	3-0
22	Barrow	Home	3-0
29	Liverpool	Away	3-0
Oct. 6	Wigan	Away	3-0
13	Halifax	Home	3-0
20	Barrow	Away	3-0
27	Keighley	Home	3-0
Nov. 3	Workington	Away	3-0
7	*Australia	Home	3-0
10	Workington	Home	3-0
17	Keighley	Away	2-30
24	Blackpool	Home	2-30
Dec. 1	York	Home	2-30
8	St. Helens	Home	2-30
15	Wakefield	Away	2-30

1956-57	Opponents	Venue	K.O.
22	Warrington	Away	2-30
25	Swinton	Home	2-30
26	Blackpool	Away	2-30
29	Widnes	Away	2-30
Jan. 5	Hunslet	Home	2-30
12	Salford	Home	2-30
19	Whitehaven	Away	2-30
26	Warrington	Home	3-0
Feb. 2	Salford	Away	3-0
9	R.L. Cup		
16	Widnes	Home	3-0
23	R.L. Cup		
Mar. 2	Liverpool	Home	3-0
9	York	Away	3-0
16	Whitehaven	Home	3-0
23	Bramley	Away	3-0
30	Wigan	Home	3-0
Apr. 6	Leigh	Away	3-0
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

It has actually happened—we have won one of the major trophies of the season in the Lancashire County Challenge Cup, and our team are to be congratulated in this splendid achievement.

It is unique and probably the luck of the draw that we won the cup and never appeared at Watersheddings in blazing the trail.

What a thrilling game we had in the final. Both teams were keyed up to the peak of physical condition and one had a feeling after the first twenty minutes where the cup was destined for, but the crowd of 39,000 were kept excited until the last minute, when we clinched matters with a very good try.

It would be unfair to individualise upon the play of any player, every player did his work, they played as a unit, every man helping to put all in attack, and when in defence, stoutheartedly supporting any colleague in distress. Such was the team spirit that brought success. Such was the spirit that confounded all the newspaper scribes with exception of our local paper.

It is evident that when all the world is against you, one can imagine that little extra being pulled out to prove statements that are made adverse to you, can be shown to be wrong. So was the case at Wigan on Saturday last. It may be a lucky streak that when we are tipped to be on the losing side, everything comes theopposite. We presume such is fame and always will be. To the glory that has been brought to the club by the players, all will say thanks and may your efforts be greater to pull off other cups before the season ends at Watersheddings.

The public of the town are to be congratulated upon the wonderful homecoming of the team on Saturday last, what a wonderful reception we had, and a great reception by the Mayor and Mayoress in the Town Hall.

Now that all the excitement has subsided we must settle down to make further progress in the League Competition and look forward to the blue blue ribbon of the game in the Challenge Cup and our appearance at Wembley. Is this to be our year? We hope so, and hope for the best.

OUR VISITORS

Today we have once again visitors from Yorkshire in Keighley, and we give them a welcome to Watersheddings.

The Keighley team have played eleven league matches—won five and lost six. Their team possess some very promising young players and much will be heard of them in the future as regards honours in the game.

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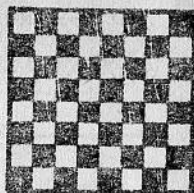
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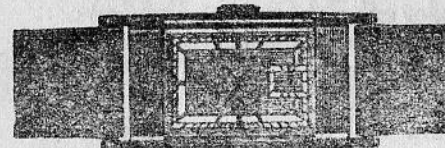
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AN INNOVATION

Mr. E. Black who has come over with the Australians as Press and Radio Commentator has given us an innovation which operates in Australian Rugby League matches. The player who scores a try carries the ball back to where the goalkicker will attempt to convert the try scored. This could be well put in operation in this country as many times one is in doubt who has scored the try, especially in a melee near the line. It would leave no doubt as to who had scored the try. Let us be bold enough to try this splendid innovation at home here.

VISIT OF THE AUSTRALIANS

The visit of the Australian Tourists will soon be here. Wednesday, 7th November is the date, and the kick-off is 3-0 p.m.

Reserved Stand tickets are now on sale to seat-holder members only until the 1st November, when they will be on sale to the other members of the Club. Price of Enclosure Seats and "E" Stand are 6s. 0d. each. Application by post and a stamped addressed envelope must be enclosed.

BRIEFS

The inscription on the Lancashire Cup states that it was instituted in the 1905-1906 season, but inscribed ON THE CUP is the first winner—Runcorn, April 1896. On the cup also is the third winner—Oldham, 1898, S. Lees, Capt. We also won the cup in the following seasons: 1901, A. Lees, Capt.; 1907, J. Ferguson, Capt.; 1910, J. Ferguson, Capt.; 1913, A. E. Anlezark, Capt.; 1924, H. Hilton, Capt.; 1933, W. T. Thomas, Capt.; 1956, F. Stirrup, Capt.

POOLS ORGANIZATION

For the Ground Improvement Scheme the Committee have decided to appoint a Pools Organization under the Small Lotteries and Gaming Act 1956. A Promoter and Organizer has been appointed.

To launch this new organization a meeting of our members and supporters will be held at King Street Street, in the Large Hall, on Thursday, November 15th, 1956, at 8-0 p.m., when we hope the Hall will be full to give this new venture a good send off by supporting it.

Other Clubs in the Rugby League are now well on the way with their Pools, and one of the best we know is the Halifax Club, who have over 15,000 members paying a shilling per week. The net revenue to the Club is averaging £400 per week, and all who visit Halifax will notice the splendid ground improvements that have and are taking place through their Ground Improvement Pools. The better success this Pool is, the more comfort will there be for our members and supporters to our ground. Please look out for future announcements regarding this coming new Pool.

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