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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	*Australa	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
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Our No. 3 defeat in the League happened at Barrow in the postponed league match from October 20th. This is a defeat which may have most serious consequences in the final result of the Lancashire League.

Having lost three matches in this section we cannot afford to have any further slip-ups with Lancashire Clubs if we are to land another trophy to accompany the Lancashire Cup.

Our journey to Barrow on Wednesday, 21st November, was one of the utmost confidence, despite our ranks being depleted by the absence of Davies, Daley, Little and Ganley, for we were certain that the substitutes would put up a good show which would make a game of the match.

We caught the Barrow team in absolute top form—in fact, their own supporters said that this was the best game they (Barrow) had played during this season. As you know, we retired on the losing side, 27 points to 11 points, in a game, that with the least of luck, we could have been much more even—as regards the score.

Without making any reflection on our substitutes I am confident that had we have had our full team in action we should have returned the victors. However, this was not to be.

Our game with Blackpool on Saturday last was an enjoyable one from our point of view. The visitors could not be expected to take the same point of view as this is the largest score that has been made against them during this season.

Although our visitors were overwhelmed they did not attempt in any way to close up the game and continued to play open football although they knew that they were no match for our ability or our speed. Let us the applaud Blackpool for trying to play the game as it should be played—theirs is the approach to the game which is sure to show dividends.

To-day we have infrequent but welcome visitors from York. York have quite a reasonable place in the League table having won nine and lost six from 15 matches.

They play the open game and it is hoped that they will include their recent capture—Denzil Webster from Castleford—reputed to have cost them £3,000

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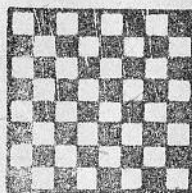
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- 3—AYRES, D.
- 4—NESTOR, V.
- 5—ETTY, J.
- 6—STIRRUP, F.—Captain
- 7—PITCHFORD, F.
- 8—JACKSON, K.
- 9—KEITH, J.
- 10—VINES, D.
- 11—LITTLE, S. D.
- 12—WINSLADE, C.
- 13—DALEY, F.

YORK

Amber and Black

- 1—HARGREAVES
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- 9—ILLINGWORTH
- 10—YORKE
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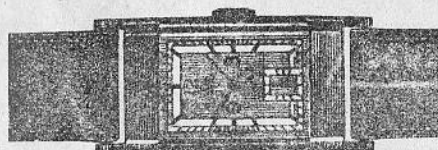
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Rugby League supporters cannot but feel uneasy at the small attendances that our game is at present attracting in the various centres where our game is played. To glance through the National Sunday papers it makes one wonder how some clubs exist on their gate receipts. They must be living on a subsidy either in the form of a Pool or on the good offices of the Supporters' Club. One may ask, why this decline in support? Has the game lost some of its attractiveness? Is the covered accommodation on some of the grounds inadequate against inclement weather? Do some teams play the type of football that is not sufficiently attractive?

All these questions can be answered round the Boardroom table. It is obvious that many of the poorer clubs could not afford to increase their covered accommodation off present gates, but the one thing that every club can do is to attempt to improve the quality of football served up to the man who pays. This is the only way to success, show the customers good football and they will come—wet or fine—to see it. Then the turnstiles will really turn and not rust away as they are doing on many grounds. Only by the presence of spectators can we expect financial success and only by attractive play can we hope to get the spectators.

We at Oldham have been wonderfully supported and the reason is quite obvious. All clubs have their lean times and their heyday but it is the prudent and successful management which must operate in all spheres of business and sport which is of a professional nature.

"A" TEAM

Our "A" Team continued its winning way at Blackpool last Saturday and won the match twelve points to two. Although the victory was not as convincing as in previous matches they were hampered by the narrowness of the Blackpool ground which reduced their moves. Nevertheless, it was victory well earned.

Our "A" team have no match to-day owing to the non-existence of the Rugby League Combination and the scarcity of Lancashire clubs with open dates and ground problems. We consider that "A" teams of all clubs should be engaged each Saturday as the first teams are. It is a retrograde step on someones part that the fixtures of "A" teams should rank secondary in importance when the fixtures are being compiled for the season.

These up and coming stars of our "A" teams train hard and it is very discouraging to find that after their efforts in training and keeping fit that they are without a match for perhaps two or three weeks in succession. There must be a remedy to correct this feeding line for our first teams.

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