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25	—Rochdale	Away	3-0
28	—Leigh	Home	7-0
Sept. 1	—Wigan (Lanes. 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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19	—Swinton	Away	3-0
20	—Hunslet	Away	3-0
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Once again victory came our way last Saturday against the redoubtable opponents, York. Although our team did not reach the high standard of play we know them to be capable of, as the game got into full swing, we knew that we had no doubts as to the ultimate result, although our opponents gave us some very anxious moments. In fact, some of their handling was very good indeed and at one period of the game they seemed to be much safer and were taking their passes much better than were some of our own players.

However, it was a victory well earned and placed us at the top of the League Table. It was good to see Bernard Ganley resume at full-back and to find that he hit the "high spots" with his goal kicking. What an asset a good goalkicker is to a team, and what an inspiration to the rest of the team to know that you have one player who can assure victory with his expert goal-kicking. Our full-back, although missing a few matches, has already kicked 83 goals this season. Can he accomplish the century of goals before the end of this year?

The attendance at last Saturday's match did not come up to expectations. The actual figure was 8,954. This is possibly accounted for by many reasons: shortage of petrol, the counter-attraction of the Athletic being at home, etc. However, to-day, we expect to see a good "crowd" at Watersheddings to see the match with St. Helens. We put to-day's match in the "needle-match" class. Both teams need to win if they are going to retain a strong interest in the Leagues (Lancashire and Northern). Neither club can afford to make many more slips and with ground advantage and the psychological advantage—we have already beaten them twice this season—we must be firm favourites, even from St. Helens point. One of the victories over to-day's opponents was the never-to-be-forgotten final of the Lancashire Cup at Central Park. There is little doubt that to-day we shall see football played as it should be by two most worthy teams. We shall have to be in top form and cannot afford any handling mistakes. Our forwards will be up against a pack renowned for their solid play and for making openings for their backs. Our pack must not only hold them, they must be on top and then there will be no doubt about the result when the final whistle is sounded.

STANDARDISATION OF PLAYER'S WAGES

The Northern Rugby Football League are seeking the opinion of the suggestion put forward for the Standardisation of Player's Wages. They suggest that a flat rate payment shall be compulsory and shall not exceed £5 per match. It shall be permissible for a club to distribute bonus to the players who have taken part in their league games. Such bonus shall not exceed 20% of the gross gate receipts accruing from League games after deduction of wages that have already been paid and shall be divided between the players pro rata per playing appearances. An acting reserve does not count as "playing appearance."

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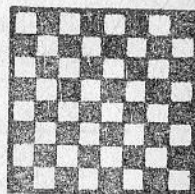
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- 4—DAVIES, A.
- 5—ETTY, J.
- 6—STIRRUP, F.—Captain
- 7—PITCHFORD, F.
- 8—JACKSON, K.
- 9—KEITH, J.
- 10—VINES, D.
- 11—LITTLE, S. D.
- 12—WINSLADE, C.
- 13—TURNER, D.

ST. HELENS

Red and White

- 1—MOSES
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- 3—FINNAN
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- 5—CARLTON
- 6—DICKINSON
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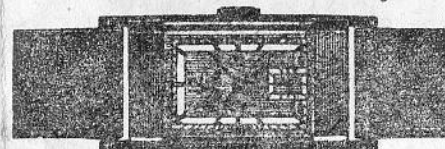
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We at Watersheddings do support some form of standardisation and are suggesting to the N.R.F.L. a minimum payment of £5 (with a maximum of £7) per match plus a bonus of 10% in place of the suggested 20%.

By the attendances at Watersheddings, our players would not be the losers by our suggestion. It is up to all players to play attractive football—scheme or no scheme—but if a scheme does come into being in which it is up to the players to attract the spectators, then they know they are partners with the owners of the club.

POOLS ORGANISATION

The Pools Organisation, which is being operated for the benefit of the Ground Improvement Scheme, has no official representation from the Oldham Football Club Committee. It is an outside organisation with a promoter and organiser, Mr. E. Dickens, 49 College Road, Oldham.

The first steps have been taken and it is expected that the pool will be in operation very shortly. They are still short of agents—they can't have too many. Have you thought of being an agent? Please send your name and address to the promoter at the above address. Every additional agent helps along the improvement of our ground.

THE FINAL TEST

May we congratulate our players; Davies, Little and Turner, upon their selection of the Third Test match against the Australians at Swinton on Saturday, December 15th, 1956, at Swinton. May they justify the selectors' confidence in them. It is a record for this club to have three players in one Test, and all three players have earned the distinction that has come their way.

On the same date we play Wakefield Trinity away, and this must be a stiff match for us with three of our star players away.

If you desire tickets for the Test match at Swinton, they are available from; The Secretary, Swinton Football Club, Station Road, Swinton, at, 15/-, 12/6, 10/6 seats in the stands; and ringside seats at 6/- (numbered).

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