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Welcome to Our Visitors from Oldham

AS league leaders and Lancashire Challenge Cup holders, Oldham make very attractive visitors at Wilderspool this afternoon. Our visitors have enjoyed an excellent season to date and after many years of narrowly missing the honours of the game, delighted their supporters by winning this season's Lancashire Challenge Cup, the first trophy to be won by the club since 1933.

Their league record to date this term is P. 19, W. 16, L. 3, points for 449, points against 202—points 32. Their three defeats have all been away from home, at Liverpool, Workington and Barrow. Today's meeting is the first between our two clubs this season; results in the previous four seasons have been:—

1952-53: Warrington 0, Oldham 28	Oldham 27, Warrington 2
1953-54: Warrington 14, Oldham 2	Oldham 7, Warrington 7
Warrington 12, Oldham 11	Oldham 4, Warrington 7
(Lancs Cup)	(R.L. Cup)
1954-55: Oldham 8, Warrington 12	Warrington 18, Oldham 4
Warrington 7, Oldham 3 (R.L. Championship)	
1955-56: Oldham 18, Warrington 3	Warrington 15, Oldham 13

Many of the Oldham players have received honours, Alan Davies, Little and Turner all representing Great Britain in this year's Test Matches against Australia, whilst scrum-half Pitchford was reserve in his position for the Great Britain side in all three Tests.

Full-back Ganley, after a period of injuries, has displayed grand form this season, being amongst the league leading goalkickers. Wingers Cracknell and Etty figure prominently in the try-scoring lists and Ayres and Stirrup complete a back division whose wealth of talent is such that Great Britain wing three-quarter O'Grady has been an onlooker for most of the season.

In addition to Little and Turner our visitors have mobile and constructive forwards in Winslade and former Welsh Rugby Union player Vines. Jackson and Keith are fine scrummagers the latter probably one of the best uncapped hookers in the game.

Altogether a very sound and purposeful side and one which should have a very big say in the destination of the season's honours.

NEXT WEEK AT WILDERSPOOL STADIUM

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THE LOTTERY As our readers will probably be aware a large number of Rugby League Clubs and Association Football Clubs are running lotteries which are now legal under the Small Lotteries and Gaming Act of 1956. These have been of great benefit to the various clubs.

It has been decided to run a similar lottery and this will be organised by the Warrington F.C. Social Club.

The weekly subscription will be 1/- and each member will be given a card which will contain his name and address and also a code number which number will be retained throughout the season. A match sheet will be distributed to each member and this will contain the names of a number of Association Football Clubs and the numbers of these clubs will be changed each week.

The prize money will be paid each week and allocated as follows:—

- 40% to the three teams with the highest number of goals
- 20% to the three teams with the second highest number of goals
- 20% to the three teams with "0" goals or nearest
- 20% to the three teams with the most goals scored against them.

A large number of voluntary agents or collectors will be required to enrol members distribute the match sheets and collect the moneys each week and we are sure there are many of our supporters who will be willing to help in this direction and the Warrington F.C. Social Club invite any persons so interested to help in the scheme to send their names and addresses to Mr L. Hockenbuhl Warrington F.C. Wilderspool Stadium, Warrington or to hand their names to any official of the club as soon as possible when full details will be sent to them.

It is proposed to run the first lottery for matches which will be played on Saturday, 19th January, and sheets for that week's matches will be ready for Friday, 11th January, when the Agents will be able to obtain same for distribution to members for the following week's matches.

The lottery is promoted by all officials of the Warrington Football Club.

WARRINGTON HOSPITALS BROADCAST SERVICE

A collection will be taken today in aid of this service. As most people will be aware, the service is of inestimable value to the many patients of the Warrington Hospitals, and your contributions today towards the upkeep and extension of the service will be very gratefully accepted by the Hospitals Broadcast Committee.

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1-Ganley

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Blue flag, Mr J. WOODWARD (St. Helens)

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HERE & THERE Commencing today we are faced with a really tough holiday programme and the results of our next six matches will almost certainly decide our Championship aspirations one way or the other. With seven matches lost to date, one more, incidentally, than for the whole of last season, almost 100 per cent success will be necessary to keep our ambitions alive, for our opponents in practically all of the immediate games are fighting to maintain positions near the head of the table. After this afternoon's game we meet Widnes (away), Leigh (home), St. Helens (home), Wigan (away), St. Helens (away) and Leeds and Barrow (home).

Throughout the years our holiday record has proved to be extremely successful. A repetition this year will be greatly welcomed.

Our congratulations to the Warrington and District Amateur Rugby League who once again will have a representative in the Rugby League Challenge Cup proper. Rylands Recreation and St Marie's (Widnes) who meet today in the sixth qualifying round are both members of the Warrington open-age league and today's winner will enter the first round proper to be played on February 9th 1957, and thus emulate the success of Latchford Albion in 1950-51, Rylands Recreation 1951-52, Orford Tannery 1952-53 and Latchford Albion 1953-54. This is a wonderful achievement by our local Amateur League and must give great satisfaction to all connected with it.

PROGRAMME PRIZE

The programme may be worth 10/- to you. Watch for the announcement of the prize-winning number on the score-board at half-time, and if yours is the lucky number take it to Mr L. Hockenhull, who will hand you a voucher, value 10/-, to be spent with any of our advertisers.

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FIRST-TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS up to and including 15th December

(Club matches only, excluding "friendlies")

	T.	G.		T.	G.
Armstrong, A.	1	-	Miller, B.	4	-
Arnold, A.	5	1	McKinney, T.	19	1
Bath, H.	20	1	Naughton, A.	14	9
Bevan, B.	16	9	Naughton, D.	4	-
Bamber, J.	1	-	Nicholls, R.	5	1
Bebe, J.	3	-	O'Toole, P.	11	2
Challinor, J.	20	6	Phillips, S.	11	-
Fraser, E.	20	3	Price, R.	9	2
Fryer, A.	5	1	Regan, M.	11	1
Garratt, W.	2	-	Robinson, A.	1	-
Gilfedder, L.	19	11	Roane, S.	1	-
Glover, R.	3	-	Ryan, R.	6	-
Glover, J.	6	-	Thompson, R.	11	6
Horton, L.	12	11	White, E.	17	2
Helme, G.	17	-	Wright, F.	7	3
Heathwood, A.	4	-	Warburton, J.	1	-

IN RETROSPECT Season 1932-33 was both a successful and disappointing
SEASON 1932-33 one for in addition to narrowly being eclipsed for the
 top-four "play-offs" we were defeated in the Rugby
 League Challenge Cup Final.

The team finished fifth in the final league table, its league record being:
 P. 38, W. 26, L. 12, points for 625, points against 426.

Warrington, however, won the Lancashire Challenge Cup beating St.
 Helens at Wigan by 10 points to 9 points. Barrow, St. Helens Recs. and Wigan
 had all been defeated in the earlier rounds.

The teams in the Lancashire Cup Final were:—**Warrington:** Holding;
 Thompson, Dingsdale, Shankland, Ray; Oster, Davies, D.M.; Miller, Bentham,
 Hardman, Jones, Evans, Seeling. **St. Helens:** Jones; Hardgrave, Butler,
 Lewis, Ellaby; Garvey, Frodsham; Arkin, Cotton, Halfpenny, Fildes, Ark-
 wright, Groves. Attendance was 28,500.

In the Rugby League Challenge Cup-ties we defeated Leigh, Batley and
 Wigan in the first three rounds. The third-round tie against Wigan was won in
 the last minute, Holding converting a try by Dai Davies with a wonderful
 kick from the touch-line to make the score 9—7. St. Helens were defeated at

TRIPS BY TRAIN - Christmas Day, 25th December
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Swinton in the semi-final by 11 points to 5, and we qualified to meet Hudders-
 field in our first Wembley Final. Although we lost 21-17 a wonderful reception
 was afforded the team on their return to Warrington.

The teams in the final were:—**Warrington:** Holding; Thompson, Dings-
 dale, Shankland, Blinkhorn; Oster, Davies; Hardman, Bentham, Miller,
 Smith, Evans, Seeling. **Huddersfield:** Scourfield; Mills, Brogden, Bowkett,
 Markham; Richards, Adams; Sherwood, Halliday, Banks, Tiffany, Brindle.
 The attendance was 59,312.

International honours were won by Dingsdale, Miller, Shankland and Ray
 during the season, and County honours by Dingsdale, Jones (W.), Smith,
 Hardman and Holding.

W. Holding was again the first team's leading points scorer with 125 goals
 and 2 tries, 256 points. S. Ray scored 33 tries, W. Dingsdale 25, T. Thompson
 26, and W. Shankland 16.

Mr T. F. Barber, a former President of the club, died at the age of 58.

The Warrington Committee in 1932-33 was: President, A. M. Crowe, J.P.
 and J. S. Tilling, J. Canon Bardsley, E. Gibson, J. W. Harmer, P. Mather,
 J. Oddy, P. L. Rigby, W. Roberts and P. F. Ward. S. Jones was Hon. Treasurer
 and R. F. Anderton Hon. Secretary. A profit of £220 was made for the year.

In the final league table, Salford, Swinton, York and Wigan were the top
 four clubs and Salford beat Swinton in the final of the League Championship.
 The bottom four clubs were Batley, Featherstone, Wigan Highfield and
 Bramley.

Few new signings were made during the season, Bob Smith, a second-row
 forward from Leeds, being the only one of note.

A benefit match was played for Frank Williams and Frank Mason, the net
 proceeds realising £179. 5s. 1d.

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1st TEAM FIXTURES

FOR SEASON 1956-57

Date	Opponents	Ground	Result
Aug. 11	Wigan ("Wardonia" Cup) ...	home	15 16
	18—Whitehaven ...	home	16 8
	22—Salford (7.0 p.m.) ...	away	12 11
	25—Liverpool City ...	away	34 13
	29—Halifax (6.30 p.m.) ...	home	14 17
Sept. 1	Rochdale H. (Lancs Cup, 1st rd.) ...	home	31 8
	5—Featherstone R. ...	away	17 13
	6—ALBI (France), Friendly, k.o. 6.30	home	35 5
	8—Blackpool Borough ...	home	25 21
	13—Barrow (Lancs Cup, 2nd round) ...	home	5 2
	15—Leeds ...	away	9 32
	20—St. Helens (Lancs Cup, Semi-final)	home	9 17
	22—Salford ...	home	11 15
	29—Hull ...	away	14 38
Oct. 6	Huddersfield ...	home	20 7
	13—Bradford Northern ...	away	16 11
	20—Blackpool Borough ...	away	5 18
	27—AUSTRALIA ...	home	21 17
Nov. 3	Swinton ...	away	6 14
	10—Rochdale H. ...	home	11 10
	17—Barrow ...	away	3 19
	24—Workington Town ...	home	28 5
Dec. 1	Rochdale H. ...	away	13 7
	8—Swinton ...	home	34 14
	22—Oldham ...	home	12 2
	25—Widnes ...	away	.....
	26—Leigh ...	home	.....
	29—St. Helens ...	home	.....
1957			
Jan. 1	Wigan ...	away	.....
	5—St. Helens ...	away	.....
	12—Leeds ...	home	.....
	19—Barrow ...	home	.....
	26—Oldham ...	away	.....
Feb. 2	Workington Town ...	away	.....
	9—R.L. Challenge Cup (1st round) ...	.....	.....
	16—Featherstone R. ...	home	.....
	23—R.L. Challenge Cup (2nd round) ...	.....	.....
Mar. 2	Whitehaven ...	away	.....
	9—Halifax ...	away	.....
	16—Liverpool City ...	home	.....
	30—Hull ...	home	.....
April 6	Bradford Northern ...	home	.....
	13—Huddersfield ...	away	.....
	19—Widnes ...	home	.....
	20—Wigan ...	home	.....
	22—Leigh ...	away	.....

TIMES OF KICK-OFF

November 16th to January 22nd ...	2.30 p.m.
January 23rd to end of season ...	3.00 p.m.

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