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We realise the size of the task before us, but the magnitude of it will make us strive still the harder in order to win the laurels of victory. It brings a reminder that in the second round of the Lancashire Cup, on a Tuesday evening last September, they defeated us by three goals and a try to nil in a bright and entertaining contest witnessed by 14,000 spectators, with gate receipts of £1,316. The teams on that occasion were—

Salford—Smith; Walker, Cheshire, Hanley, Dodd; Jones, Keavney; Ayles, Boardman, Alder, Duffy, Fieldhouse and Parr.

Oldham—Ganley; Cracknell, Ayres, Davies, Eddy; Stirrup, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Vines, Little, Winslade and Turner.

Although only 4½ months have elapsed, our team has undergone numerous changes, as it must if progress is to be made; but Oldham, on their part, have found no necessity to make any alterations—a circumstance which speaks for itself.

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Alan Davies, Derek Turner and Sid Little contributed to Great Britain's triumph over the Australians in the Tests, and the last two named were concerned in the recent defeat of France.

At Watersheddings last month, after a well contested game, Oldham were returned the victors 17—3, and this was their 13th win in 23 post-war matches, as the following record shows:—

1945-46.	Away.	Lost	2-1-7	2-2-10
	Home.	Lost	1-2-8	5-5-25
1946-47.	Home.	Lost	1-1-5	1-4-14
	Away.	Lost	0-2-6	2-4-16
1947-48.	Away.	Lost	0-0-0	4-6-26
	Home.	Won	3-1-9	0-0-0
1948-49.	Home.	Won	4-4-20	3-1-9
	Away.	Draw	1-0-2	1-0-2
1949-50.	Home.	Won	1-3-11	1-0-2
	Away.	Won	1-2-8	1-1-5

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1950-51.	Away.	Lost	2-2-10	2-4-16
	Home.	Won	3-2-12	3-1-9
1951-52.	Home.	Lost	1-1-5	5-3-19
	Away.	Draw	3-1-9	3-1-9
1952-53.	Away.	Lost	0-1-3	7-6-32
	Home.	Lost	2-0-4	1-2-8
1953-54.	Home.	Draw	4-1-11	4-1-11
	Away.	Draw	1-0-2	1-0-2
1954-55.	Home.	Won	4-1-11	1-0-2
	Away.	Lost	0-0-0	3-7-27
1955-56.	Home.	Lost	0-0-0	6-4-24
	Away.	Lost	1-4-14	3-7-27
1956-57.	Away.	Lost	0-1-3	4-3-17

The Collection taken on January 19th for the John Goodyear Benefit Fund amounted to £31/10/3, and the Collection for Windsor Institute in aid of Christmas Treats amounted to £23/12/0.

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SUGGESTED NEW CONSTITUTION.

On behalf of the directors, Mr. J. C. Hammond has addressed the following letter to the Rugby League—

With reference to your letter of the 9th instant, the directors of this club have given the matter their careful consideration and would offer the following recommendations:—

(1) That the Rugby League Council (supreme governing body) should come within the scope of gentlemen not associated with any Club, and should comprise no less than nine and not more than eleven persons.

(The present constitution of the Council is 35 persons, including representatives of Amateur organisations).

(2) The administration of the game should be controlled by members representing the Lancashire, Yorkshire and Cumberland clubs. This, in effect, supports the continuation, as at present, of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Committees, since the game is played only within these areas. These Committees have close liaison with the Schools and Amateur organisations, which are the foundation of our game in particular.

(The present constitution of the Lancashire County Committee is eighteen members, plus the Hon. Secretary. The same constitution applies to Yorkshire, and both include Amateur representatives).

(3) That all Sub-Committees would comprise members from the Administration, to be elected annually, each having two Council members, sitting ex-officio.

(4) The formulae as at present rules the Football Association could offer a medium for consideration should these proposals be entertained.

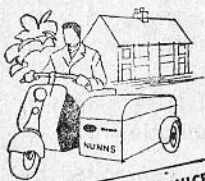
This Club feels that a constitution, based on principles as outlined, or improved upon, will offer benefits which will show economies and greater efficiency in the well-being of our game.

LANGWORTHY'S FRENCH TOUR.

Players of our local junior club, Langworthy, have arranged a French tour at Easter, and are probably the first junior club ever to undertake a week's visit to Brittany at their own expense. They are to play four matches—at Nantes (April 20), at Rennes (April 22), at St. Nazaire (April 21), and at Dinard (April 27).



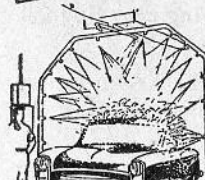
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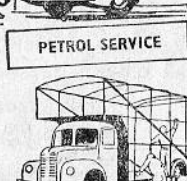
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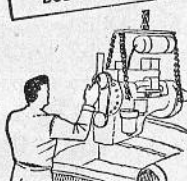
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	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Oldham	26	22	0	4	549	241	44
Barrow	28	21	0	7	512	370	42
Hull	25	19	1	5	495	310	39
Leeds	24	18	0	6	494	274	36
Halifax	26	18	0	8	415	317	36
St. Helens	24	16	2	6	632	321	34
Wigan	23	17	0	6	471	224	34
Hunslet	24	17	0	7	441	273	34
Huddersfield	24	16	0	8	443	321	32
Featherstone	26	15	0	11	462	317	30
Workington	28	15	0	13	363	383	30
Whitehaven	26	14	1	11	448	411	29
Warrington	25	13	1	11	346	426	27
York	25	13	0	12	354	336	26
Swinton	23	13	0	10	361	324	26
Leigh	24	12	1	11	452	352	25
Wakefield T.	25	12	1	12	479	391	25
Rochdale H.	25	12	0	13	325	410	24
Salford	25	11	1	13	329	353	23
Keighley	26	10	1	15	316	379	21
Bramley	27	9	2	16	390	464	20
Hull K.R.	27	9	2	16	289	418	20
Blackpool B.	27	10	0	17	335	609	20
Bradford N.	21	9	0	12	277	371	18
Widnes	24	9	0	15	267	361	18
Castleford	27	6	1	20	317	551	13
Batley	26	5	0	21	285	521	10
Liverpool C.	24	4	1	19	321	532	9
Dewsbury	25	3	1	21	257	510	7
Doncaster	26	2	0	24	215	572	4

BEFORE & AFTER THE MATCH

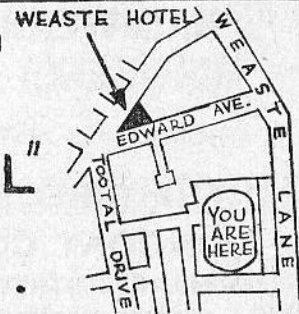
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FLASHBACK TO 1930-31.

(From newspaper cuttings of that time)

Salford have made a notable capture by the addition of Emlyn Jenkins, the Cardiff half-back. Mr. Lance Todd made the journey to Cardiff and was able to notify his directors that he had secured the services of a player whom he has had under observation for some time. Jenkins was selected to play in the Welsh R.U. Trial at Swansea, but instead he will assist Salford against Dewsbury at Weaste. Jenkins, who has been reserve for Wales and is an ex-schoolboy international, can play either in the scrum-half or stand off half positions.

Following up their policy of strengthening their back division, Salford have signed on Ivor Rees, a centre three-quarter of the Treorchy R.U. Club. Previous to joining Treorchy, Rees played with Penyraig and proved a prolific scorer with both clubs. He

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Since Claude Davey, the Welsh International centre, came to Manchester and joined Sale, to subsequently play for Lancashire, he has been constantly pressed to throw in his lot with the Rugby League game. "I should like to make it quite clear" said Davey, "that I do not propose to forsake the amateur game. Everyone I meet seems to know more about my intentions than I do myself and I have been repeatedly told that I have joined Salford."

G. H. Fisher, the Sedgehill and Northumberland County R.U. centre three-quarter, has been signed by Salford and will definitely play against Leigh at Weaste on Saturday.

E. J. Plant, a right wing three-quarter from West Hartlepool, has been signed on after two trials. He has been playing under the name of "Newman".

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NEXT WEEK'S CUP-TIE.

The drawn game with Hull Kingston Rovers last Saturday disclosed nothing of tactical value to either side, but it raised our hopes of at least being able to repeat the performance.

Only twice before have we been drawn against the Rovers. In 1901 they beat us 0-4 in a first round tie. In 1946 we forced a draw at Craven Park (0-0) in a second round tie and won the replay at Weaste by 4 goals 10 tries (38 pts) to 2 tries (6 pts).

An interesting point is that the Rovers that season had beaten Langworthy Juniors by 32-7 on the aggregate in a two-legged first round tie, so that as far as Salford were concerned revenge was sweet.

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SALFORD PLAYERS' RECORDS

(Up to and including January 26th, 1957)

	Played	Goals	Tries	Points
JONES, G.	15	—	8	24
WALKER, R.	26	7	4	26
CHESHIRE, J.	25	—	4	12
FARRINGTON, J.	5	—	—	—
BAINES, A.	4	—	3	9
BURGESS	1	—	—	—
AYLES, E.	21	—	3	9
HEMMINGS	4	—	—	—
MOSES, D.	18	—	1	3
HANCOCK, J.	7	2	—	4
DUFFY, J.	26	—	4	12
PARR, J.	8	—	1	3
DODD, F.	12	—	3	9
GREGORY, A.	23	—	—	—
KEAVNEY, B.	27	44	8	122
ALDER, F.	8	—	2	6
BOARDMAN, F.	24	—	1	3
STODDART, R.	9	—	1	3
FIELDHOUSE, D.	8	—	1	3
SMITH, F.	11	24	1	51
HANLEY, B.	3	—	—	—
LOMAS, J.	5	—	1	3
CAUDWELL, P.	3	—	—	—
BRERETON, P.	1	—	—	—
PREECE, R.	17	2	6	22
DIGNUM, J.	10	—	1	3
COUNCIL, H.	15	—	2	6
HUGHES, B.	2	—	—	—
HARTLEY, B.	13	—	4	12
CHADDERTON, J.	9	—	5	15
GARLICK, T.	3	—	1	3

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES.

It gives us very great pleasure to be hosts today to our most welcome visitors from the Watersheddings. There can be no doubt that this Oldham side is the best in the League today, in spite of what the Australians may have thought about St. Helens and what Barrow may be thinking this week. What does amaze us is the fact that Oldham can show nothing more than one Lancashire Cup as tangible evidence of their superior play in post-war Rugby. Maybe this year they will alter all this and make a clean sweep of the trophies—they even now seem assured of a place in the top four play-off.

Another pleasant factor of the Oldham visit is the return to the Willows of those two former favourites, Stirrup and Rodgers, although we must admit that we always consider it a mixed blessing to see former Salford players starring in opposing teams.

According to all the Press reports, last week's Test Match against France produced a feast of glorious Rugby but again failed to pull in the crowds, as there were less than 20,000 at Headingley. Something will have to be done about this, and done quickly. Across in Dublin on the same day the amateurs from France attracted a crowd of over 40,000 for their Rugby Union game with Ireland, and from the reading the match was nowhere as entertaining as the game at Headingley. We feel sure that the answer lies in Mr. Fallowfield and the rest of the Rugby League Council's failure to utilise the tremendous potentialities of television to attract the missing millions. What television has done for athletics, show jumping, and even dancing, it can do for Rugby League. The Union officials are wise to it and allow ample coverage of the major games, and it is certainly paying dividends. There has been a re-birth of Rugby, especially in the schools, and it is about time the Rugby League Council woke up to the fact and started cashing in on this.

It is only when we start attracting the youngsters to our code that we can be sure that our game will expand and flourish, and then maybe there will not be the necessity for Mr. Risman to scour the country looking for the talent necessary to make the Reds again the power they were in the years before the war. He was out again scouting two weeks ago in South Wales.

Before we close this week we would like to extend to the team our best wishes for their success next Saturday in the first round Cup game at Hull. We feel sure that they can go one better than last Saturday's draw there, and they can rest assured that they will not be wanting for support. We have had quite a few bookings already for the journey and we know we shall be well represented. We ourselves are looking forward to the second round draw and hoping for a home game!

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	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Barrow	21	16	0	5	385	275	32
Oldham	19	15	0	4	393	163	30
Halifax	19	14	0	5	338	227	28
St. Helens	18	13	2	3	503	140	28
Wigan	18	14	0	4	385	166	28
Warrington	19	10	1	8	263	283	21
Workington	19	10	0	9	217	240	20
Whitehaven	17	8	1	8	251	258	17
Leigh	16	7	1	8	281	226	15
Swinton	15	7	0	8	210	221	14
Rochdale H.	17	5	0	12	183	321	10
Salford	18	5	0	13	180	295	10
Blackpool B.	20	4	0	16	211	511	8
Widnes	16	2	0	14	117	311	4
Liverpool C.	16	1	1	14	129	402	3

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Fixture List and Results

FIRST TEAM

		Result:
	F.	A.
1956		
Aug. 11—Swinton	H.	4 15
(Red Rose Cup)		
18—Dewsbury	A.	13 2
22—Warrington ...	H.	11 12
25—Blackpool B. ...	H.	9 12
29—St. Helens	A.	0 40
Sept. 1—Workington ...	H.	17 9
(Lancs. Cup)		
8—Castleford	H.	22 15
11—Oldham (L.C.2) ..	H.	0 31
15—Halifax	A.	13 41
22—Warrington ...	A.	15 11
29—Dewsbury	H.	25 5
Oct. 6—Workington ...	A.	4 7
13—St. Helens	H.	11 27
20—Barrow	A.	5 30
27—Hull K.R.	H.	34 7
Nov. 3—Liverpool C. ...	A.	19 6
10—Halifax	H.	5 6
17—Batley	A.	29 23
24—Barrow	H.	9 8
Dec. 1—Widnes	A.	7 17
8—Doncaster	H.	22 2
25—Wigan	A.	10 13
26—Rochdale H. ...	H.	P.
29—Leigh	H.	32 8
1957		
Jan. 1—Swinton	H.	7 16
5—Leigh	A.	7 19
12—Oldham	A.	3 17
19—Workington ...	H.	13 5
26—Hull K.R.	A.	4 4
Feb. 2—Oldham	H.	
9—R.L. Cup, 1st Rd.		
16—Rochdale H. ...	A.	
23—R.L. Cup, 2nd Rd.		
Mar. 2—Castleford	A.	
9—Batley	H.	
16—Widnes	H.	
23—Whitehaven ...	H.	
30—Doncaster	A.	
April 6—Whitehaven ...	A.	
13—Liverpool C. ...	H.	
19—Blackpool B. ...	A.	
20—Swinton	A.	
22—Wigan	H.	

"A" TEAM

		Result:
	F.	A.
1956		
Aug. 18—Blackpool B. ...	H.	20 2
25—Blackpool B. ...	A.	38 4
30—Widnes	A.	2 21
(L.C.S.C.)		
Sept. 1—		
8—Workington ...	A.	33 12
15—Swinton	H.	27 13
22—Warrington ...	H.	49 5
29—		
Oct. 6—Workington ...	H.	41 16
13—St. Helens	A.	11 21
20—		
27—Swinton	A.	41 6
Nov. 3—Liverpool C. ...	H.	30 7
10—Swinton	A.	17 13
(Friendly)		
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24—Barrow	A.	19 30
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9—		
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23—		
Mar. 2—		
9—Warrington ...	A.	
16—Widnes	A.	
23—Whitehaven ...	A.	
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(Friendly)		
April 6—Whitehaven ...	H.	
13—Liverpool C. ...	A.	
19—		
20—		
22—Wigan	A.	

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