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| Aug. 11 | *Rochdale         | Home  | 3-0  |
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| 20      | Halifax           | Away  | 7-0  |
| 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       | *Australi         | 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  |
| 13      |            |       |      |
| 19      | Swinton    | Away  | 3-0  |
| 20      | Hunslet    | Away  | 3-0  |
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**OLDHAM v. WIDNES**

#### WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

We are still blazing the trail and every week brings us nearer our ambition and every week brings the tension more severe—not that our players are affected by nerves, but all our opponents make that extra effort to beat us. We like this spirit, it makes a game worth seeing, and gives one something to talk about. What a delight it must be for teams to beat us, and what a delight it must be for some clubs to have us as visitors.

Since our last match at Watersheddings, on 26th January, we have had complete victories at Salford and Workington. At Workington, in the first round of the Challenge Cup we anticipated a stiff match but we expected to come away the victors by a narrow margin. What a wonderful following we had by our supporters to this outpost of Rugby League, and what a splendid reception they gave our team. It is estimated that about 4,000 people travelled and they most certainly gave vent to their voices. I can assure you that this vocal support was of great encouragement to our team. It was a match played in cup-tie spirit, there is no doubt that hard knocks were taken and given—which, of course, one can reasonably expect in a match of this nature. However, our players were happy and contented at the conclusion of the game, even after licking their wounds and aching limbs.

The second round of the Challenge Cup will be played on Saturday, 23rd February, and consistent with our usual luck(?) we are again drawn away—at Leigh this time. The referee will be Mr. M. Coates of Pudsey, kick-off 3-0 p.m.

The last time we played at home in a cup-tie was 11th February, 1956—over a year ago—it was the first round of the Challenge Cup against Dewsbury. It has been our misfortune—one sports writer called it "luck"—to be drawn away from home ever since. Remember! we played all our Lancashire Cup ties away from home and we won the Cup. Can this be a happy omen? A win at Leigh will put us well along the "Wembley Road." There is only one more round before the semi-finals. So, let us march on to victory.

#### OUR VISITORS

It is always a pleasure to welcome to Watersheddings our friends from Widnes—a village club in comparison to some of the big clubs in the game.

Widnes hold a very proud distinction—they have appeared at Wembley on four occasions, and have returned victorious twice. What a wonderful and inspiring record for any team. Do not forget, some teams have yet to visit the famous Mecca of football—we are one of them.

Widnes is a club with a "personality." Whoever visits them are assured of the warmest of welcomes from the officials, players and supporters, and one cannot help to reciprocate such friendship—both on and off the field.

Although this season they have not enjoyed the success anticipated—their record to date being played 25, won 10, lost 15; 279 points for and 365 points against—they are essentially "open football" players. We may expect some stiff opposition and a deal of good tackling. However, we hope that the match will provide the entertainment that both teams on the field this day are capable of, and so ensuring the customers full value for money.

See note re Widnes in the Pools note elsewhere in this programme.

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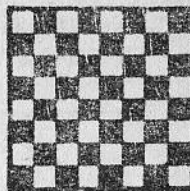
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- 2—CRACKNELL, R.
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- 4—AYRES, D.
- 5—ETTY, J.
- 6—DALEY, F.
- 7—STIRRUP, F. (Capt.)
- 8—TOMLINSON, A.
- 9—KEITH, J.
- 10—LITTLE, S. D.
- 11—WINSLADE, C.
- 12—ROGERS, J.
- 13—TURNER, D.

### WIDNES

(Black and White)

- 1—SALE
- 2—RATCLIFFE
- 3—BROOME
- 4—DAWSON
- 5—OWEN
- 6—CHARLES
- 7—BUTLER
- 8—SMITH, T.
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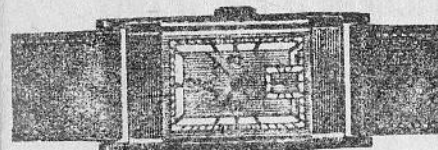
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## OUT DISTRICT SUPPORTERS

We have an interesting letter from one of our supporters—Mr. A. Ogilvie, 1 Barn Grove, Audenshaw; Telephone, Denton 3362—regarding the notes in our last programme in reference to the two young ladies from Guide Bridge.

Mr. Ogilvie is desirous of contacting supporters in his area with a view to organising a coach party for home and away matches. Now you good supporters from Ashton, Stalybridge, Dukinfield, etc. What about it? Contact Mr. Ogilvie and be assured in travelling to and from your Saturday football in comfort!

Thank you Mr. Ogilvie!—Editor.

## THE (NOT SO NEW) POOL

The Pool is now growing into something like the forecast we made of it in these columns a few weeks ago. We are now in the fourth week and we have already distributed over £250 in prize money. The pool is doing fine but like team, like pool—there must be no slacking off. While you were at Workington last week the Pools Committee were working out the necessary operations for last Saturday's first prize winner—£67-11-0 for Mr. Platt.

It's an old saying: "It could have been you." Yes, and how true this is, but, and from simple arithmetic, it's a BIG BUT, it could have been about any one in four of you. Now we think these odds are too big, you see, unless you join the pool, you haven't a Chinaman's—apologise to our oriental friends—chance of winning it. What about it you supporters, agents and members are urgently wanted!!!

Under the heading "Our Visitors," you were asked to read these notes. The Pools Committee would express their sincere thanks to the Widnes Club Officials for the most kind assistance and useful information placed at their disposal on a recent visit to Widnes. Whilst this is the kind of helpful and friendly co-operation one has come to automatically expect from Widnes, thank you just the same.

Now a word about their efforts in the direction of pool promotion. The Widnes Club with only a handful of spectators were faced with the problem of either getting some cash or getting out of Rugby League. These handful—but what a handful—of spectators and the Officials rallied round and started a pool. This was last September, and, in face of great opposition, they made a brilliant effort of it. Now, or at least, three weeks ago, it was £500 strong!

Well done Widnes! You are a credit to the R.L. and to yourselves!!!

## SOME FACTS AND FIGURES

| Lancashire League |    |    |   |   |     |     |    | Lancashire Combination |    |    |   |   |     |     |    |
|-------------------|----|----|---|---|-----|-----|----|------------------------|----|----|---|---|-----|-----|----|
|                   | P  | W  | L | D | F   | A   | P  |                        | P  | W  | L | D | F   | A   | P  |
| Oldham .....      | 20 | 16 | 4 | 0 | 420 | 166 | 32 | St. Helens ...         | 20 | 18 | 2 | 0 | 543 | 215 | 36 |
| Barrow .....      | 21 | 16 | 5 | 0 | 385 | 275 | 32 | Salford .....          | 18 | 14 | 4 | 0 | 443 | 171 | 28 |
| St. Helens ...    | 19 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 526 | 148 | 30 | Wigan .....            | 20 | 13 | 7 | 0 | 402 | 254 | 26 |
| Wigan .....       | 19 | 15 | 4 | 0 | 407 | 169 | 30 | Oldham .....           | 18 | 11 | 7 | 0 | 397 | 241 | 22 |
| Halifax ...       | 20 | 14 | 6 | 0 | 338 | 245 | 28 | Leigh .....            | 17 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 320 | 223 | 21 |
| Work'ton ...      | 20 | 11 | 9 | 0 | 228 | 247 | 22 | Barrow .....           | 19 | 9  | 8 | 2 | 377 | 295 | 20 |
| War'ton ...       | 20 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 270 | 294 | 21 | War'ton .....          | 18 | 10 | 8 | 0 | 353 | 307 | 20 |

The above tables are up-to-date and only includes to top seven clubs in each league. The total number of matches in the Lancs. League is 28. Of our remaining 8, 6 are at home.

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