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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	2-20

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
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16	Widnes	Home	3-0
23	R.L. Cup		
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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

The Inquest !

Last Saturday must have been the most disappointing day of the season for our members and supporters. There is no Wembley this year for our team. What a tragedy after our brilliant displays so far this season and what a humiliation we experienced at the hands of our opponents, Leigh. When all was set fair for the thrill of the year for our members and supporters we floundered in a manner that surprised even the players themselves.

To begin with, the condition of the playing area could not have been more adverse for our style of play, but we must agree it was the same for our opponents, but we were unable to adapt ourselves to the almost impossible playing conditions. We had our chances in the first half, the difficulties of handling the ball under such bad conditions meant that these chances went astray and all we got was a mud—slutch would perhaps be a better word—bath.

The second half was one of continual pressure by Leigh. It is a long time since our team was kept on the defensive for such a period. We could not get away from our line and as time went on our team suffered from tiredness and cold, and we made an ungraceful exit from this years trip to Wembley, to make way for a team which on the day's play was much superior.

How this Wembley appearance does elude us year after year is the most disappointing part of our make-up. Each year brings an optimistic note that this is our year, but somehow it has not to be. Even with a team as good as ours—we must remember that we are at the top of the league and that our spectators, both at home and away, have been treated to some feasts of good football week in and week out—must have a little bit of luck in the draw and in the actual match itself. This year we were defeated in a match that even the most optimistic of our opponents would not have dared to forecast. We made the journey to Leigh with the absolute confidence that the result was literally "in the bag," and our record pointed to this, especially with the Lancashire Cup tie victory earlier in the season.

The remaining honours of the season are the Championship Cup and the Lancashire League Cup. Both these will require strenuous effort but we can look forward to that effort being made. To take three of the four main honours in a season is no mean feat, and the particular two which we are still interested in are only brought home with **consistent** good play, not a flash in the pan for one or two particular matches.

Of course, nothing can compensate us for our exit from the Challenge Cup and the thrill of our team appearing at Wembley. Let us hope, however, that next year we may possibly be there. As we have said, it is not always the best teams that appear at Wembley. Unfortunately, many fall by the wayside, as we have done this time.

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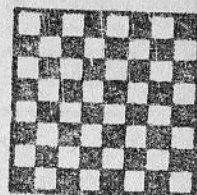
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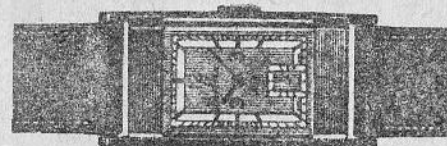
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OUR VISITORS

To-day, we extend a warm welcome to Liverpool City, a special welcome in fact, because Liverpool are one of the four teams who have lowered our colours this season—having defeated us at Liverpool on 29th September last, by 16 points to 8 points—this may ultimately prove to have been a very costly loss because it materially, and seriously, affects our Lancashire league position.

To-day sees our teams minus three stars who are at the present time flying to France. We wish Little and Turner a successful match and that Davies, who is acting as reserve, enjoys the rest and the beautiful South of France.

No doubt Liverpool will be all out for the double and to be the first team to beat us at Watersheddings since December 25th, 1955—you know, that's quite a long time. There is no doubt that our team must be at top level to see that this does not happen. There is no doubt that our players must still feel a little in the "dumps" after last weeks set-back, but when all is said and done, it's happened before, it will happen again, so we must forget it and "press on" to for what is left, and to-day's match is part of the general scheme of things, so we can expect the sparkling football that we know our team is capable of. May to-day's game prove this and that it will turn out up to our usual standard of past league games and that the final whistle will give us the victory and assure us of an ample revenge for the sensational defeat last September.

BRIEFS

What has gone wrong at Doncaster? All clubs have been circularized that they are prepared to take offers for any of their players. What a set-back it would be if another young club of the Rugby League disappears from the game. It is amazing how some clubs carry on and it is certain to say that the majority are not paying their way on the "gates" they are commanding. Subsidies from Pools and Supporters' Clubs are keeping a large number of clubs alive. We have an official deputation watching the Doncaster players in action to-day.

GROUND CONDITIONS

The majority of grounds in the Rugby League are now looking in bad shape owing to the wet weather we have experienced during the past few months. Some are better than others, but we must admit that our playing area has never been so bad for some considerable time.

A ground is an important tool in the football trade, and if we have the team, then we must have the playing area equal to the team—first-class.

It is the intention of the Committee to renew the area between the two twenty-fives and ten yards in from touch. Complete removal of the old soil, clinkers, etc., re-drain and replace new clinkers, soil and re-turf. We are sure that this is the only cure for the heavy conditions which we are at present having to cope with. It will be a rush job but it will be completed in time for our trial match next season.

SPECIAL POOL'S NOTICE

A General Meeting of all Agents will be held in the Pavilion, Watersheddings next Tuesday at 7-30 p.m. This meeting is vital to anyone who has the interest of the Club at heart. Even if you are not an Agent, we will be pleased to see you if you are in any way interested.

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