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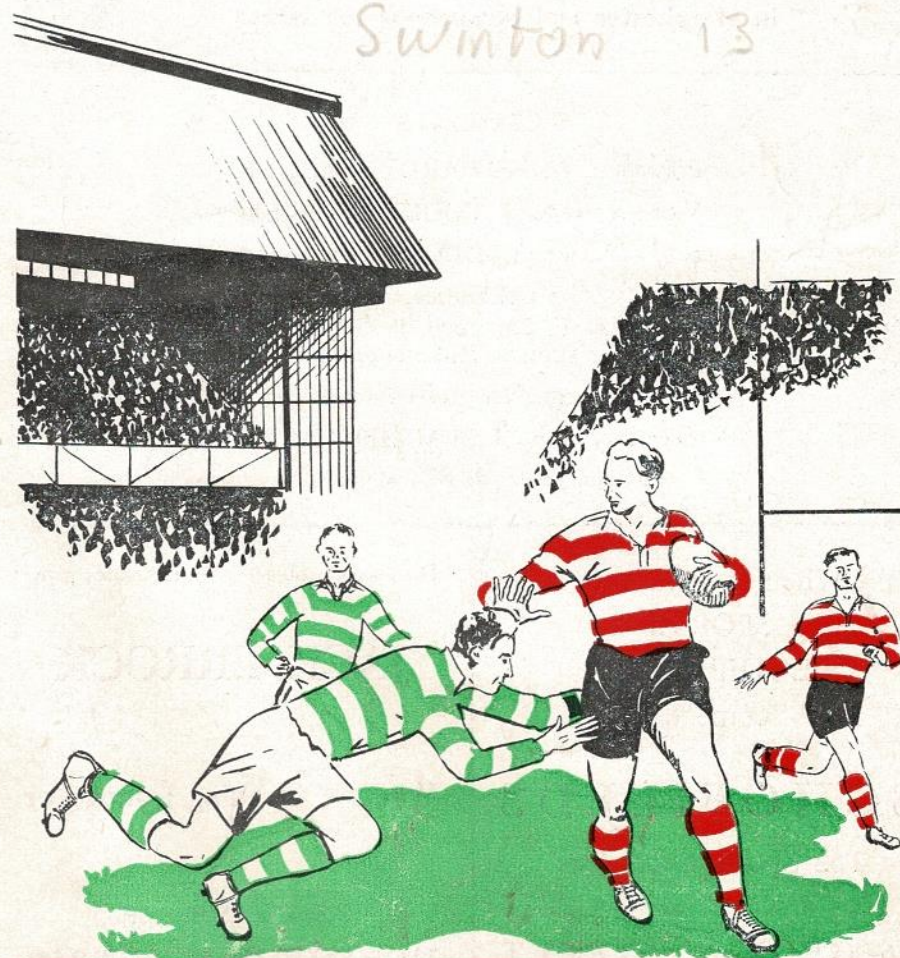
Fixtures for the Season

1955-57	Opponents	Venue	K.O.
Aug. 11	*Rochdale	Home	3-0
18	Bramley	Home	3-0
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
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19	Swinton	Away	3-0
20	Hunslet	Away	3-0
22	Rochdale	Home	3-0

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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

We are still riding high and dry at the head of the Rugby League table, and the manner our team are playing it appears that we shall stay there, so good luck to our boys in their efforts.

Our latest victory—and may we say a great victory—was recorded at Leigh on Saturday, 6th April, when we won 40 pts. to 13 pts., and, in the words of many, thus avenged our defeat in the R.L. Challenge Cup. We cannot altogether agree with this since nothing can avenge that unexpected defeat on a day when conditions were bad for both sides. However, the past is past and whether remembrance or regret, it is the future that now counts.

The season is approaching the close and we can say that we have had a wonderful time from a football point of view. Our team has given of its best, we have had our "off-days"—but who hasn't—we have treated the members and spectators to some glorious football, and our visits to other grounds has been one of great welcome, and whether we have won or lost on away grounds, the name of Oldham still stands high in the estimation of all.

We have had the honour of winning the Lancashire Senior Cup. We were, as previously stated, dismissed from the Challenge Cup when all was set for it to be our Wembley year, and now within our grasp is the Lancashire Championship and the Rugby League Championship.

The way our boys are playing, and a little luck in freedom from injuries, we feel sure that we can sweep what remains of the deck and end up this most glorious season of 1956-57 with three cups out of a possible four.

ENTERTAINMENT DUTY

At long last the Entertainment Duty has been removed from all sport. For many years, facts and figures have been produced to Members of Parliament, and also to the Government, for the removal of this unfair tax on Rugby League clubs.

This tax was first levied in the first World War—to be exact, on April 19th 1916—as a temporary tax, but it has been on ever since. We speak for the Rugby League and state that many clubs are in hopeless financial difficulties at the present time, but now they will have a chance to recoup some of their losses and attempt to put their houses in order. The tax has long outlived its purpose and usefulness and is abolished after May 4th, 1957.

One of the great advantages that will result from its abolition will be seen in the Rugby League Levy Fund. All clubs pay to this Fund 15% of the gate receipts—after deducting Entertainment Tax. Next season, this will mean that 15% of the gross gate receipts.

The Levy Fund is a form a 'gate sharing,' the whole of the money received by the League—less Referee and Touch Judge fees, which are paid in the first place by the Rugby League; and the Insurance premium for the cover of all players against injury and consequent loss of work—is equally divided amongst

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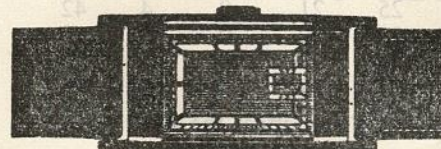
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Next season, the Levy Fund should be in a healthy state and should be a great financial assistance to clubs who are not attracting reasonable sized attendances.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

This season, for the first time since the war, the League Championship Final will be played on the ground of a Rugby League club.

It will be played at **Odsal Stadium, Bradford, on Saturday, 18th May.**

The highest ever attendance was in 1949, when 75,194 people saw Huddersfield beat Warrington on Manchester City's ground.

This year the record can be easily broken.

LEAGUE SEMI-FINALS

All matches affecting the Top Four positions must be played on or before Wednesday, April 24th. The semi-finals must be played on or before May 6th. If clubs cannot agree mutually on a date then they will have to play on Wednesday, May 1st, or Thursday, May 2nd—depending on the local half-day of the home club.

BRIEFS

Congratulations to Sid. Little, Derek Turner and Alan Davies, on their selection for the Great Britain team to visit Australia. Each player has earned his selection, in fact, we have several other players who would grace the World Cup team—possibly their turn will come later.

The latest addition to our playing strength is a local boy named Terry Ogden, a second row forward, aged 17 years, 6ft. 1½in. and weighing 12 st. 7lb.

Terry has had successful trials with our "A" team and we predict a good future for this youth. If he lives up to the reputation of our previous Ogden—Harry—we shall be well satisfied.

LEADING POSITIONS OF THE LANCASHIRE LEAGUE

Below you will find the position of the top four clubs of the Lancashire League, up to and including Saturday, 6th April, 1957.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Oldham	25	21	0	4	42
Barrow	25	19	0	6	38
St. Helens	23	17	2	4	36
Wigan	23	18	0	5	36

The matches to be played by these clubs which will effect the position in the league are as follows :

Oldham—Swinton, home and away. Rochdale, home.

Barrow—St. Helens, Halifax and Whitehaven, home.

St. Helens—Swinton and Blackpool home

Barrow, Wigan and Workington, away.

Wigan—Widnes, Warrington and Salford, away.

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