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No 13

F. BESWICK.

A LIVE WIRE, (they make wire at Warrington) got 2 tries last Saturday, one a real beauty, can play anywhere, a most useful man on any team. No 13, but, no relation to the unlucky No.

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E. H. NAY.

GOOD FRIDAY · APRIL 2nd 1926 ·

A Red Letter day in Swinton Rugby Football, given a fine day. To-day we should have a record crowd. Last Good Friday, against the same team, we had a record crowd, over 18,000 spectators, to-day we should see this record broken. For in addition to the usual interest in this match, an additional spice is provided both clubs being left in the final for the Rugby League Cup. Oldham won it last year after waiting 26 years, and as we won it in 1900, it is just 26 years — since we had our names engraved on it. Well, most of you will agree with me that Oldham's example is a good one to copy. So — well, we had perhaps better "Wait and See". Anyhow we welcome Oldham to-day, they play a good open game, and do it well, we are always pleased to see them and at one time, specially pleased. For many years we have — entertained them on Good Friday, and for years we were — waiting of the "Oldham Gate" to meet a lot of outstanding a/cs. But fortunately things are better nowadays and we still welcome them, but happily the reason is not such a mercenary one as formerly. We hope to see a great game played as it should be, for "The Games the Thing that Matters" and the result to the team that carries it?

Some dates not included on our Fixture List.

APRIL 14th Batley away — APRIL 17th Hull K Rovers home — APRIL 24th Semi-Finals, (Top Four) League — May 1st Final Challenge Cup (We are already booked for this date, and are hoping to receive invitations for the others). May 8th Final League Championship.

Last Saturday Halsall was on the top of his form, both in attack and defence he was excellent. His kicking into touch was the work of an artist, everybody will agree that good defensive kicking into touch is a necessary equipment of every team. It must not be inferred that the counter attack is negligible, there is no more valuable weapon than a counter attack, especially when your opponents least expect it, but there are times when a team can only defend, and when good defensive kicking is the right — and only tactics to employ. — Bryn & Billo when they were bothered by offside opponents, put in some clever short punts, a difficult manoeuvre to execute, for much of the punting now-a-days is aimless and ill directed which discounts almost entirely any of its good points. An occasional short punt is effective when the $\frac{3}{4}$ line of the opposition is lying close to your own $\frac{3}{4}$ line (and this is every match nowadays). It helps to drive them back. Accuracy is necessary — essential — otherwise the short punt is useless. Well ours were cleverly done and the kicker often got up in time to gather the ball or the man.

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Hull forwards last Saturday intended to make things warm for our lads and at first they were quite successful as they got possession of the ball the first ten scrimmages. After the first quarter of an hour there was only one team in it and that team was the boys in Navy Blue jerseys. In the second half we took possession of the pack and our backs were well served with the ball. Bob Taylor was often in the picture but the picture didnt last very long, although there were plenty of reels. Master Millar Strong switched the current off and when he wanted assistance, Well! Billo was somewhere handy.

Hull players and Directors took the result very nicely and complimented our team on their well earned victory and went as far as Hull Kingston R's in wishing us success in the Final.

Some of us last Saturday nearing Brighthouse remember a Special journey in a Special train (one engine, one guards van costing 30/- and Bob Valentine was worth it.



Several Gentlemen from Hull attired in the latest fashioned Black & white striped costumes looked quite pleased when Bob Taylor made for the line.

— And the same gentlemen when Taylor met Mr Strong



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