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OLDHAM v. WIDNES

Saturday, Sept. 30th, 1933.

LANCASHIRE CUP—1st Round.

Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

CLUB CHAT.

Well Placed. At the end of the first month's engagements we can fairly claim to be well placed in the League championship table. Out of our five games played—three home and two away—we have won four and lost one. In attack there are only seven clubs who have scored more points than we have done, and of those seven clubs, five of them have played two more games. In defence we are even better placed for we have only conceded 41 points; a defence which is, up to date, the best in the league. True, St. Helens Recs have only had 25 points scored against them, but they have only played three league games. But for that debacle at St. Helens a fortnight ago when we had 25 points recorded against us we should have had a really fine record indeed. Considering the bad luck we have had in the matter of injuries to players, we repeat that we are very well pleased with the position we at present occupy in the League table. We are well placed.

The County Game. We are afraid that our followers who were present at the Lancashire v. Yorkshire match on Monday evening at our ground, were by no means enthusiastic over the fare which was served up. The play never once reached the level of a good club game, and it must have been very disheartening to those gentlemen who have the difficult task of finding an English team to beat the Colonials next Saturday at Belle Vue. Perhaps the conditions were somewhat against the players giving of their best after all the fine weather we have experienced; but still the ground was in splendid condition. There are a

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FIXTURES 1933-34.

1st TEAM FIXTURES						"A" TEAM FIXTURES					
Date	Opponents	T	F	A		Date	Opponents	T	F	A	
1933-34						1933-34					
Aug. 26	Broughton R'g'rs...	H	3-30	31	0	Sept. 2	Rochdale Hornets A	H	3-30	19	7
Sept. 2	Rochdale Hornets...	A		15	6	16	St. Helens "A"...	H	3-30	23	7
9	Australians...	H	3-30	6	33	23	Leeds "A"...	A		5	23
16	St. Helens...	A		8	25	Oct. 7	Swinton "A"...	A			
18	St. Helens...	H	6-15	16	3	14	Salford "A"...	H	3-30		
23	Leeds...	H	3-30	24	7	21	Bright'n R'ng'rs 'A'...	A			
25	Lancs. v. Yorks...		5-45	12	15	28	Warrington "A"...	H	3-0		
30	Widnes					Nov. 4	Widnes "A"...	A			
	(1st Rd Lancs. Cup)	H	3-30			11	Barrow "A"...	H	3-0		
Oct. 3	Rochdale H. (I.C.)	A	6-0			18	Salford "A"...	A			
7	Hunslet...	H	3-30			25	Leigh "A"...	H	2-45		
14	Salford...	A				Dec. 9	Wakefield "A"...	H	2-30		
21	Keighley...	H	3-0			16	Barrow "A"...	A			
28	Warrington...	A				23	Lond. Highfield 'A'...	H	2-30		
Nov. 4	Widnes...	H	3-0			26	Broughton R'g'rs 'A'...	H	2-30		
11	Barrow...	A				30	Wigan "A"...	H	2-30		
18	Salford...	H	2-45			Jan. 6	Warrington "A"...	A			
25	Leigh...	A				13	Leigh "A"...	A			
Dec. 2	Batley...	H	2-45			20	Leeds "A"...	H	2-45		
9	Wakefield...	A				27	Lond. Highfield 'A'...	A			
16	Barrow...	H	2-30			Feb. 3	York "A"...	H	3-0		
20	London Highfield...	A				18	St. Helens "A"...	A			
	(1st ednesday)	A				Mar. 3	Widnes "A"...	H	3-30		
25	Swinton (Xmas Dy)	H	2-30			10	Wakefield "A"...	A			
26	Hull Kingston R...					17	St. Helens Recs. 'A'...	H	3-30		
	Boxing Day	A				24	Wigan "A"...	A			
30	Wigan...	A				31	Swinton "A"...	H	3-30		
Jan. 1	Hull Kingston R...	H	2-30			April 2	St. Helens Recs. 'A'...	A			
6	Warrington...	H	2-30			7	Rochdale Hornets A	A			
13	Leigh...	H	2-45			14	York "A"...	A			
20	Batley...	A									
27	London Highfield...	H	3-0								
Feb. 3	Hunslet...	A									
10	Challenge Cup 1 rd.										
17	Keighley...	A									
24	Halifax...	H	3-30								
Mar. 3	Widnes...	A									
10	Wakefield...	H	3-30								
17	St. Helens Recs...	A									
24	Wigan...	H	3-30								
30	Swinton (G.F.)	A									
31	Halifax...	A									
April 2	St. Helens Recs...	H	3-30								
3	Leeds...	A									
7	Rochdale Hornets	H	3-30								
14											
11	Broughton Rangers A										

great number of good judges of the game who fancy that England's chance of success will largely depend on a heavy ground with plenty of moisture knocking about when they meet the Ausies, but if Monday's form was any criterion in that respect then that is a very slender thread upon which to base such hopes. Perhaps had the two teams turned up as selected things might have been different; but there is no disguising the fact that the spectators were terribly disappointed, with the fare served up, and a good many indulged in a deal of "grousing" after the game. We may be allowed to congratulate Bardsley, our young centre-threequarters, in obtaining a place in the Lancashire team; but he, like the rest, only gave a moderate display. Perhaps he was a trifle nervous. His defence was all right, but he was frequently at fault in taking his passes. He appeared to have his eye too much on the man, and too little on the ball.

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The Old Mr. "Dicky" Thomas who is interesting himself in bringing **Brigade**, together the old players and officials who were connected with the club thirty-three or four years ago, wishes us to state that there will be a reunion at our headquarters—the Friendship Hotel, next Tuesday evening week, the 10th of October, at 7-30. It is to be hoped that as many as possible of the players and officials who were connected with the club round about 1900-1904 will put in an appearance. There are a good many still knocking about, and although their professions or trades may vary, no doubt at such a reunion a lot of them will assume the role of "yarn" agents. Anyhow, if they come, they will have a chance.

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	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Points.
Widnes	6	4	1	1	88	58	9
Oldham	5	4	0	1	94	41	8

Four seasons ago we met them in the Rugby League Challenge Cup, in the first round and beat them after an exciting game, and after they had enjoyed the lead for some time. That was the season after Widnes had surprised the football world by defeating St. Helens at Wembley in the final tie and carried off the Cup. For to-day's game we have only made one change from the team which so decisively beat Leeds last Saturday, and that is brought about by the inclusion of Jack Stephens as centre-threequarter in place of Whitworth. All our followers will be delighted to see Stephens again in harness, and pleased to learn that he has now fully recovered from his illness which kept him out of the team at the back end of last season. It has required very careful nursing to bring about such a wonderful recovery. We say wonderful, because it was thought at one time that Jack's playing days were ended. However, medical skill, rest and careful nursing has again enabled him to return

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to the scene of his many triumphs, and no doubt he will receive a great welcome from to-day's crowd. May his return be signalled with a fine victory; but both he and his colleagues will have to go all out if that is achieved.

Other Last Saturday St. Helens Rees and Warrington brought forward Cup Ties. their first round duel at the Rees ground, and Warrington (the cup holders) were knocked out by five points to three. Broughton Rangers have a bye. The following are the other contests to be played this afternoon:—

Wigan v. Barrow.

Swinton v. Leigh.

Rochdale Hornets v. London Highfield.

St. Helens v. Salford.

The half-time scores in all the above matches will be shown on our score board immediately they are received. The second round in the competition will be played during the week ending October 21st; the semi-finals during week ending November 4th; and the final on Saturday, November 18th.

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