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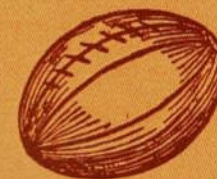
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Though our Programme in connection with this afternoon's return engagement with Oldham makes reference to quite a number of interesting and highly important items of recent date, it is unfortunate that, since our last home victory over Bramley, we have to record two successive League defeats away from home. Thus, a reference to our present day position in the table makes very bad reading indeed. What else can be expected when from the 23 matches played our premier side has won 8 only, with a drawn game, making a sum total of 17 points. Of the other Yorkshire Clubs only Hull Kingston, Featherstone and Bramley are below us.

Because of the undoubted uplift experienced this season in many other Yorkshire centres, i.e. Hunslet, Bradford N., Wakefield and in the Heavy Woollen District, this Fartown slump has been brought into still greater prominence. Locally, and much farther afield, people have long been enquiring 'What's wrong at Fartown'? The question might well be asked when we recollect that of the five home

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engagements fulfilled since the Australian match at Fartown on November 20th last, four of these were lost in a row, with Bramley affording the one victory to us three weeks ago.

To become more searching still, it is to be recorded that of our last 8 League games played since Nov. 20th, only two have been won.

Serious injuries to players at one part or another of the season, and loss of form on the part of others have been contributory factors in our premier team's lack of success on the field. At the same time it has been evident for some time that certain team positions needed strengthening. To the best of our ability and available financial resources we have recently devoted much attention in this latter direction. Further than this, our readers will be aware that within the last few days, a special 'coach' has been appointed, and for some weeks to come our players will work under his instructions during the Tuesday and Thursday evenings' practices. Mr. George Rees, of Leeds (an old Rugby League player himself), is the coach referred to, and in the re-arrangement of duties for the time being we

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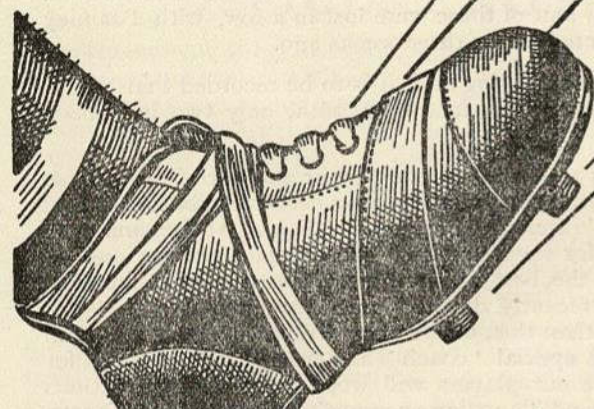
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Thus, with the introduction of new blood in the team and the additional coaching referred to, we are hoping to see a speedy improvement in our playing record, with a good run in the Cup ties a very necessary and stimulating tonic. We have instructed all our recognised first team players to be on the ground at 6.30 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in order that Mr. Rees may carry out his ideas with a full assembly of players. The response to our instruction has been very satisfactory so far, though, of course, where working hours and travelling makes full compliance difficult we are making due allowance.

And now we will take up the thread of events since our last issue, dealing first with the Bramley match at Fartown. With three defeats in a row, prior to our entertaining the Barley Mow team, the prospect of gaining a couple of League points on this occasion was

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not quite the foregone conclusion that we have known it be in seasons past. At the same time the result was never really in doubt, and in the end we won quite comfortably by 30 points to 3. Unfortunately the match was marred by a nasty accident to Fiddes, who sustained an injury to his right cheek bone, together with slight concussion. He had to be removed to the Infirmary later. It is only during the last few days that he has felt himself ready for commencing training. We hope we shall see him back in the team if not for to-day's match, at anyrate for the Cup-tie a week hence.

Next item comes in a reference to our good fortune in the draw for the 1st round of the Rugby League Challenge Cup. In our Programme for the Bramley match we gave particulars of how we had fared in previous first round draws over a period of years. That we had come out well in the matter of ground advantage was shown in the records touched upon. Now, we have again cause for satisfaction, in that next Saturday's first round ties has found us with ground advantage, and with Broughton Rangers (as in season 1935-6) as our visitors.

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The 1st round draw has decreed several outstanding clashes, making for the exit of many fancied sides, at the first hurdle. Leeds v. Wigan, Halifax v. Warrington and Salford v. Hull, are three ties of exceptional interest. The second round is to be played on March 12th, with the Final at Wembley on Saturday, May 7th.

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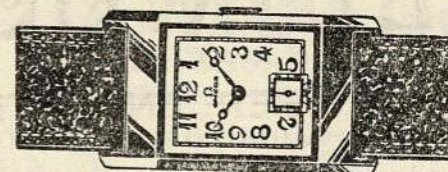
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happened in our case with the securing of W. J. Taylor, from the Northampton R.U. Club, and Friend Taylor, from the Higginshaw (Nr. Oldham) Rugby League Club. Both players have recently turned out in the Fartown colours, and both, in this short space of time, have appeared (separately, of course) in our 1st and 2nd teams. Friend Taylor turned out first with our Reserves at Castleford, then with the premier team at Hull, while last week-end he again assisted our Reserves in the Oldham match at Fartown.

W. J. Taylor made his debut with our Reserves against Hull, at Fartown, a fortnight ago, while last week-end he was on duty with our 1st team at Oldham.

Friend Taylor is 22 years of age, stands 5ft. 9in., and weighs just over 11 stones. That he is a goal kicker of distinct ability has already been revealed. He kicked 3 grand goals at Castleford, while last week-end he went one better with four to his credit. Singularly, and unfortunately too, not one opportunity for opening his account with the first team came his way at Hull.

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W. J. Taylor, our other full back recruit, from Northampton, is 27 years of age, stands 5ft. 9in., and weighs 11 stones stripped. He has gained many County honours in the East Midlands County side, while his play with his Club, Northampton, has been consistently good. Taylor can kick well with either leg, is a safe fielder and catcher of the ball, while his fine turn of speed should make him what some folk say a Rugby League full back should be, i.e. "an extra centre-threequarter."

His form in the Reserve team match against Hull and his clever play with the first team at Oldham, have confirmed the earlier good impression formed of Taylor when representatives of the Football Committee had him under observation ere his signature was secured.

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And now we supplement the foregoing comments with a hearty welcome to Friend Taylor, W. J. Taylor and 'Bob' Cattlin on their becoming playing members of our club. Here's wishing them a long

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15 Bradford Northern	23	16	6	1	33
6 Castleford	24	16	7	1	33
3 Leeds	25	15	8	2	32
2 Warrington	23	15	7	1	31
9 Barrow	20	15	7	0	30
1 Salford	23	15	8	0	30
8 Wakefield Trinity	23	13	7	3	29
13 Oldham	24	14	9	1	29
20 Widnes	25	14	10	1	29
7 Hull	23	13	8	2	28
16 Swinton	24	13	9	2	28
4 Liverpool Stanley	23	13	9	1	27
5 Wigan	22	13	9	0	26
14 Halifax	23	12	10	1	25
22 St. Helens	23	11	9	3	25
18 Keighley	23	12	10	1	25
23 York	24	11	10	3	25
24 Batley	24	11	11	2	24
25 Dewsbury	24	10	13	1	21
10 St. Helens Rec	23	9	14	0	18
17 Broughton Rangers	21	8	12	1	17
11 HUDDERSFIELD	23	8	14	1	17
21 Rochdale Hornets	22	7	14	1	15
27 Leigh	22	6	14	2	14
19 Hull K. R.	23	6	16	1	13
29 Featherstone Rov.	24	4	19	1	9
28 Newcastle	22	0	19	3	3
26 Bramley	24	0	22	2	2

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Up to and including Sat., Feb. 5	P	W	L	D	Pts
2 Castleford	17	13	4	0	26
5 Hunslet	18	11	5	2	24
3 Wakefield Trinity	16	10	3	3	23
7 Bradford North'n.	16	11	4	1	23
1 Leeds	18	10	6	2	32
4 Hull	16	10	5	1	21
10 York	19	10	8	1	21
8 Keighley	18	9	9	0	18
11 Batley	18	8	9	1	17
6 HUDDERSFIELD	17	7	9	1	15
12 Dewsbury	16	6	9	1	13
9 Hull Kingston Rov.	17	5	10	0	10
14 Featherstone R.	13	2	13	0	4
13 Bramley	18	0	15	1	1

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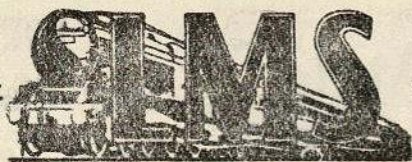
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As already mentioned, since the Bramley match at Fartown our premier team has made two away journeys, to Hull and Oldham respectively, and, while putting up a good fight on each occasion, defeat has been our portion at the close.

We had a much weakened back division on duty at the Boulevard. Pepperell and Fiddes were on the injured list (Mountain has been so long absent through injury that one almost forgets to refer to him), while Johnson and Madden were at Odsal, the former playing and the latter reserve, in the Wales v. England International, and so Lockwood partnered Bailey in the centre, and we had McDonald on the wing. To make matters worse, Bailey and Whitehead came into violent collision a little before half-time and it was while the two were still feeling 'groggy' that Hull came along with a try that still further unsettled us. Taking everything into account, an 11 clear points defeat was not as bad a drubbing as some of our followers were prepared for.

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Last week-end at Oldham, we lost by 13 points to 8. Here again, injuries during the game reduced our chances of success. In addition to Cattlin, Shaw, Royal and Aspinall were in the wars. We had Madden in the centre, and he played a storming game. In giving our Oldham friends credit for the smart way in which their three tries were scored, we think they will agree that our first try was a gem. Taylor and Madden made the running, and Markham finished off the movement in great style. Oldham had us beaten in superior work in the open by their forwards, while Tom Rees' accurate touch finding was a great asset. Our second try was scored by Madden, and Sherwood kicked the goal, but this success came too late to deprive Oldham of a well won victory.

It was a fine sporting encounter on the whole, and we deeply regret that Grahame was guilty of an offence which led to his dismissal from the field. We hope to-day's return match will take place under as favourable weather conditions as at Watersheddings a week ago.

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FOR THE FOOTBALL COMMITTEE,
F.B.H.

Second team jottings held over for the Broughton Programme a week hence.

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PEPPERELL	...	...	5	4	GRONOW, G.	...	...	2	...
FIDDES	...	...	7	44	RHOADES	...	...	3	...
SHERWOOD	...	...	...	7	HOWDEN	...	...	1	...
ROYAL	...	...	2	...	SWALLOW	...	...	3	7
MACDONALD	...	...	4	...	THORNETT	...	...	1	...
MADDEN	...	...	20	...	GRAY	...	...	1	...
MARKHAM	...	...	18	...	HOPKINS	...	...	2	...
WHITEHEAD	...	...	1	...	SCOURFIELD	...	...	1	...
LANGFORD	...	...	1	...	HANDY	...	...	2	...
SWALLOW	...	...	2	3	HALSTEAD	...	...	1	...
SHAW	...	...	1	...	LOCKWOOD	...	...	...	1
JOHNSON	...	...	5	...	SIMPSON	...	...	1	...
ASPINALL	...	...	2	1	SENIOR	...	...	1	...
GRONOW, K.	...	...	1	...	PEPPERELL	...	...	...	1
GRAHAME	...	...	1	1	TAYLOR, F.	...	...	...	7
BAILEY	...	...	1	...					

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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES.

RUGBY LEAGUE.

Date	Opponents	Gr'nd	Time	For	Ag't
1937 21	*HALIFAX(CharityCp)	home	12	9	
Aug. 28	Leeds ..	away	3-30	7	17
Sept. 1	wed] Castleford.	home	"	26	11
4	Hull ..	home	6-30	12	8
11	*Featherstone 1st rd YC	home	3-30	32	16
18	Batley ..	home	"	10	7
25	Wigan ..	away	"	5	12
27	*HULL 2 Rd Yks Cup	home	5-15	13	6
Oct. 2	Salford ..	away	3-30	8	38
9	Wigan ..	home	"	13	8
11	*DEWSBURY S-F YksC	home	"	6	2
16	Featherstone Rov.	away	"	23	15
23	Bradford N ..	home	3-0	12	14
30	LEEDS Fnl Yks Cup	wkfd	"	8	14
Nov. 3	Batley ..	away	"	0	15
6	Hull K.R. ..	home	"	15	8
13	Bradford N ..	away	2-45	13	13
20	*Australians ..	home	"	17	7
27	Hunslet ..	away	"	8	12
Dec. 4	York ..	home	"	13	20
18	Hull K.R. ..	away	2-30	21	5
18	*AUSTRALIANS 3rd Test	Ftwn	"	3	13
C.D. 23	Halifax ..	home	"	16	19
Mon. 27	Halifax ..	away	"	12	11
1938 1	Dewsbury ..	home	2-30	8	16
Jan. 8	Hunslet ..	home	2-45	9	19
15	Castleford ..	away	"	0	6
22	Bramley ..	home	"	30	3
29	Hull ..	away	3-0	0	11
Feb. 5	Oldham ..	away	3-30	8	13
12	Oldham ..	home	"	"	"
19	*R.L. Cup, 1st Rnd.	"	"	"	"
26	Featherstone ..	home	"	"	"
Mar. 5	Dewsbury ..	away	"	"	"
12	St. Helens Rec.	home	"	"	"
19	Keighley ..	away	"	"	"
26	Salford ..	home	"	"	"
Apl. 2	Bramley ..	away	"	"	"
9	Leeds ..	home	"	"	"
G.F. 15	St. Helens Rec.	away	"	"	"
16	York ..	away	"	"	"
E.M. 18	Wakefield ..	home	"	"	"
E.T. 19	"	"	"	"	"
23	Keighley ..	home	"	"	"
30	"	"	"	"	"
May 7	*R.L. Cup Final	Wbly	"	"	"
	Wakefield ..	away	"	"	"

* ALL PAY.

"A" TEAM FIXTURES.

Date	Opponents	Gr'nd	Time	For	Ag't
1937					
Aug. 28	†Leeds ..	home	3-30	0	17
Sept. 4	†Hull ..	away	"	4	17
11	†Rochdale ..	away	"	0	5
18	†Halifax ..	away	"	7	12
25	*Wigan ..	home	"	23	16
Oct. 2	*Salford ..	home	"	9	37
9	*Wigan ..	away	"	10	24
16	*York ..	home	"	5	19
23	†Bradford N ..	away	3-0	3	26
30	†Hull K.R. ..	home	"	0	0
Nov. 6	†Hull K.R. ..	away	"	7	14
13	†Bradford N ..	home	"	10	8
20	†Warrington ..	away	2-45	5	31
27	†Hunslet ..	home	"	19	8
Dec. 4	†York ..	away	"	7	12
18					
C.D. 25					
1938					
Jan. 1	†Hunslet ..	away	2-45	3	8
8	†Castleford ..	home	"	5	2
15	†Castleford ..	away	"	6	34
22	†Hull ..	home	3-0	2	5
29	†Oldham ..	home	3-30	11	8
Feb. 5	†Oldham ..	away	"	"	"
12	†Rochdale ..	home	"	"	"
19	†Wakefield ..	away	"	"	"
26	†Halifax ..	home	"	"	"
Mar. 5	†Warrington ..	home	"	"	"
12	†Salford ..	away	"	"	"
19	†Barrow ..	home	"	"	"
Apl. 2	†Leeds ..	away	"	"	"
9					
G.F. 15	†Barrow ..	away	3-0	"	"
16	†Wakefield ..	home	"	"	"
E.M. 18					

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