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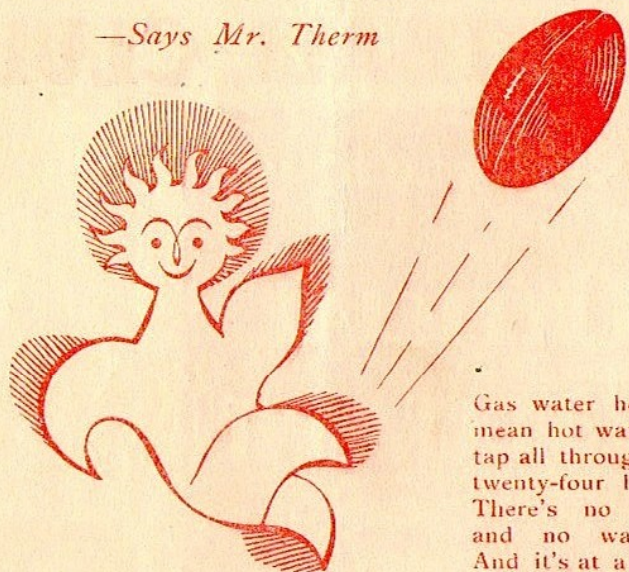
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RUGBY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

OLDHAM v. DEWSBURY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th, 1946.

KICK-OFF 3-30 P.M.

CLUB CHAT

We now know our fate in The Lancashire Senior Cup for this season at any rate and went down to worthy foes on Tuesday last to Wigan at Watersheddings. We did, however, go down fighting, and our team had the worst of the bad knocks.

It was an unfortunate accident to our stalwart full-back, W. Griffiths, that we were compelled to play a man short for just over half the game. Up to the time of our full-back's retirement, one can safely say that it was anybody's game and then weight of numbers told as the game proceeded and we retired honourable losers.

This injury to W. Griffiths will put him out of the game for at least a fortnight and a very much missed man he will be, however, these things do happen and we shall make the best of it.

In the league game against Wigan last Saturday we were really unfortunate to be beaten by the margin of 12 points to six, five points of our opponents being scored in the last minute of the game, and even with a little luck on our side we might have come out on the right side, but we can take our defeats in the right spirit and look forward for another run of victories commencing with a win to-day over our visitors, Dewsbury.

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The Dewsbury team this season are having a successful time but we had the honour of inflicting their first league defeat at Dewsbury on September 28th.

THE LANCASHIRE CUP FINAL The clubs now to play in this final are Wigan and Belle Vue Rangers and the venue will be at Swinton on Saturday, October 26th, 1946.

This will mean that our first team will have a blank Saturday, as on the above date we were due to play Belle Vue Rangers at Belle Vue and which will now have to be played in mid-week. This rest will probably give our players a chance to recover from the hard knocks they have received during the last few weeks.

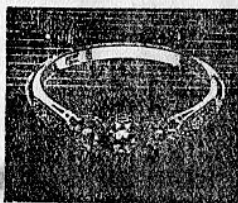
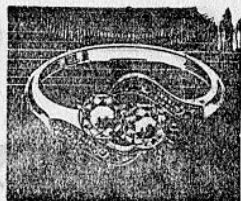
"A" TEAM MATTERS Our "A" team created a surprise by winning at Wigan on Saturday last by twenty-five points to six against a strong Wigan "A" team. Of course, we had a vastly different "A" team out from our previous games this season and included such experienced players as Ray Smith, C. Sutcliffe, J. King, F. Wilkinson, and W. J. Moore. It is a wise policy to mix experienced players with the younger and inexperienced members of a team; they also have a better chance of proving their inclusion in the side.

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12—PHILLIPS, D. V.
8—OGDEN, H. 9—BROOKS, E. 10—PARR, W.
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14—HOLT, J.
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WINES AND SPIRITS

To-day, our "A" team are playing Dewsbury "A" at Dewsbury in a friendly game, and the Dewsbury club hope to return the fixture at a date to be arranged later.

TUESDAY'S ATTENDANCE The official attendance of the cup game on Tuesday last against Wigan was 15,328 paying for admission, and the receipts being £1506 3s. 6d. Entertainment Tax takes £285 11s. 9d. and, of course, our friends from Wigan require half share of the residue after match expenses and 10% to the Lancashire County Pool.

OUT FOR TALENT One hears of clubs who are making a frantic search for players to improve their teams, and we hear of two club officials travelling over six hundred miles during last week-end and returning empty handed.

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Every club is eager to make a good bargain and few can afford to make a bad one, but that is all in the game, and luck sometimes plays a funny part in these transactions.

Although our full-back, W. Griffiths, had a serious head injury last Tuesday, Bill, who is one of the humorous members of our team created a little laughter amongst his colleagues, after our Hon. Doctor had put the sewing machine on him for six stitches and covered his head with bandages. Bill asked a certain player how he looked, although still in pain, he was assured the bandages were alright and secure, he replied in disgust. "it's not my head, is my 'ruddy' tie straight."

Bill, who is as hard as "nails," took his injury and the repair work, as we knew he would, without a squeal.

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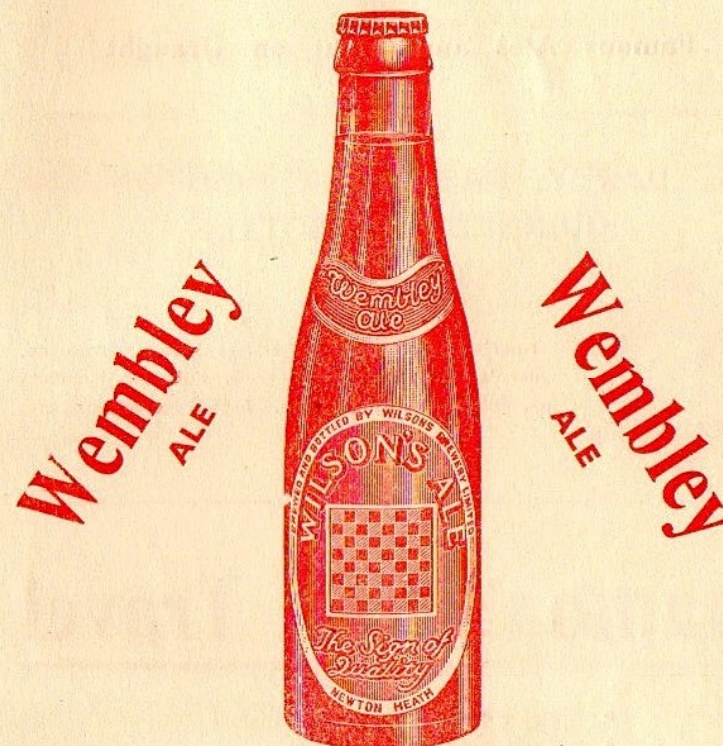
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