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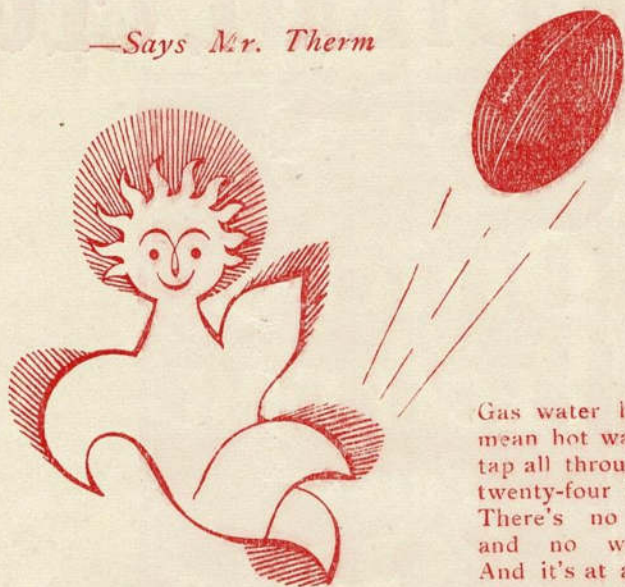
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 18th, 1947.

KICK-OFF 2-45 P.M.

CLUB CHAT

After two hard matches away from home with the result of one won and one lost we return to Watersheddings to entertain Workington Town.

Our away match at Halifax on Jan. 4th was a very good win considering the constitution of our team in which we had to call upon reserves to complete the team owing to injuries and County match calls, but the players put all into the match and the substitutes came through the game with great credit. Our match at Widnes last Saturday which was lost by a try to nil, came as a great disappointment to our team and the great numbers of our supporters who made the journey.

We were unfortunate in losing the services of our captain, Harris, after ten minutes play and it was an uphill task for twelve players. In fact, a draw would have represented the run of the play, and had we kept our full complement on we think we should have returned victorious, but we had the bad luck that was going, and we take our defeat in the right spirit.

To-day, we again play Workington Town and this will be our fourth game against them this season; we have won the previous three, one at Watersheddings and two at Workington, and have high hopes of making the fourth victory with to-day's match.

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THE CHALLENGE CUP The result of the draw puts us to play Belle Vue Rangers, home and away, on Feb. 8th and Feb. 15th. Feb. 8th will be the match at Watersheddings and Feb. 15th at Belle Vue.

These two matches will be real needle games and each team is full of confidence that they are capable of entering round two. The Rangers' team consists of some real good players of international standing and will, no doubt, include Doug. Phillips, our ex player.

We are expecting to have the "gate" of the season, so please make a note of the date, Feb. 8th, at Watersheddings, kick-off 3-30 p.m.

REGARDING PLAYERS So Doug. Phillips has left this club and has been fixed up with Belle Vue Rangers; the transfer received by this club is a record for any player transferred, and is a record for any forward transferred in the Rugby League.

Our new wing who turns out for the club to-day for the first time is Selwyn Evans, late of Cardiff R.U.F.C.

Evans is 22 years of age, 5 ft. 11 ins. and weighs 12 st. and we trust he will have a very successful and comfortable time with us. By trade he is a jig and tool draughtsman.

S. Griffith and F. Elson enter Dr. Kershaw's Nursing Home this week-end for the removal of cartilage trouble so they will still be out of the game for a considerable period.

The damaged shoulder of V. Kenny received on Dec. 21st last is yielding to treatment and he hopes to report fit for the cup-ties.

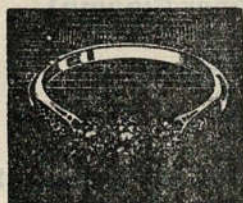
Frank Wilkinson has now recovered from a broken fore arm and has resumed training.

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WINES AND SPIRITS

R. A. Morgan, our Welsh winger, should have been resident in the town and work was found for him as a collier, but he has had serious ear trouble and is still in South Wales under the care of his doctor.

P. R. Delgado has been home in Cardiff during the last two weeks owing to the illness of his wife, who has been in hospital, but resumes with our "A" team at Workington to-day.

THE GAME—PLAY-THE-BALL, TOUCH All will welcome any
—PROPOSED ALTERATIONS experiments to improve our game, particularly the Play-the-Ball as practised. Week after week one sees different interpretations by officials, and the clause of lifting the ball "knee high" has become farcical. The R.L. Council approved the playing of two trial games, one at Headingley between Leeds and Hunslet, and one at Warrington between Warrington and Wigan, when the following experiments will be tried out. No dates have as yet been fixed.

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player playing the ball must not play it a second time until another player has played it.

2. A "Throw In" will take the place of a scrum when the ball is kicked into touch, except in the case of a ball being kicked into touch without bouncing. Where penalty kicks land the ball into touch, there will also be a "throw-in."
3. A tackled player may pass the ball unless it has come into contact with the ground during the tackle.

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Rule 4 of The Rugby League Standing Orders state:

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I often think the giving of International Caps has now outlived itself. The recipient often pictures himself back at school with the little velvet nebbled cap perched on the top of his head with a long gilt tassel tickling the wrinkles of his neck. The cap sometimes gets put away in the bottom drawer loaded with moth balls, or of thirty or forty years ago put under a glass case. Time brings along a change in fashion as in everything else. Why not give a blazer of approved and registered colours of the Rugby League with an attached English Rugby League badge or Welsh badge as the case may be? It would be more serviceable to the recipient.

COMING EVENTS AT WATERSHEDDINGS

Jan. 25th—Oldham "A" v. Barrow "A." Kick-off 3 p.m.

Feb. 1st—Oldham v. Leigh. Kick-off 3 p.m.

Feb. 8th—Oldham v. Belle Vue Rangers (Cup-tie).

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B	WARRINGTON v. HALIFAX	E	BRADFORD N. v. SALFORD
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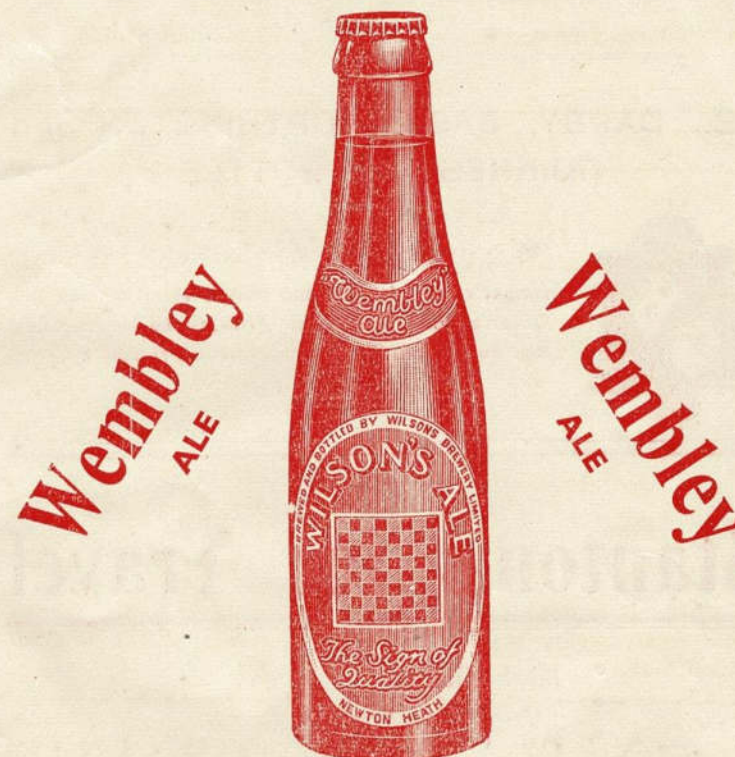
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