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RUGBY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

OLDHAM v. LEIGH

SATURDAY, MAY 17th, 1947.

KICK-OFF 3-30 P.M.

CLUB CHAT

To-day, we entertain Leigh in a postponed League fixture, and we must congratulate our opponents on their showing in their first season of post-war football.

They have, no doubt, had a good season from a playing point of view and up to last Saturday's game were on the fringe of finishing in the first four clubs in The Northern Rugby League. Anything may happen yet regarding who finishes third and fourth club and we hope to-day to be victors and improve our own position by ending in the fifth or even fourth Lancashire club when the final league table is made.

However, Leigh may have something to say about this and we hope that to-day's game will be as entertaining and the finer arts of the game produced as the position of the two clubs warrant.

We were somewhat lucky to finish on the winning side last Saturday against Rochdale Hornets at Rochdale, the score of five points to two denotes the closeness of the game and our opponents' forwards put up a real good show against our six forwards.

On this showing the Hornets must look forward with confidence to next season. All clubs like to be doing well and we, ourselves, look forward to a "full house" in our local "derby" with the Hornets.

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The gate receipts at Rochdale were £611, the best gate by over £200 they have taken this season.

J. B. Mahoney's leg injury is improving very slowly to treatment he is receiving at The Oldham Royal Infirmary and the specialists will not give permission for him to play this week.

The injury is one of stretched ligaments and time and treatment is the only cure, perhaps we may see him in action before we finish our season.

**NEXT SEASON'S
FIXTURES**

Much controversy has taken place and we have received a few enquiries as to how the formula works for our fixtures next season.

I append below the formula taken from The Northern Rugby League Bye-Laws.

"Clubs in membership with the League shall play home and away matches with each club in their own County League and five matches outside, Halifax to play in the Lancashire League. The five outside fixtures shall be determined by the formula set out below:—

1	—	1	2	3	6	10
2	—	1	3	4	5	12
3	—	1	2	3	6	13
4	—	2	5	6	7	8
5	—	2	4	8	9	11
6	—	1	3	4	13	14
7	—	4	7	8	9	11
8	—	4	5	7	10	14
9	—	5	7	9	11	14
10	—	1	8	10	12	13
11	—	5	7	9	12	14
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13	—	3	6	10	12	14
14	—	6	8	9	11	13

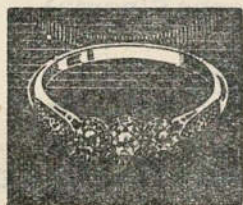
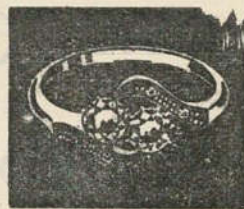
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13—AYRES, T.

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12—WOODS, H. 11—RYAN, C.

13—CAYZER, J.

STIRRUP, G.

7—RILEY, P.

6—ROWE, J.

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When the league has finished all its matches you may now find out very early who are our opponents for next season.

We play 13 Lancashire clubs home and away and five Yorkshire clubs home and away, a total of 36 league matches.

THE RUGBY LEAGUE GAME

Much activity has been seen amongst club officials regarding amendments to the rules and bye-laws of our game.



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May 10th was the last day for receiving the amendments and one hears of several innovations to be brought forward at the annual meeting of the clubs for next season.

One is to bring the general time of kick-off forward from 3-30 p.m. to 3 p.m., and this should meet with the general approval. The 3-30 p.m. kick-off is out of date and should bring our game in line with the soccer games, and possibly we may get more publicity in the press with regard to more lengthy reports of our matches.

We, along with the Swinton club, have tried for years to eliminate this 3-30 p.m. kick-off without success, and we hope at the annual meeting that this new rule will be put in operation next season.

Wembley cup finalists in future may get eight per cent. of the net proceeds of the match with a minimum of £750. Twelve months ago this was only £500—not sufficient to pay expenses. The inclement weather clubs experienced during the past winter has resulted in recommendations for increased costs in preparing the ground. It is now suggested that for the clearing of snow the allowance should be increased from £25 to £80, and frost protection costs should be advanced from £10 to £40.

The much criticised question of professional players being eligible to accept an executive position with any club is to be put forward, and ex-players approved by the Council can serve on a club committee or directorate provided he is no longer on the professional register of any club.

At the present time he has to wait 10 years after ceasing to be a player.

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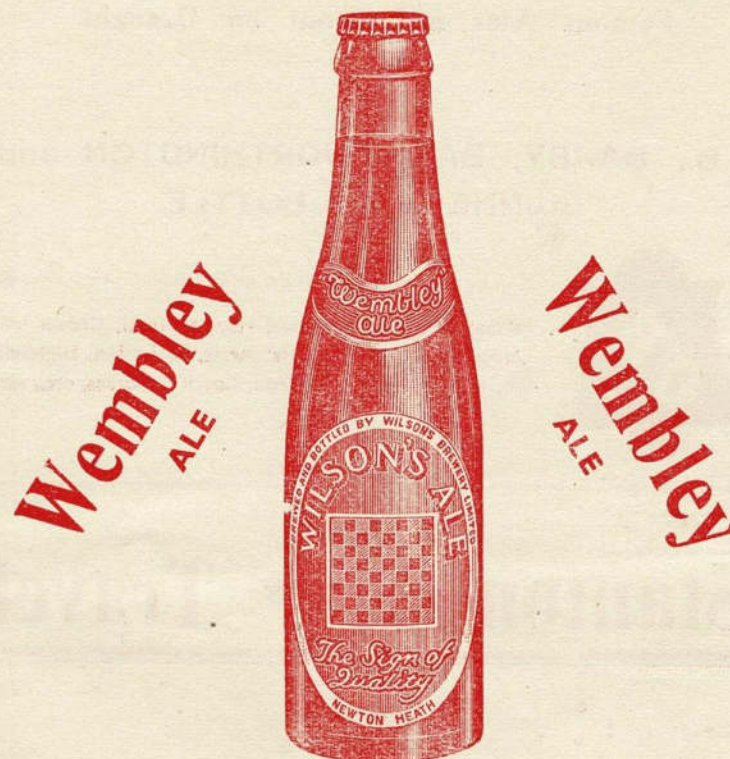
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