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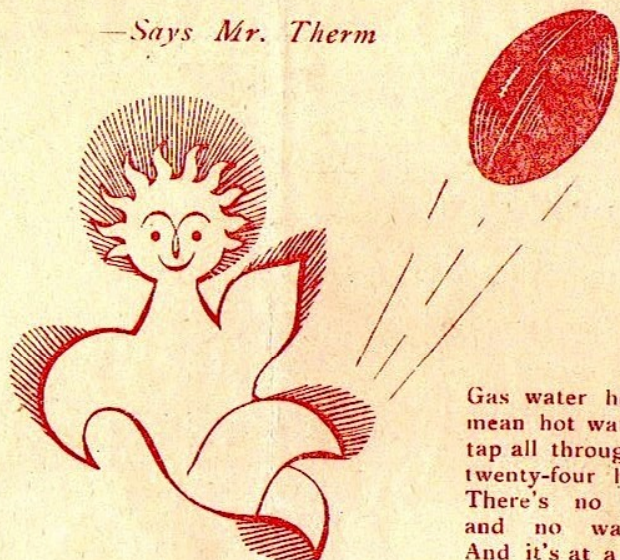
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RUGBY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

OLDHAM v. WARRINGTON

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23rd, 1947.

KICK-OFF 3-0 P.M.

CLUB CHAT

1947-48

To-day sees the opening of the 53rd season of the Rugby League, and in spite of many ups and downs and coming and going of many clubs optimism abounds throughout Lancashire, Yorkshire and Cumberland.

As to the game itself, if properly played, is probably one of the finest in the world, but what is being done to raise the standard?

Inefficient training, lack of expert coaching and to a certain extent rough play are the cause of the lack of improvement of play adopted by many clubs.

Rugby players are no doubt physically fit as this can be observed by all supporters.

Physically, training only applies to the body, leaving out the training of the senses, and Rugby League players have to use their brains probably more than the players of other games, therefore intensive coaching must be resorted to to bring out the best of a player's ability.

Except in a few isolated cases little of anything happens, hence many players never overcome their initial weaknesses.

If a man cannot give and take a pass with accuracy during the commencement of his playing career he generally ends up in the same unsatisfactory manner: if a player is a straight runner at the commencement of his career he remains one if not coached in a manner suitable for his position. All players deficiencies can be overcome by coaching coupled with the player's use of his own brains.

Side-stepping, swerving, changing speed and stopping suddenly are all things easy to learn. Every player in a team should be able to do these.

Every player must take his training seriously and with one object in view to be selected for his team.

It is pleasing to note that our fixtures contain a Saturday fixture with the New Zealand team, which are now on their way to this country. Saturday, 25th of October is the date, so please make a note of this.

This New Zealand team will be the fourth to visit this country. The first professional team to visit this country was the New Zealand team of 1907-8, and one might say the pioneers of the colonial teams to make the visit to England.

Many famous names were connected with this team: Baskerville, G. W. Smith, A. Kelly, E. Wrigley, J. Lavery, and a host of others; great players all.

The second team came in 1926-27, the third in 1939 and were forced to make a sudden departure owing to the outbreak of war.

We hope that the team now on their way will enjoy a successful tour. We are all eager to see them in action and are looking forward to October 25th to see our team play the pick of New Zealand Rugby League.

To-day, our League Fixture opens with a visit from Warrington, a team full of enterprise and also a team that exploits the open game.

We can rest assured that our visitors will uphold their past traditions, and any visit from the Warrington club to Oldham has always been one of enjoyment; and I hope that at the end of the match we can say "well played both teams."

Our Yorkshire visitors this season are Hunslet, Castleford, Halifax, Hull, Wakefield Trinity and Leeds. Quite an attractive list.

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2. ~~EVANS~~ ~~MAHONEY~~
3. MITCHELL, W. S.
4. ~~MAHONEY~~
5. LARGE, E.
6. ~~HARRIS~~ ~~(CAPT.)~~
7. SMITH, R. A.
8. AMBLER, H. D.
9. FROST, W.
10. MOORE, W. J.
11. THOMAS, L. M.
12. PUGH, N.
13. AYRES, T.

Reserves:

SMITH, J. B.

THOMPSON, N.

WARRINGTON

(PRIMROSE JERSEYS)

1. ~~JOHN~~ UNKNOWN
2. ~~PEAKE~~ PEAKE, O.
3. HEGGINBOTTOM F
4. FLEMING, J.
5. JOHNSON, A. E.
6. DE LLOYD, M.
7. HELME, G. J.
8. MULLHALL, A.
9. BAND, R.
10. FEATHERSTONE, J.
11. RYAN, R.
12. TAYLOR
13. DAY, B.

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SALFORD

B SWINTON
v.
LEIGH

C WIGAN
v.
LIVERPOOL STANLEY

D HUDDERSFIELD
v.
LEEDS

E WIDNES
v.
ST. HELENS

F CHESTER
v.
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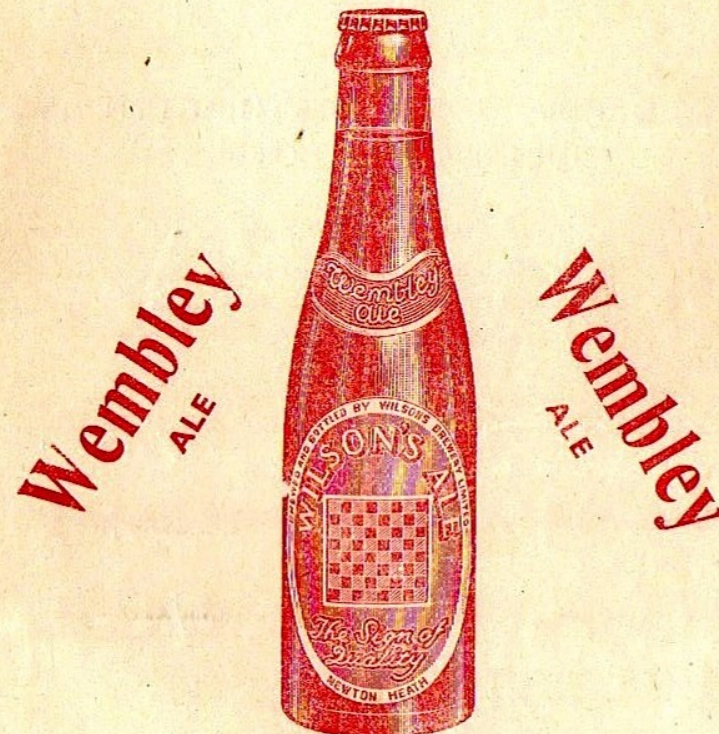
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