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CLUB COMMENTARY

Our home fixture with Oldham to-day marks the commencement of our third season at Kirkhall Lane. Much has been achieved in the past two seasons, especially on the field of play and in ground construction, but this season, in both spheres, we are hoping to achieve even greater things.

Our ambition of "top four honours" is no secret and since the "Birkdale Conference" every effort is being made by the Board, Officials and Playing Staff to help bring this about. Training and coaching has been intensified and regular meetings are taking place where tactics are discussed and ideas pooled, and when the latter are thought practicable, put into use. Dave Cotton has been assisting Emllyn Jenkins and Tommy Clarkson and altogether much good should result. Last Saturday's Final Trial was encouraging and has justified much of our optimism and we take the field to-day, confident of the future.

The first of the major projects planned for making the Leigh ground second to none in the Lancashire Rugby League, the erection of the popular side stand to give covered accommodation to twelve thousand spectators, should be completed within the next six months. In this respect we trust, until such time as this stand is completed, that the weather will be kind to us.

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Summing up, we look all set for a good and successful season.

Re-Arranged Fixture. Our friendly "A" team fixture with Warrington has been re-arranged for Wednesday, August 24th, 1949, kick-off at 7 p.m. This will give us the opportunity of playing our three latest captures, Jeff Burke, Glyn John and Yendle Pugsley. All three have shown good form in the trials and should settle down to make a name for themselves.

Lancashire Cup. The 1st Round 2nd Leg will be played at Kirkhall Lane, on Wednesday, August 31st, 1949, kick-off 7 p.m. Stand tickets for this game have been printed and all Stand Season ticket holders will be guaranteed their seat if application is made to the Secretary before Saturday next, 27th August, 1949.

Rugby League Gazette. At the request of the Rugby League Headquarters we wish to bring to your notice the publication by Sports Views Ltd., 66 Commercial Street, Brighouse, Yorkshire, in co-operation with the Rugby Football League, of the Rugby League Gazette. This magazine will include official information issued by the Rugby Football League Clubs, Supporters' Clubs and Junior Leagues.

The official section of the magazine will cover matters of current interest

and will also give officials replies to readers' queries. The remainder of the magazine will include articles by independent contributors well known in the world of sport.

Orders for the magazine are now being received by Sports Views Ltd., at the above address.

Quiz. In this programme, and in every programme to follow, we are publishing a series of questions on past performances with the answers in the following issue.

We believe you will find them interesting and revive happy memories.

Supporters' Club. To all members of the Supporters' Club who, during the close season have assisted the ground staff in various jobs we offer our thanks. They are mainly responsible for giving the stand a new coat of paint and a good job they have done too. Micheal Angelo still lies peaceful and content !

In conclusion we wish to congratulate Bill Hewitt for the excellent condition of the playing pitch. He assures us that, given reasonable weather in the next two months, the pitch should wear well during the whole season. It is a credit to him and a reward for his hard labours.

PHYSIOTHERAPIST REPORTS

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Alf. Edge. Knee injury—should be fully fit within two weeks.

Jack Bowen. Shoulder injury—responding to treatment, may be fit within two weeks.

Maurice Gallagher. Knee injury—reoccurrence of old trouble and will take some time to be completely fit.

DO YOU REMEMBER ?

1. What is Leigh's record score since 1900 ?
 2. When was an ex-Leigh player, picked for a tour trial and suspended 1 hour later ?
 3. When did Joe Cartwright first play for Leigh ?
- Answers to the above questions will be published in the next programme.

SPOT THE ERROR

In this, and future issues of the programmes this season, there is, in one particular programme, a deliberate spelling mistake in one of the displayed advertisements. The person spotting this error will receive 10/6 on presentation of this programme to the Secretary.

OUR VISITORS

To-day we greet our friends Oldham to open the season at Kirkhall Lane. We have had many grand tussles in the past and we are sure of yet another to-day. Since their last appearance at Leigh they have made several important signings. Last February they signed Tynan and Batten from Leeds, Daley from Leigh and Haynes of St. Helens Rugby Union Club, whilst during the close season they signed Goldswain the former Hull

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EEGEE'S SUPPORTERS' CHAT

Hello Everybody,

In the first place I thank the Board for granting me space for this Chat in order that the large body of supporters can be kept in touch with Club progress—it is a very nice gesture and one which is thoroughly appreciated.

Secondly, we welcome our colleagues from Oldham Supporters' Club on this first match of the season and look forward to a first class, ding-dong struggle played in the finest sportsmanlike manner. During the close season, I have been in constant touch with the delegates from Oldham both at Leeds and Manchester in connection with Federation matters and at all times our connection has been of the best.

Thirdly, I must refer to the excellent entertainment of last Thursday's effort at the Institute and here I thank, on behalf of the Committee, all those members, players, officials and friends who did so much to make the Rugby League Rules Quiz so magnificent. As I listened so intently on the platform the atmosphere was such that Directors, Referees, Players and Supporters were welded into one large family, all on common ground,

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eagerly listening to the rules interpretation, the real Lancashire humour and spontaneous wit by all. Thanks are also extended to our Mayor who gave such an inspiring speech, our President for his further news on the covered stand accommodation matter, the Chairman of Directors for his encouragement at this advent to a new season and to Emlin for his cautious remarks and personal observations. With this spirit amongst us, this trust and unity, the team spirit amongst the teams, the first class condition of the field of play, and the overwhelming determination of the Committee of the Supporters Club we look forward to a happy event on the popular side early in 1950 and another happy event towards April and May next year—in the top four. Incidentally, if any of our neighbours from Owdham ask you what this Quiz is about, let them know all about it and say what you really think of George Phillips and Charlie Appleton—the two refs who put everything they had into the show and took away hundreds of happy memories of an evening spent in Leigh.

Yours in rugger,
EEGEE.

SCHOOLBOY RUGBY NEWS

Last week the Annual General Meeting of the Leigh Schoolboys' Rugby League was held, the officials were elected and the general arrangements for the 1949-50 season were made. The Chairman is Mr. J. Flanagan (Plank Lane R.C. School), the Secretary-Treasurer is Mr. A.T.E. Causey (Manchester Rd. Secondary Modern School), and Mr. Causey and Mr. R. W. Isherwood (Windermere Rd. Secondary Modern School) were appointed Leigh's representatives on the Executive of the Lancashire Schools' Rugby League.

Eight Leigh schools have joined the league, viz. :— Junior Technical, Leigh Church, Manchester Road, Plank Lane R.C., Sacred Heart, St. Joseph's Twelve Apostles, and Windermere Road. The teams from these schools are at the moment very busy in preparation for the Schoolboys' Night during the forthcoming Civic Week in connection with the Golden Jubilee of the Borough. Details of the programme for that Schoolboys' Night will be given at a later date.

We are pleased to report that sixteen schoolboys from Leigh availed themselves of the Rugby League Official Coaching Scheme. They had a week in camp at Otley near Leeds and the training was directed by Trevor Foster, assisted by Alec Fiddes and Tommy Sale. The lads had a grand time and the reports received since from Trevor Foster are most encouraging. All the lads want to go again!

The Rugby League Council is to be complimented on the success of its coaching enterprise and no doubt the scheme will be developed still further next year.

J.F.

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