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KICK-OFF 3-0 p.m.

Watershedding News and Views.

In our match against York on Saturday last we recorded a big victory by 44 points, to 2 points, but this victory has been dearly paid for by the resultant injuries that our players received during the match, not as the match contained any foul play, for the injuries were caused in the general run of the game, where hard knocks are given and taken.

One must compliment the York team in their efforts to keep the game an open one, no attempt was made by them to close the finer arts of Rugby League football by playing a spotting game. Our injured players, Day and Batten may be out of the game for a few matches, Day is suffering from rib injuries, and Batten the most serious injury, being an acute shoulder injury, which we hope will not prove as serious as at first suspected. It is very difficult to replace the three injured first team players in Ward, Day and Batten, but we have confidence in the players that are taking their places to carry on the good work, and we hope they will emerge successfully in the strenuous programme which lies ahead of us.

Our "A" team at Warrington on Saturday last suffered a heavy defeat by 30 points to 5 points, but were unfortunate in having to play twelve men for sixty minutes of the game, owing to Barraclough receiving a wrist injury, even with being one player short our team did not cover itself with glory, several players appeared to have an off day, bad passing and mistakes which the opponents took advantage of are of little excuse in this Rugby League game.

Protecting Players

Although the season is quite young there have been numerous accidents this season, no doubt many unavoidable. Many players pass or kick a ball when opponents are quite an appreciable distance away from them. The referee sees the pass and then follows the progress of the game only to find later that the man whom he saw part with the ball has been knocked out by an opponent. If the free touch would obey instructions and keep his eye on what happens after the kick or pass he could give interesting information to the referee, who should be compelled, when he finds a man has been knocked out under these circumstances to consult the touch judge. Many players are knocked out unfairly after the referee has taken his eye off the play.

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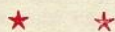
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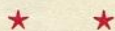
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Supporters Club News.

Matters are progressing with regard to the reorganisation of the Supporters Club with a view to making it one of the best in the Rugby League, but we are still looking for more of our members and patrons to join same, the more we have the happier we shall be. We have five district sub-committee's now in operation but still require more, it is up to you to join, it is up to you to make our Supporters Club the success that we desire. Hand your name in at the Canteen's before the match, at the interval, or after the match, or any of the Committee of the Supporters Club. Remember our success is yours also.

To-days Visitors.

The match to-day against Rochdale Hornets is the first round of the Lancashire Cup, and the round is played on the two match system, aggregate points of both matches decide which club enters the second round. Succeeding rounds are played on one match only, and the second round must be completed between September 9th and 16th, third round between 23rd and 30th September, the semi-final between October 7th and 14th, all mid-week matches. The final will be played on a Saturday, on a neutral ground at the end of October. The draw for the second round has yet to be made.

Wembley Final—May 1951.

Have you made your parties up for the Wembley Final? Tickets for the match are going well and it is advisable for intending parties or individuals who are going to the final to make early reservation as there is bound to be disappointed applicants coming at the last moment.

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