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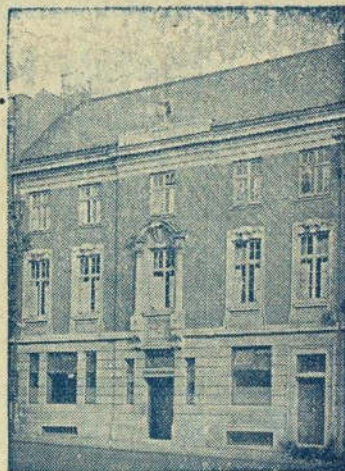


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SPOTLIGHT ON THE VISITORS

We open the second half of the season with the attractive opposition of our old friends from Oldham.

Our visitors have experienced varied fortunes this season, for excellent performances have alternated with unaccountable defeats.

We have, of course, already had the satisfaction of inflicting two home defeats on the men from Watersheddings. The first in the league encounter on 21st August, and the second in the Lancashire Cup semi-final on 10th October, but the closeness of the scores, 8-7 and 5-0 respectively, shows just how keen these two games were.

Indeed it is safe to say that our boys will have no harder games this season than these two.

Bearing in mind the form then displayed by Oldham, some of their later defeats have been hard to imagine, and they cannot afford any more lapses if they are to make anything like a challenge for a place in the "first four" play-offs.

Their record to date is: Played 20; won 11; drawn 2; lost 7; points 24; which gives them eighth position in the league table.

We may be sure therefore that we shall see a rousing game to-day, for in addition to our visitors not wishing to drop any points, they will be more than anxious to prove to their enthusiastic followers that they are capable of reversing the Watersheddings results.

If to-day's game proves as exciting as those two engagements, there should be little cause for complaint.

In recent seasons Oldham have had more than their fair share of injuries, and this season has been no exception, but with all men fit, there is an abundance of talent available, most of whom are seasoned players and well known to our followers, and we therefore focus our spotlight on two young members of the side who are staking a claim to future fame.

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Young Davies, a powerfully-built youth, has certainly been one of the season's finds, and has made full use of the opportunity given to him at the commencement of this season, and has given some grand displays, both in the centre and on the wing, and he should go far in the game.

Keith, who was recruited, we believe, from a Leeds junior club last season, has had to wait a little longer for his chance, but has come into his own this season, and is more than holding his own with more experienced opponents . . . and earning their respect.

For many years Oldham were well served in this position by Edgar Brooks, who recently announced his retirement, but Keith promises to become just as renowned.

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A CORRECTION

In our last issue, we announced the receipt of £15 from Mr. J. O'Day as the result of the darts match between our players and members of the local darts league, on behalf of Les. Jones Testimonial Fund. This was an error, and should have read £17, which was the amount actually received, and we tender our apologies to Mr. O'Day and his committee.

HERE AND THERE

The draw for the first round of the Rugby League Cup takes place in Leeds on Monday next.

On the same day the management committee will consider the position created by the abnormal weather conditions which have resulted in over 50 games being postponed.

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Our "A" team's last game was against Leigh "A" on 9th December.

Mrs. Harry Bath is returning to Australia in a fortnight's time for a holiday, and Harry will probably follow her at the end of the current season.

Former player Stan Powell, who has been acting as player-coach at Liverpool Stanley since the resignation of Bill Riley, has been returned, at his own request, to the register of Castleford, from whom he was on loan.

It appears that Stan has been acting as coach in an unpaid capacity, and has felt that his work has merited some additional remuneration to his playing fees, but Stanley do not feel able to make this payment, and so Powell returns to the Castleford transfer list at a fee of £400.

A brickbat, wrapped in a copy of Laws of the Game, with "Periods of Play" heavily underlined, to the so-called expert R.L. journalists who repeatedly refer to this or that player as a "full 90 minutes player."

Our players welcomed the respite from football last week-end, for most of them were nursing bruises sustained during the Christmas games.

Actually, Ali Naughton was a certain non-starter for both games, and many others more than a little doubtful.

Keith Alderton, who has been on trial with Keighley, has not been retained by them, and has been returned to our register.

Our sympathy to Harold Palin on the death of his father this week.

AS OTHERS SEE US

Extract from "Yorkshire Sports and Football Argus," 30th December: "Warrington directors and players were warm in their praise of Dewsbury's merit after the defeat sustained at Crown Flatt some weeks ago had been avenged. There was by no means the disparity between the teams as the score of 21 points to 5 points suggests. Don't forget the 'Wirepullers' were at their very best . . . and that means ever so good . . . and that Arthur Street, after being off for 10 minutes in the second half, was more or less a passenger on his return . . ."

It was one of those classic games that was a joy to watch. Would that there were more of them.

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From September 30th to November 5th we recorded double victories over St. Helens Recs. and Huddersfield, and wins against Dewsbury, Australia, Wigan, Oldham and Keighley. After making a draw at Keighley in the first round of the Challenge Cup we won the replay at Wilderspool, but received a nasty knock when we were beaten by London Highfield, at White City, London, in the second round.

Jack Miller had the honour of playing in all three test matches against Australia. He was also selected to play for England against Australia, in Paris, but could not turn out owing to injury.

Billy Dingsdale played in one test match against Australia, and also played for Lancashire.

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We had the honour of staging the first representative match against a French Rugby, a Treize team, captained by the late Jean Galia. Jean was one of the best sportsmen I have ever had the pleasure of meeting.

History was made at Wilderspool when the Northern Rugby League honoured us by playing the League Final on our ground. The contestants were Salford and Wigan, and all records were broken when 31,565 people paid £2,117 to see the game.

Councillor Austin Crowe, J.P., who had been President of the Warrington F.C. from 1926-27 to 1933-34, resigned at the end of this season.

The Warrington and Wigan clubs introduced the Rugby League game to Ireland by staging a match in Dublin.

Owen Toole, who formerly resided in Warrington, was instrumental in arranging this match. We had a grand time in Ireland, and the organisers did us really well. What do you say, Austin?

The Warrington Intermediate League officials for this season were: T. Williamson (president), F. W. Wright (chairman), E. Wilde (register and fixture secretary), Committee, G. A. Smith, W. Sherratt, E. Guest, A. Wright, hon. secretary and treasurer.

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Our chief scorers were: W. J. Holding, 116 goals, 2 tries, 238 points; T. Thompson, 15 tries, 45 points; J. W. Garratt, 15 tries 45 points; W. J. Shankland, 14 tries, 42 points; W. Dingsdale, 9 tries, 27 points.

"A" Team: W. J. Baxter, 61 goals, 1 try, 125 points; W. Rankin, 15 goals, 5 tries, 45 points; S. Ray, 15 tries, 45 points.

In those days Warrington Football Club had a club membership of 3,735.

Mr. Albert Holbrook, of Warrington, refereed the Wembley Cup Final when Hunslet beat Widnes 11 points to 5.

Charlie Seeling, the Warrington loose forward, was transferred to Wigan on March 15th, 1934.

There were 28 candidates for nine places on the Warrington Football Club Committee.

Mr. John Y. Hughes was appointed Borough Surveyor of Warrington, and although he came from Walsall, a Soccer stronghold, John is an out and out Rugby Leaguer nowadays and seldom misses a Warrington match.

Warrington Gymnasium had an Unemployed Gymnastic Champion Eight, and they were: J. Carter, J. Higham, P. S.

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Mr. Geo. Bowcock, president of the Warrington Cricket and Hockey Club, presented Mr. P. Lavin, a Lancashire County hockey cap, who had gained county honours during the season.

Billy Dingsdale was selected to play for England against France at the Buffalo Velodrome, Paris, but had to cry off the team through injury.

The English team was: Sullivan (Wigan); Ellaby (St. Helens), Risman (Salford), Bailey (St. Helens Recs); Smith (Leeds), Jenkins (Salford); Little (Barrow), Silcock (Widnes), Watson (Keighley), Wright (Swinton), Troup (Barrow), Saddington (York), Dalton (Salford).

Mr. C. Kingsley Parker, well-known Warrington sportsman, and who represented Cheshire at golf, died in March, 1934.

Warrington Cricket, Bowling, Tennis and Hockey Club officials for 1934 were: President, G. Bowman; hon. secretary, W. Starkey, hon. treasurer, T. Whittingham; cricket captain, T. C. Knowles; bowling captain, C. E. Hatton.

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This was the first occasion on which such an experiment had been attempted. It was certainly a success, except in one direction, and that was that the spectators at Wilderspool had to listen to Warrington being out-played. Highfield won by 19 points to 5.

Jack Oster, Warrington's stand-off half, was transferred to London Highfield.

Warrington signed on Jack Woods from Barrow.

The Mayor of Warrington (Councillor A. M. Crowe) opened the new dressing-rooms under the stand at Wilderspool on January 20th, 1934.

Mr. William C. Sprunt, one of our supporters, was appointed Director of the Warrington Museum.

The following were elected at the Municipal Elections: J. C. Bardsley (C), H. Harding (Lab), J. Poole (Lab), J. J. Thomason (Lab), Harry Massey (Lab), A. Flanagan (Lab), F. Bolton (C), S. Bolton (C), J. Morris (Lab).

Mr. G. H. Whitney, Past President of the Warrington and District Junior Rugby League, died in October, 1933.

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