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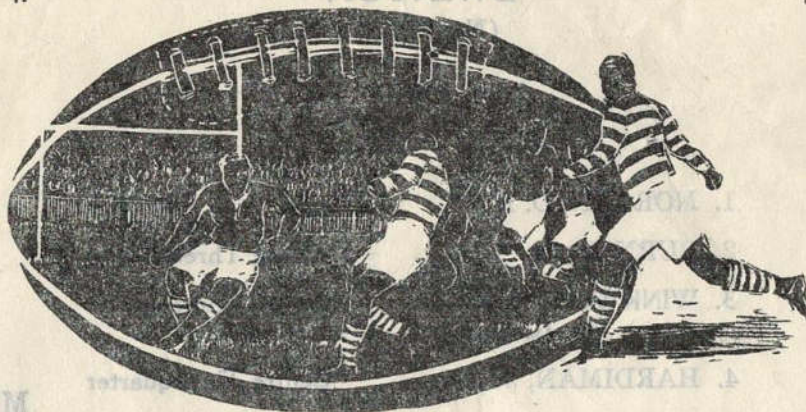
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FOOTBALL AT SWINTON

SWINTON versus OLDHAM

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 23rd, 1951

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

CLUB NOTES

THE time-honoured meeting of the two teams, SWINTON and OLDHAM on a Good Friday can never be shorn of its attractiveness, irrespective of their relative positions in the league table. Both clubs have had difficult problems to solve, in spite of earnest endeavours to "make good." Our visitors to-day cannot be accused of lack of enterprise; the welding together to bring about effectiveness has been with them—as with us—the major problem. To-day we envisage a game which should stand to the credit of both sides. The earlier contest this season at Watersheddings resulted in a very close win for the visitors; the "Lions" will, no doubt, put all in to reverse this result.

To-day's game heralds a very heavy programme of matches. To-morrow we greet our neighbours, LEIGH; Monday we make the journey to KEIGHLEY, and on the following Saturday we cross swords with the "Reds" at Weaste. Then follows a month of hectic contests. Originally planned for two games, we are to have seven—entirely due to the inclement weather in mid-season.

RUGBY LEAGUE CHAT

NO doubt the major talking point — quite a pleasant diversion during the Easter recess—will be that of "the two-legged initial round of the Challenge Cup competition." One school of thought sticks rigidly to the idea of the knock-out principle of the competition. The team drawn at home should try to take full advantage of their good fortune and use it in an endeavour to defeat their opponents, irrespective of the latter's reputation. Moreover, one "leg" rounds should be adhered to, if only to provide that element of surprise in the shape of a "turn-up" which, they argue, is the succulence of a competition. The other school argues that if a team is unfortunate enough to lose, maybe by three or four points, or even any number of points, it should be given the opportunity of having "another shot," and that the home crowd should get the chance of having at least one Cup-tie played before them. There is also the matter of revenue, they say, in that no Cup-tie—or rarely so—is run at a loss; thus the so-called 'money-spinner' aspect comes into the reckoning. It is also contended that once a team is "kicked out" of the competition, in one match, and if lowly placed in the league table, the season, to them, is virtually at an end. Another "leg"—and perhaps a "home" one—would prolong life a little longer.

Now, where are we? "To take the knock-out at first fell

THE TEAMS

SWINTON (Navy Blue)

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. MORGAN, D. R. | Full-back |
| 2. BURN, R. J. | Wing Threequarter |
| 3. WINKWORTH, K.
(Capt.) | Centre Threequarter |
| 4. HARDIMAN, J. | Centre Threequarter |
| 5. NORBURN, P. | Wing Threequarter |
| 6. LOWE, F. | Out Half |
| 7. WALLS, T.
THOMAS, R. | Scrum Half |
| 8. PHILLIPS, O.
STODDART, J. | Prop Forward |
| 9. OSMOND, F. H. | Hooker |
| 10. SCHOFIELD, J. | Front Row Forward |
| 11. KNOWLES, J. C. | Second Row Forward |
| 12. ARMITT, C. | Second Row Forward |
| 13. BLAN, J. | Loose Forward |

Referee, Mr. F. SMITH

OLDHAM (Red and White)

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|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. GANLEY | Full-back |
| 2. WARHAM | Wing Threequarter |
| 3. PLATT | Centre Threequarter |
| 4. DAVIES | Centre Threequarter |
| 5. SPENCER | Wing Threequarter |
| 6. HEYES | Out Half |
| 7. GOODFELLOW | Scrum Half |
| 8. OGDEN | Prop Forward |
| 9. KEITH | Hooker |
| 10. DAY | Front Row Forward |
| 11. WINSLADE | Second Row Forward |
| 12. LEYLAND | Second Row Forward |
| 13. GOLDSWAIN | Loose Forward |

Touch Judges:

Mr. R. Tyson (blue), Mr. V. Waddielove (white)

swoop or be given another crack at the Cup?"

As a matter of information it will need the support of at least 22 clubs to change this rule. B. M.

NOTE.—To-morrow on this ground at 3 p.m. SWINTON versus LEIGH.

Next Matches:

EASTER SATURDAY at 3 p.m.—at Swinton.

SWINTON v. LEIGH

EASTER MONDAY at 3 p.m.—at Keighley.

KEIGHLEY v. SWINTON

SATURDAY, MARCH 31st at 3 p.m.—at Weaste.

SALFORD v. SWINTON

In view of the many re-arranged games, here is the Programme for April, 1951

- April 4th (Wednesday).—SWINTON v. WIDNES, at Station Road. Kick-off 5-30 p.m.
- April 7th (Saturday).—SWINTON v. HUDDERSFIELD, at Station Road. Note: This match may be re-arranged if the Semi-final comes to Swinton.
- April 14th (Saturday).—HUDDERSFIELD v. SWINTON, at Fartown.
- April 18th (Wednesday).—SWINTON v. SALFORD, at Station Road. 6-30 p.m.
- April 21st (Saturday).—WIDNES v. SWINTON, at Widnes.
- April 23rd (Monday).—SWINTON v. WARRINGTON, at Station Road. 6-30 p.m.
- April 28th (Saturday).—HALIFAX v. SWINTON, at Thrum Hall.