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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 1951 KICK-OFF 3-0 p.m.

Watersheddings News and Views.

Once again we have failed to appear in the final of the Lancashire Senior Cup after having had the golden opportunity of being drawn at home for two years in succession in the semi-final and each time we have been beaten by a narrow margin by Warrington and Leigh. To our supporters and the players, disappointment must be great, but good sportsmen never squeal and to our latest victors we wish them well in the final. The match on Tuesday gave us a real thrill and a good game, and as stated in our previous issue of the programme, the team that transgressed the rules most would possibly pay the penalty and retire a defeated team. This appeared to be so, infringements by both sides were apparent to all and our own infringements were committed in a most favourable position for any reasonable goalkicker to register two points. Why players create these infringements of the rules of the game does not require much explanation. The rules of the game are simple enough and should be strictly carried out. For players who persistently infringe and break the rules of the game, thus holding the progress of play up, there is only one place for him, and that is to forget him until he can learn the correct way of conducting himself on the field of play.

However, we have an early opportunity of avenging our defeat of Tuesday last, when today we again entertain Leigh in a Northern Rugby League match, and if today's game can approach the standard of Tuesday last minus the silly infringements of the laws of the game, we shall be highly satisfied and with a possible victory. We know that we are up against a team full of enthusiasm and it is up to our team to counteract that and every player to be on his toes, to be all out for victory by good clean football and to give the "customers" value for money.

Pen Pictures of the Leigh Team.

Ledgard, full back: A Yorkshireman; secured on transfer from Dewsbury in 1947, at a then record transfer fee; age 28 years; has secured every honour in the game; a great goal kicker.

Kindon, wing: Hails from the Warrington district; age 23; has played for Lancashire County in four games; is high up in the reckoning among the league's flyers.

Allen, centre: Australian; comes from the Gordon R.U. club in Sydney; age 24 years; has captained Australia R.U. on ten occasions; reputed to have received a signing fee of £5,000.

Harris, centre: Requires no introduction to Oldham; signed by this club from Newbridge R.U., Wales; still giving good service to his club.

Morgan, wing: Comes from the Wigan district; in his second year with the club and shows considerable promise.

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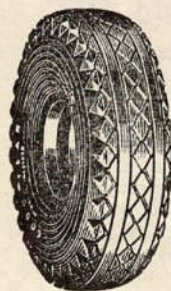
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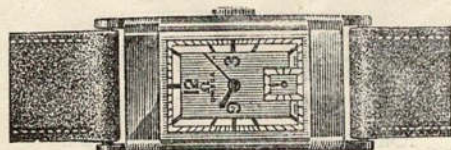
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Baxter, out-half: Another Wigan district player; age 24; good utility player; equally at home playing scrum half.

Green, scrum half: From St. Helens junior league; age 25 years; Baxter and this player have been in the background owing to the good play of Riley and Rowe, Leigh's previous pair of half backs.

Edden, forward: A native of Swinton; son of the famous ex-referee, Jack Edden; signed by Leigh from the Manchester Junior League, and is proving a good investment.

Egan, hooker: Requires no introduction; is player-coach to the club; a great tactician and knows every move on the field; received every honour in the game; secured on transfer from Wigan at a fee of £5,000.

Marston, forward: Previously with Bradford R.U.; the heavyweight of the team, but mobile; requires a lot of stopping in possession of the ball.

Burke, forward: Australian R.U. player from the Randwick club; came as loose forward; a player who goes all out and a great tackler.

Foster, loose forward: A Wigan Junior League player and in the opinion of the Leigh Club a coming international.

Supporters Club.

Our Supporters Club are holding a Dance at the Town Hall, Oldham, on Saturday, 3rd November, 1951, from 7 to 11-45 p.m. It is hoped that some of the New Zealand Touring Team will be in attendance. Tickets are 3/6 each and can be had from any members of the Committee and Secretary of the Supporters Club.

Matches under Floodlights.

The New Zealand Tourists have agreed to play Bradford Northern at Odsal on Wednesday, October 31st, under floodlights, with a 7 p.m. kick-off. This is not a new innovation as we have played at the White City, London, against London Highfield, under these conditions, and we found same no detriment to the game; but from a spectator's point of view it appears uncanny and there must be nothing like the natural light. However, we may now be at the commencement of a new sphere in adopting Rugby League by floodlight, and the match at Bradford will be watched with interest before other clubs follow this lead.

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