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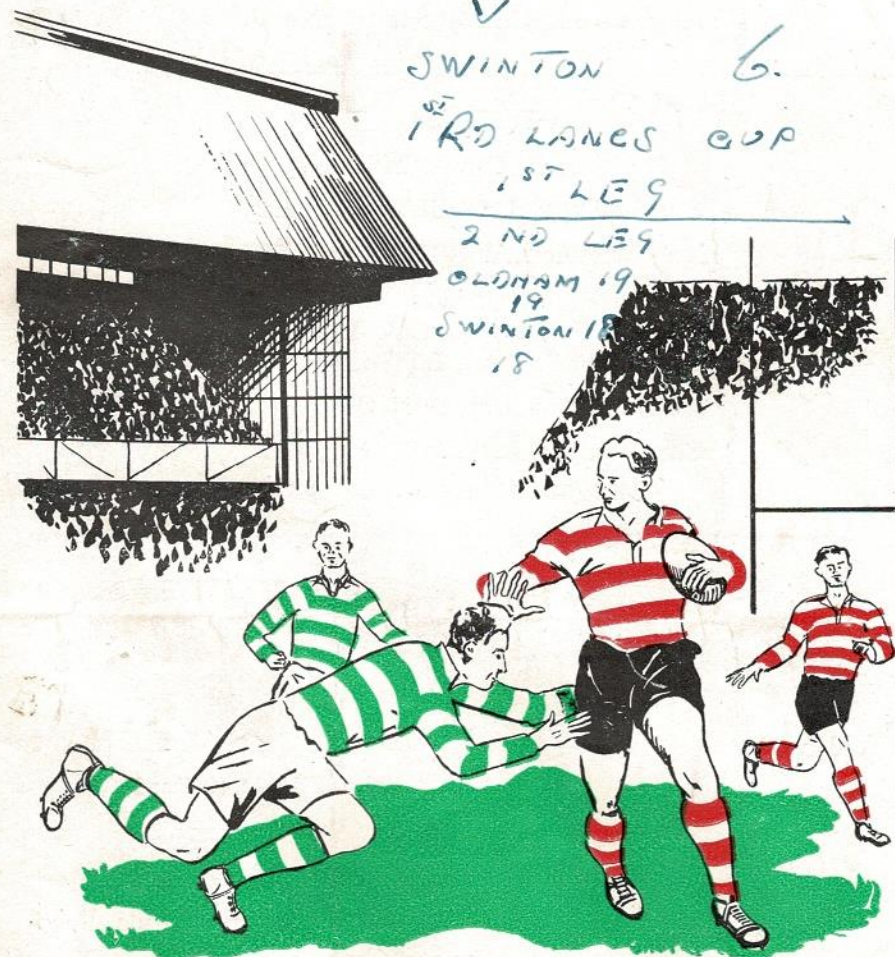
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Watersheddings News and Views

by BOB PEMBERTON, Well-known Journalist

"What, Cup ties already!" declares Tom Terrace, the little man who always turns up, hail, rain or snow. Yes, Tom. It's only the second week of the season, but today we have Swinton as visitors in the first leg of the first round of the Lancashire Challenge Cup.

We have reached the semi-final of this competition in the past two seasons—Leigh beat us last season and Warrington the year before, both at Watersheddings—and we are hoping to go one better this time. It is just about Oldham's turn to win the Trophy. The last time our name went on it was in 1933. That was our sixth success, the previous ones being in 1924, 1919, 1913, 1910 and 1907. We were runners up in 1921, 1919, 1911 and 1908.

Incidentally, the return tie at Swinton is next Wednesday, September 3rd, at 6-30 p.m. We had a good following to away games last season, and 'the boys' are hoping to hear your cheers again this time when they turn out on the other team's pitches. It's very encouraging, you know!

Usually when cup ties come along there is talk of 'cup tie football,' as if it were necessarily a different type of

game. Maybe it is with some teams, but we are intent on continuing to serve up that spectacular type of Rugby that has earned praise and attracted the crowds. We believe that is what you, the man who pays the piper, wants to see. Of course, don't forget there are two sides playing, and it may be at times that the opposition will be so minded that we shall deal in the fancy stuff at our peril. Then again, these players of ours are human, you know. They have their off days, but we're hoping that everything will go all right, and that we shall have a trophy to look at this season.



THE NEW RULE

Warrington have protested about the new 'play-the-ball' rule but we believe in giving it a fair trial before condemning it. That there are new tactics to be worked out was shown here last week, when Featherstone Rovers hit on the idea of a man on each side of the one playing the ball turning their backs on him so as to be ready to fling the ball out quickly. We shall not hesitate to copy this method if we find it pays, but we are also thinking of our own tactics.

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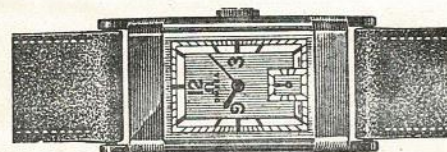
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TODAY'S VISITORS

Swinton, our visitors today, defeated Keighley 13-8 last Saturday in what was described as a scrappy game, and on Monday last visited Workington and having to submit to a defeat of 26-0. Unfortunately, they lost the services of their captain, Winkworth, after 20 minutes play, which no doubt had an effect on their play and the ultimate result. Last season Swinton went all out for players from local leagues, and they appear to have made several good captures. They were unlucky to have Rees Thomas, their clever scrum-half, injured in a practice game, and he is unlikely to be fit for several matches. Last Saturday they played for the first time George Greenacre, 21-year-old scrum-half from Wigan St. Joseph's, as a partner to another Wigan lad, Cyril Moran, and he had good reports.

Another youngster who is showing up well is Harold Lea, 20-year old 6 foot second row forward, who was signed as professional last March and was demobilised from the R.A.F. in July. He was formerly with St. Helens Old Boys. Although still young Albert Blan, brother of Jack (Swinton) and Billy (Wigan), is now an experienced full-back and goal-kicker. On the right wing is Russell Burn, 25-year-old former Cardiff Rugby Union

player and a schoolmaster. Ken Winkworth, Swinton born, has developed into a sturdy centre, and he is amongst the best half-dozen tacklers in the league.

The other centre is Reg. Senior (21) from Pemberton Rovers and another Wigan St. Joseph's player, Eric Jevons, only 19, is on the left wing.

Internationals in the pack are Frank Osmond, hooker, an Australian tourist, Owen Phillips, blind side prop and Charlie Armit, son of Tom Armit, former Swinton hooker. Leslie Woods, a big second row man, is a native of Rochdale.



BREVITIES

We wish a speedy recovery to 'Sandy' Campbell, a member of the Committee, who has been in bed four weeks with gout.

Jim Chalmers, formerly on Oldham's books, has taken the advice of his doctor, and last Thursday returned to live at Hawick, Scotland, for health reasons. There was a little private celebration with some of his old colleagues before he left. Good luck, Jim, and good health!

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