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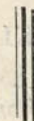
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Notes

GOOD PERFORMANCES

We can look back with quiet satisfaction on the results of the last two first team games. According to the critics Widnes were to be on the receiving end of some high speed scoring by the League Champions. Instead, St. Helens were lucky to salvage one point and an unbroken, if slightly bent away record. Whatever the cause, the Widnes "spirit" has returned in full vigour and this, together with the improved football revealed should lead to more successes as the season goes on. At Hunslet the conditions were against bright open football, the wet ball proving difficult to handle and the turf greasy. However, from the time Simpson returned after a ten minute retirement in the second half due to a head injury, Widnes gradually gained the upper hand and after scoring 11 points in almost as many minutes, were still going strongly at the final whistle. The "A" team, too, have recovered somewhat after a disastrous start. The display against Salford "A" was a great improvement on the three previous games, and although the 27 points Salford margin in the First Leg proved decisive, our win by 11-8 was more than welcome. As if to assert that this was no "flash-in-the-pan" they then went on to trounce Swinton "A" on Saturday last by 28 points to 8. We look forward to many repeat performances!

Unfortunately from our point of view, Harry Dawson has been posted abroad for five weeks and may not be available until the home game with Hunslet on October 10th.

OUR VISITORS

We welcome this evening our friends from Oldham, conquerors of Leeds on Saturday last. According to reports they had two reserve half-backs and a reserve forward playing, and the result of the game emphasises the quality of the reserves available to them. On the other hand, Oldham came off second best in their away game with Bramley, and if our team can reproduce their form in the last two games we can look forward with confidence to the outcome of to-day's encounter. We anticipate a good, clean game.

FRANK DEVONALD TESTIMONIAL

Patrons are reminded that donations will still be accepted for the Frank Devonald Testimonial and those who have not yet had the opportunity to subscribe may do so to the Treasurer or any Member of the Committee within the next few days.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Wednesday, Sept. 16th, Wales v. England at Knowsley Road, St. Helens. Kick-off 6 p.m. Apply to the Secretary, St. Helens R.L.F.C., 2, Peet Avenue, St. Helens. Main Stand (reserved) 12/6 and 7/6. Admission on day of match, Ground 2/6, Boys 1/-. Enclosure 3/6.

Saturday, 5th September. First Round, First Leg Lancashire Cup. Widnes v. Leigh. Kick-off 3 p.m. Stands 4/6 and 4/-. ALL PAY.

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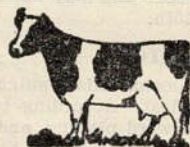
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Penny-on-the-Ball Winner

Saturday, 22nd August: Mr. John Cunliffe, 46 Bell Lane, Sutton Manor. Ticket No. A06557.

Membership

Once again we appeal to you to join the Supporters' Club. By helping us, you help the Widnes Football Club and so help yourselves. Membership cards may be obtained at the Refreshment Kiosks or from Members of the Committee. The fee is 1/-.

Trip to Leigh

For the 2nd Leg 1st Round Lancashire Cup-Tie on Wednesday, 9th September, coaches will leave St. Paul's Road for Leigh. The departure time will be announced over the loudspeaker system. Fare 3/6. Seats may be booked with Mr. Shaw at Supporters' Club Headquarters, or at 67 Leigh Avenue.

Supporters' Club Handbook

Copies of the second edition of the Annual Handbook of the Rugby League Supporters' Clubs are on sale to-day at the Refreshment Kiosks. Price 1/-. This popular handbook contains articles by leading Rugby League personalities, fixtures, photographs, information from other Supporters' Clubs, etc. Make sure of your copy and help the Supporters' Club movement.

Refreshments

Cups of tea, minerals, cakes, crisps, biscuits, etc., may be obtained on both sides of the ground. Our Catering Section are again providing teas for the First Team players and visiting players during the season after the match. We hope to give service and satisfaction to players and spectators alike. We thank you for your patronage.

PROGRAMME WINNING NUMBER

After a lapse of some years it has again been decided to award a prize of 10/- to the holder of the programme with the winning number to be announced at Half-time. The lucky winner should apply to the Secretary at the Club House immediately after the match.

The seating tickets for the Rugby League Cup Final are always sold many months prior to the match taking place and we are taking this opportunity of letting our supporters know that tickets can now be reserved. At the moment you have a free choice of all tickets. If you do not take this opportunity of reserving tickets now please do not complain if, later in the season, you cannot obtain the tickets of your choice.

All tickets reserved must be paid for by January 1st, 1954, otherwise the reservation is cancelled.

Apply to the Secretary, The Rugby Football League, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds, 7, for tickets at the following prices:—25/-, 12/6, 10/6, 6/6, and standing enclosure tickets at 3/-. A stamped and addressed envelope should be sent with applications.

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