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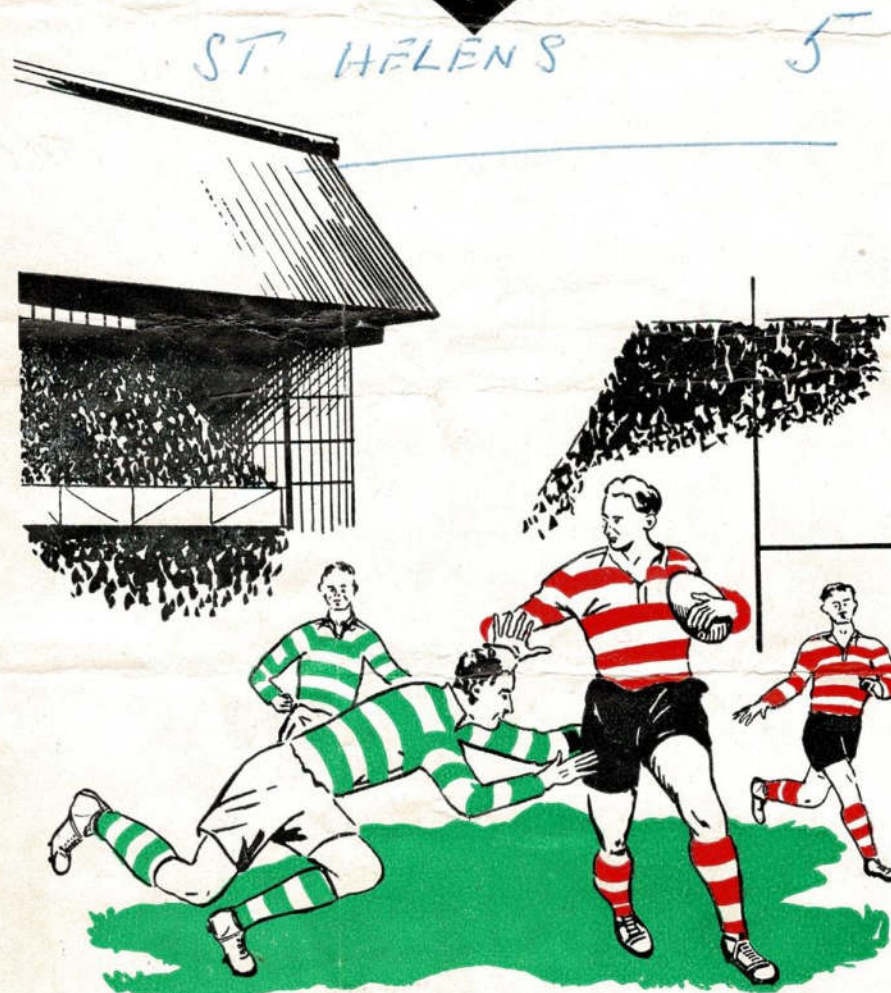
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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Although our match at Dewsbury on Saturday last could not be classed as a great match, our team showed glimpses of football that should get tries, but we are not consistent in keeping the game going by open football, otherwise we should have won the match with a comfortable margin, but in the end had to be content with a draw of six points each. We did score two tries to our opponents three goals, and these goals came from infringements by our players. This game can be placed on record as the most unsatisfactory match we have had this season from a scrimmage point of view. Never has two packs collapsed on so numerous occasions as in this game, and never has so many scrum infringements been noticed and never penalised by the official in charge. On one occasion the opposing scrum half had the audacity to dummy the ball as to putting it in the pack, and get away with it, actually the ball never left his hands. Scrimmaging such as we witnessed last Saturday is a blot on our game, every scrum infringement it is possible to make was seen, but we must admit that all the faults were not on one side. The formation of a scrum and the legitimate scrimmaging and hooking for the ball must be adhered to in accordance to the rules, those that infringe the rules continually should be sent off the field, and any official who does not enforce the rules should also be dealt with by the appropriate authority. It may be of interest to our Supporters to know that a report is sent each week to headquarters of the official in charge of the game, also our general impression and the possibilities. All Clubs do, or should, send these reports, and they are carefully scrutinised by the

Management Committee, and appropriate action is taken if consistently adverse reports are rendered.

OUR VISITORS

To-day we welcome St. Helens to Watersheddings, and although the game is weakened somewhat with our visitors having three star players on international duty, Greenall, McCormick, Prescott, and our own team minus Cracknell, all playing in the match against France at the Odsal Stadium, Bradford. Capable deputies have been put into the teams, and we can expect one of the best contested games at Watersheddings so far this season.

St. Helens are one of the premier teams in the game, they are the latest winners of the Lancashire Cup, having beaten Wigan in the final at Swinton two week's ago. They are also League Champions for season 1952/53, but were defeated finalists in the Lancashire Cup and Challenge Cup last season.

Our task to-day is a heavy one, we must admit that we are up against a clever team, even with deputies for the three missing internationals, but our team are capable of rising to the occasion when at home, and we can expect a real thrill to-day. With a little luck we might achieve victory.

WHO'S WHO

Moses, full back

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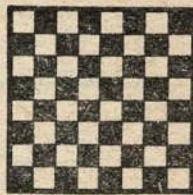
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- 3 MITCHELL, W. S.
- 4 DAVIES, A.
- 5 FEARIS, P.
- 6 DALEY, F.
- 7 STIRRUP, F.
- 8 ANTHONY, L.
- 9 KEITH, J.
- 10 JACKSON, K.
- 11 LITTLE, S. D.
- 12 WINSLADE, C.
- 13 GOLDSWAIN, B.V., Captain

Reserves:

ST. HELENS 5 White with Red Band

- 1 MOSES, A. G.
- 2 LLEWELLYN, S.
- 3 HONEY, J. A. *HOWARD*
- 4 GULLICK, D.
- 5 DICKENSON J.
- 6 METCALFE, P. *HONEY*
- 7 BALL, J. *1982*
- 8 AYLES, E.
- 9 BLAKEMORE, R.E.
- 10 PARR, G.
- 11 PARSONS, G. *1 TRY*
- 12 BRETHERTON, W.
- 13 KARALIUS, V.

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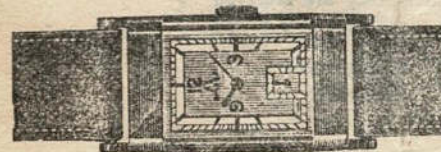
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Honey, centre

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Gullick, centre

Welsh International (R.L.). One of the biggest centres in the game, forceful and needs a lot of stopping. Teacher.

Dickenson, wing

Another utility player. Can play both half back positions. Local boy.

Metcalfe, out half

Another local player and one of the best finds St. Helens have made. Tour possible. Fast, and knows the way to the line. Chief goal kicker.

Ball, scrum half

Local boy. Has given great service to the Club in all back positions. We had more than a passing interest in this player some time ago.

Ayles, forward

A recent transfer to St. Helens from Belle Vue Rangers. Born in Wigan. Lancashire County.

Blakemore, hooker

A Welshman from Newport R.U. Has given good service to his Club. Good hooker.

Parr, forward

A local boy, who, by his good play, has earned a place in the first team.

Parsons, forward

A Welshman. Big in more ways than one. Can handle a ball like a back, and requires some stopping.

Bretherton, forward

Comes from where a lot of good R.L. players originate from—Wigan. Good solid second row forward. Young and full of enthusiasm.

Karalius, forward

A native of Widnes. Comes into the team in place of the injured Cale.

BRIEFS

Our winger, L. Platt, will be out of the game for at least another three weeks owing to indisposition, but we eventually hope to see this local boy in action once again.

Reference to the Challenge Cup Final at Wembley, April 24th, 1954. We are advised by the Secretary of the Rugby Football League that the only tickets now available are those at 25/- and 3/-, all other tickets having been sold.

At the recently held Extraordinary General Meeting of the Rugby League, the Two Divisions plan was considered, and an effort was brought forward to bring this up again at the next Extraordinary Meeting, but it was heavily defeated. It now appears that Two Divisions for the Rugby League is dead, and dead for a long time.

HALF-TIME SCORES

The Half-time Scores of the Matches given below will be shown on the Score Board immediately they are received

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