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CLUB GOSSIP.

Today, in our last home game but one, we welcome our friends from Oldham in the time-honoured holiday fixture. These games invariably bring out the best in both teams, and we expect that the match this afternoon will prove to be no exception.

Like our own side, Oldham have had their ups and downs during the season, but at this late stage they seem to be making a very successful finish to what must have been a disappointing year for them. Last Saturday they defeated Wigan at Central Park, and on Monday evening they ran up a big score against Whitehaven at Watersheddings.

Spectators will have the opportunity this afternoon of judging the capabilities of M. Vacher, of Lyons, one of the two French R.L. referees who are over here to officiate at games during the week-end. This is the only game in Lancashire to be controlled by one of the French officials. We trust that M. Vacher will be successful in his Northern Rugby League appointments.

We hope to be able to arrange a "curtain-raiser" between Kearsley Juniors and Weaste Juniors prior to tomorrow's match with the old enemy from Salford. An announcement will be made at half-time regarding this match. Last Saturday these two Junior teams put on a great game in tne Swinton League Semi-Final, when Weaste were successful by 14 points to 10.

The Final of the Swinton League play-off between Weaste and Langworthy will be played on this ground on Wednesday next, kick-off at 7-0 p.m.

On Monday morning (kick-off at 11 o'clock) one of the semi-finals in the Manchester & District League will take place, when the teams will be Manchester Ship Canal and Salford Juniors.

RUGBY LEAGUE NOTES.

The "Saturday Ha'penny"

In spite of earnest appeals, backed up by incontrovertible facts and figures, all the Rugby League could get is a "Saturday Half-penny"—the amount a "stay-put" Chancellor could afford to give to a debt-overburdened and harrassed sporting organisation.

Let there be no mistake about this point. The incidence of a high entertainment tax, coupled with the fantastic rise in the cost of transport, the competition of radio and television, *precludes a vast number of folk of attending outdoor sports.*

The Chancellor was emphatic that he had to plough back into industry all possible profits and, as an incentive to do so, he made certain remissions of taxation. How many times do we hear the need for greater productivity ? In fact, the be-all and end-all of the country's survival is greater productivity. And yet for the multitudes—the folk who bring about this great essential to our needs—little consideration is shown in the matter of a Saturday afternoon's relaxation. Let a few attend a mid-week game and you get suspensions and sackings—a howl goes up that they are sabotaging the national effort !

Some might say : be grateful for even the "widow's mite"; the Exchequer must obtain all the revenue it can. The Rugby League is with them whole-heartedly in this, but it must point out that the burden must be borne equally by each and every one of us, that we each should contribute as far as possible our just dues. But what happens ?

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3.	SENIOR	3.	MITCHELL
4.	WELSH	4.	DAVIES
5.	EDWARDS 1 GOAL	5.	O'GRADY 1 "
6.	~~PARKINSON~~ PARTON	6.	FEATHER 1 "
7.	THOMAS	7.	~~STIRRUP~~ PICKFORD
8.	McGOWAN	8.	SMITH
9.	~~OSMOND~~ THOMPSON	9.	KEITH
10.	HOLDER	10.	~~TOMLINSON~~ JACKSON
11.	TONGE	11.	~~WINSLADE~~ TOMLINSON
12.	THOMPSON	12.	LITTLE
13.	HAYNES	13.	GOLDSWAIN

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FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS.

(Up to and including April 12th, 1954)

	Matches	Goals	Tries	Points
BIRKETT	1	—	—	—
BILLINGTON	2	—	—	—
BLAN	18	12	2	30
BURN	11	1	2	8
CHEETHAM	3	—	—	—
EDWARDS	2	5	—	10
GLOVER	12	—	2	6
HARDIMAN	3	—	—	—
HARDMAN	12	—	7	21
HAYNES	36	—	2	6
HODGKINSON	5	—	—	—
HOLDER	26	—	2	6
HUNT	6	—	—	—
JEVONS	13	—	2	6
LAWRENSON	31	15	6	48
LEA	7	—	1	3
LOWE, J.	3	2	1	7
McGOWAN	19	—	—	—
McLOUGHLIN	1	—	—	—
NORBURN	37	—	21	63
OSMOND	31	—	2	6
PARKINSON	38	—	8	24
PHILLIPS	30	—	—	—
SCHOFIELD	1	—	—	—
SENIOR	26	—	4	12
STOTT	15	46	1	95
THOMAS	26	—	—	—
THOMPSON	2	—	—	—
TONGE	21	—	2	6
WELSH	7	—	1	3
WOODS	36	—	3	9
WINKWORTH	13	1	4	14
A. N. OTHER	1	—	—	—

FIXTURES AND RESULTS

First Team

1953			F	A
Aug. 15	Leigh	H	6	9
19	Liverpool C.	H	11	4
22	Barrow	A	3	34
29	Belle Vue R.	H	33	8
31	Leigh	A	12	6
Sept. 5	Liverpool C. (*Lancs. Cup*)	A	14	2
9	Liverpool C. (*Lancs. Cup*)	H	20	4
12	Doncaster	A	23	15
19	Whitehaven	H	11	10
23	St. Helens (*L.C.*)	A	9	38
26	Rochdale H.	A	18	13
Oct. 3	Doncaster	H	19	12
10	Bramley	H	30	16
17	Warrington	A	8	23
31	Halifax	A	5	29
Nov. 7	Barrow	H	7	20
14	St. Helens	A	0	2
21	Hull	A	8	24
28	York	H	5	14
Dec. 5	Liverpool C.	A	16	4
12	Workington	H	7	21
19	York	A	5	9
25	Oldham	A	0	23
26	Widnes	H	8	5
28	Halifax	H	0	10
1954				
2	Wigan	A	7	31
9	St. Helens	H	0	8
16				
23	Bramley	A	32	4
30	Wigan	H	3	15
Feb. 17	R.L. Cup. 1st Rd. 1st Leg.	A	4	13
13	R.L. Cup. 1st Rd. 2nd Leg	H	2	17
20	Whitehaven	A	0	7
27	Rochdale H.	H	5	0
Mar. 6	Rochdale H. (F)		8	10
13	Hull	H	16	8
27	Warrington	H	9	15
April 7	Workington	A	7	11
12	Belle Vue R.	A	12	12
16	Oldham	H		
17	Salford	H		
19	Widnes	A		
May 1	Salford	A		

'A' Team

1953			F	A
Aug. 22	Barrow	H	7	11
29	Widnes	A	8	28
Sept. 5	Wigan (*L.C.C.S.*)	H	5	15
9	Wigan (*L.C.C.S.*)	A	5	24
12	Salford	H	7	23
19	Whitehaven	A	15	5
26	Rochdale H.	H	11	18
Oct. 3	Liverpool C.	A	18	7
10				
17	Warrington	H	11	15
24				
31	Leigh	H	13	44
Nov. 7	Barrow	A	3	44
14	St. Helens	H	13	12
21	S.P. & D.R.L.	H	12	5
28	Salford	A	5	21
Dec. 5	Liverpool C.	H	6	11
12	Workington	A	13	35
19	M. & D.R.L.	H	11	11
25				
26				
1954				
Jan. 1				
2				
9	St. Helens	A	0	31
16	Oldham	H	7	7
23	Widnes	H	11	7
Feb. 13				
20	Whitehaven	H	9	5
27	Rochdale H.	A	9	14
Mar. 6	Wigan	H	11	10
13				
20	Workington	H	10	0
27	Warrington	A	13	23
April 3	Leigh	A	15	38
10	Oldham	A	15	21
14	Wigan	A		

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