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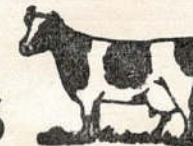
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Saturday
Nov. 13th

Kick-off
3-0 p.m.



Referee:
Mr. J. W. JOWETT
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Touchjudges:
A. KEMP
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J. WOODWARD
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, 1954

Notes

Out matches at Knotty Ash appear to be fated for postponement or abandonment! This is the third successive season in which the Liverpool fixture has been so affected. In these days of crowded fixture lists it seems inevitable that our postponed games with Barrow and Liverpool City will have to be evening matches. This may not be so important as far as the City game is concerned, but the Barrow "gate" is bound to be affected.

The first team's display against St. Helens (then League leaders) was a much more heartening effort than some other recent games. It was largely a case of defences cancelling one another out, and this may be attributed to the state of the pitch which is reputed to be a factor against open play. It should be noted, however, that on the previous Saturday St. Helens are reported to have excelled themselves with fast, open football in similar conditions, against Whitehaven. Against Widnes they took the two chances they had of scoring in the first half, and there must have been many who thought that Widnes would "pull it off" in the second. Joe Ball's kicks for touch were invaluable in driving us back, but the very fact that St. Helens were forced into using these tactics is tribute enough to the way their middle backs were bottled up.

It is a compliment to the team that the same side was selected to play at Liverpool last Saturday, and to do duty against Oldham today. But there are still a number of faults that need attention before we can say that we are satisfied. And having seen the way the players strove against St. Helens we know that they have their hearts in the job, and are anxious to improve their play.

OUR VISITORS

It must be something of a novelty to have the League leaders as visitors in successive home games! Oldham now head of the table, having taken over from St. Helens who dropped points at Workington last Saturday. Last season the home game with Oldham, an evening match, resulted in a narrow win for Widnes, and if current form is anything to go by, Oldham must be expecting to turn the tables today. Their only defeat in the League this season has been at the hands of Salford, who very nearly upset Warrington at Wilderspool last week. Many of us thought that the Lancashire Cup was "in the bag" for Oldham but Barrow had other ideas. That was only one "off day" in many good ones for Oldham, however, and they will doubtless look forward to keeping up their winning sequence at Naughton Park today. Our lads will have to pull something special out of the bag to prevent them taking the points, but we believe they have it in them to do just that.

JACK HAYES BENEFIT

A few tickets are still available for the Benefit Dance at the I.C.I. Rec. next Friday evening. Dancing from 8-0 p.m. to 1-0 a.m., to the music of the Columbians Band. The tickets cost 5/- including refreshments. Next Monday Jack Hayes darts team test their skill at the Round House, West Bank, and the following Monday they challenge the Simms Cross Hotel Darts team.

NOTES—continued

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Saturday, 20th Nov.	Widnes "A" v. Rochdale "A"
	Kick-off 2-30 p.m.
" 27th "	Widnes v. Barrow. Kick-off 2-30 p.m.
" 11th Dec.	Widnes "A" v. Salford "A"
	Kick-off 2-30 p.m.
" 18th "	Widnes v. Belle Vue R. Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

TIMES OF KICK-OFF

Patrons are reminded that from Saturday, 20th November, up to and including 22nd January, 1955, the time of kick-off for all matches will be 2-30 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The local Cancer Research Fund Committee ask us to convey their grateful thanks to all patrons who contributed to the collection on 30th October, which realised the sum of £35 11s. 9d.

ARTICLES FOUND

A tie clip was found and handed to the Secretary following the St. Helens match on 30th October. This may be claimed, on identification, at the Secretary's office today.

SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

Penny-on-the-Ball Winner.

Saturday, 16th October, Mr. A. Minton, 173 Greenway Road, Widnes. Ticket No. 06536.

Saturday, 30th October, Mr. J. E. James, 22 Park Road. Ticket No. C11021.

Trip to Rochdale.

Coaches will leave St. Paul's Road on Saturday next at 12-45 for Rochdale. Fare 6/-. Seats may be booked with Mr. Shaw, at Supporters' Club Headquarters, or at 67 Leigh Avenue.

LANCASHIRE RUGBY LEAGUE COMBINATION

Up to and including 6th November, 1954.

	P	W	D	L	Pts. For	Pts. Agst	League Pts.
St. Helens	10	9	—	1	276	75	18
Barrow	7	6	—	1	130	68	12
Warrington	9	5	2	2	165	115	12
Wigan	9	5	1	3	202	131	11
Oldham	9	5	—	4	135	102	10
Leigh	7	5	—	2	148	120	10
Rochdale H.	7	4	—	3	85	76	8
Whitehaven	8	3	1	4	63	102	7
Widnes	7	3	—	4	79	91	6
Salford	7	3	—	4	71	114	6
Liverpool City	7	2	—	5	109	150	4
Swinton	9	2	—	7	116	151	4
Workington T.	9	2	—	7	95	200	4
Blackpool Borough ...	9	2	—	7	87	266	4