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NAUGHTON PARK NOTES

At the time of writing these notes, the fate of our team at Liverpool City is unknown—That is, if the match were played at all. The big game with Warrington had to be postponed on account of frost. The Treasurer will be very happy if the re-arranged fixture makes ample amends for the Christmas Day disappointment. The gate against St. Helens was only half that expected and it would appear that the Clerk of the Weather is still in the same unsmiling mood as he was in the summer.

TODAY'S MATCH

Weather permitting, this should be a rare tussle, with plenty of good football for good measure. The Cherry and Whites from Oldham are thrice conquerors of St. Helens and rather luckless losers at Wilderspool, where Alan Davies was a first-half casualty. We had no fixture with Warrington, so we have no form to build on, if indeed, form is anything to go by.

Our visitors are possibly the "team of the season," but of recent years, they have acquired the habit of lapsing half way through their programme. But we must not expect anything but hard work today if we are to survive. We won't find any position in the ranks of our rivals which is not adequately filled and in addition to individual brilliance, there is "team work" of a very high standard. Our boys have a habit of rising (or falling?) to the level of their opponents and if we are to be in this game "with a chance" today, every player must make himself responsible for his part in a solid defensive system and also eager and ready to co-operate fully in attack. The appearance of young Sherman before his own supporters as a first-teamer lends added interest and we wish him good luck. A bright future is predicted for this teenager and a good display against today's opposition should give him the confidence which is so closely related to success. To our visitors, players and supporters alike, we extend the Season's Greetings and we offer them a warm welcome. The Watersheddings men have been coming here for (believe it or not) over half a century and they have had so many top-class stars that we refrain from mentioning famous names. The present team is trying to "live up" to some excellent traditions, and what a good job it is making of it!

Here's hoping for a grand game and although the year 1956 still has a matter of three days to survive, we wish all our patient and loyal readers a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

And may we conclude on a slightly selfish note, by expressing the earnest hope that 1957 will provide us with many opportunities of giving supporters the kind of cheerful reading matter in these notes which success and good football inspires.

Next Saturday at Naughton Park

WIDNES v. BARROW

Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

JOTTINGS

An X-ray on George Kemel's injured leg did not reveal any serious injury and he is now undergoing a course of treatment to reduce the swelling. A further X-ray may be taken to ensure all is well.

Dennis Tobin sustained an injury to the forearm in the last match, which has not responded to treatment and he will have a specialist's examination next Monday to determine the cause of the trouble.

Jimmy Royle made an excellent debut with Barrow first team at Workington on Boxing Day and scored a very good try.

Harold Kinsey is best man at his brother's wedding today, hence his absence from today's line up.

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12. DE WITT
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NAUGHTON PARK NOTES—Continued

On the eve of his return to first team football, Vin Smith had the misfortune to contract laryngitis and he will be an absentee for a match or two.

John Sale, absent now for many weeks, will be available for selection in the New Year.

Mick Connolly our very promising young hooker is also making good progress with his damaged ankle, and should be given the all clear very soon.

Frank Tobin was busy following the "A" team's return from St. Helens, inserting stitches in the faces of Bill Roberts and Walter Hurstfield, but both should be fit for the next "A" team match.

Steady progress is still being made with the Club Lottery and the membership is approaching the nine thousand mark. Any of our supporters who would care to take up an agency will be doing a great service to the club and any committee member will supply details of the duties involved.

The first stage in the erection of the covered accommodation programme should be completed for today's game and we think our patrons will agree that we have just cause to be proud of this effort. Our thanks too to Mr. Frank Farrell and his men for speed and skill with which the job was carried out.

Mr. Sam Jackson, our groundsman for a number of years has relinquished his post this week and with him go our thanks for doing a fine job on the ground and also our very best wishes for the future. Sam will be leaving the district for a short holiday, on his return in a few week's time he has readily placed his advice and experience at our disposal.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Commandant of the Local Red Cross Detachment wishes to thank very sincerely, all patrons who contributed to the collection on Saturday, 15th December, which realised the very excellent total of £33.

COMING ATTRACTIONS AT NAUGHTON PARK

Saturday, 5th January
Saturday, 12th January:
Saturday, 19th January:
Saturday, 26th January:

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Kick-off 2-30 p.m

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CUP FINAL TICKETS

All 12/6 tickets for the Challenge Cup Final at Wembley on the 11th May, 1957, have now been sold. A limited supply of seating tickets at 25/-, 15/- and 7/6, and ground tickets at 3/-, are still available. Supporters who do not wish to be disappointed are advised to make early application to the League Office, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds, 7.

POSTPONED MATCHES

It is hoped to make announcements giving dates of re-arranged matches within the next few days.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

PENNY ON THE BALL WINNER

Saturday, 15th December, C. Butler, 118 Coronation Drive, Widnes.

CHILDREN'S DANCE

The next Children's Dance will be held on Friday, January 11th, in St. Paul's Parochial Hall. Dancing from 7-0 p.m. till 10-0 p.m. Tickets 1/-.

RUGBY LEAGUE QUEEN COMPETITION

It is proposed to hold a Social Evening, early in the New Year, for the purpose of selecting the Widnes Rugby League Queen for 1957. The winning competitor will be entered for the National Rugby League Queen contest held at Blackpool next April. Nominations may be handed to any member of the committee.