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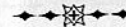


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OLDHAM v. SALFORD

AT WATERSHEDDINGS,

Saturday, October 8th, 1921.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Defeat Number One.

For the first time this season we had to strike our flag last Saturday. Our conquerors, Wigan, always were a warm handful; and even though they had only one victory to their credit prior to our visit, they were acknowledged on paper to have a very capable team, and one which sooner or later would make its presence felt. Unfortunately they struck their happiest vein when we visited them last Saturday, and without any beating about the bush, we must admit that we were soundly beaten, and we hasten to congratulate Wigan on their victory. True, we did not have much of the good luck that was knocking about, but if one does not grasp it when it knocks at their door, that, of course, is no fault of their opponents. Winning the toss on Saturday was, no doubt, a very great stroke of luck, and Wigan took full advantage of it. One could only feel sorry for Billy Hall that he should have a pass pinched in the manner in which Howley did it. That incident seemed to quite upset the popular Gloucester man and he never fairly recovered himself the whole game. But Hall need not worry about that accident. Such things have happened before and will do again a good many times. It was a glorious run of Howley's, quite

the best movement of the whole afternoon. We had deuced hard lines on no less than three occasions, Grimes being only a foot short of the line on one occasion. Still, we did not play up to our form shown in previous games, and as we have already said, we were deservedly beaten by a better team on the day's play.

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Our "A" Team's Victory.

That was a very fine performance of our "A" team at Watershedding last Saturday, when they got the better of the argument with the Wigan Reserves. It was a performance which will go a long way towards wiping out the memories of that somewhat disappointing exhibition which they gave at Watersheddings when the Widnes "A" team paid us a visit. The Wigan "A" team on Saturday looked quite hot stuff on paper and they proved themselves to be hot stuff on the field; in fact, quite as hot as the weather was. What a fine attendance we had; very encouraging to be sure. And they went away delighted with our "A" team's performance. Now that our Reserves have got into their stride, they should not be long before they find their way to the top of the Competition.

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The Australian Match.

We referred in our issue of a fortnight ago to the great amount of interest which is already being taken in Oldham to our fixture with the Australians on November 26. The Committee have decided that the present holders of reserved seat tickets, may have those same seats reserved for the Colonial match at 5s. each. The "E" Stand, i.e., the covered portion of the stand on the "Popular" side, will also be reserved at 5s. per seat. All applications must be made direct to Mr. A. J. Swan, our Secretary, at the Pavilion. All applications must also be accompanied by remittance for the amount named, and also a stamped addressed envelope. There will be no favouritism shown: the applications will be simply dealt with in the order in which they are received until the whole tickets are disposed of.

Our Victory over the Hornets.

It was somewhat unfortunate that we did not have better weather for our game with Rochdale Hornets on Monday. The rainstorm which came on at noon no doubt deterred a good many outside supporters from making the journey to Oldham. As it was, however, we had a capital crowd, and a gate of £502 under such circumstances was not at all bad. It was a new experience this season for the players to have to handle a wet, greasy ball, and in that department both sets of players appeared to be deplorably out of practice. There was perhaps just a little too much "feeling" engendered in the game; and, as a result, the play did not

reach the high standard we have seen in many games with our old rivals. Knapman again played a great game, and created a very favourable impression amongst a good many members of the Northern Union Council, who were present at the game.

A Busy Week-end.

Two matches last week-end and two more this week-end, is rather stiff work for our premier team. To-day we welcome Salford, who are showing much more improved form than what they did last season. They have now got Willie Thomas back in their ranks so that the rumour as to his retirement was somewhat premature. In fact, we hear that Thomas had no intentions of resigning just at present, and that in connection with the matter someone made a slight error. However, we know our crowd will be pleased to see the popular Welshman in the Salford ranks this afternoon at Watersheddings, where Salford have given us many a good game, but very rarely a beating. We are not anticipating them spring a victory upon us to-day. We have a far more difficult task on hand on Monday next, October 10th, when our team visit Hull to meet the League's champions on the Boulevard ground at Anlaby Road. Hull have been doing none too well so far this season, and are, at present pretty well down the League table with five wins out of nine games, having met with defeat in the other four games. They were unfortunate last week

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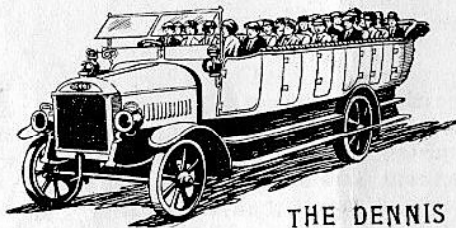


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in having to meet their old foes, up some very good performances at Hull at various times, and with the Rovers, with a somewhat depleted team, and, as a consequence a fair share of luck we may bring they suffered a crushing defeat on a couple of points back. Let's their own ground. We have put hope so!

PAVILION GOSSIP.

By "Puss yfoot."

There wasn't much enjoyment and yelled out: "What are you strolling along Wigan pier after booing about; do you want him our defeat there last Saturday. to kiss Hesketh instead of tackling those Wigan chaps have no sympathy with you when you have him?" It really looked as if they lost. They didn't half rub it in they did.

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What a bag of tricks Hesketh is! He fairly rattled our chaps, but he got any amount of assistance from his wing forward—Shaw, who throughout the game obstructed very badly. He was cautioned no less than three times, and a good many judges thought that Referee Denham would have been justified in sending him off the ground.

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On one occasion when one of forwards brought off a really good tackle on Hesketh, and fairly smothered him, an occupant of the centre stand commenced booing the forward for what he termed a rough tackle. An Oldhamer standing just below turned round

What a crowd there was on that excursion train, and what a pity the railway authorities did not provide more accommodation. There were no less than twenty-two in one third-class compartment; whilst in a first-class compartment seventeen were packed. Not much room for a quiet hand at solo, or a friendly game at nap!

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That was a lovely run of Howley's when he sneaked that pass from Billy Hall. Well might one of the Wigan enthusiasts yell out "Howley Moses!" when the centre fell over the line.

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We don't know that Grimes is, or ever has been a collier; but last Saturday he knew how to get Coles. He got him very cleverly

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G.	T.	P.	G.	T.	P.
Half-Time			Half-Time		
Tries scored by			Tries scored by		
Goals scored by			Goals scored by		
G.	T.	P.	G.	T.	P.
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Sept. 3	Broughton Rangers	Home	Sept. 3	Broughton Rangers	Away
10	Leigh	Home	10	Leigh	Away
17	Widnes	Away	17	Widnes	Home
24	Hunslet	Home	24	Thatto Heath	Away
Oct. 1	Wigan	Away	Oct. 1	Wigan	Home
3	Rochdale Hornets	Home	3		
8	Salford	Home	8	Salford	Away
10	Hull	Away	10		
15	St. Helens Recs.	Away	15	St. Helens Recs.	Home
22	Rochdale (L.C. 1st R'd)	Away	22	Thatto Heath	Home
29	Keighley	Home	29		
Nov. 5	Huddersfield	Home	Nov. 5	Rochdale Hornets	Away
12	Halifax	Away	12	Swinton	Home
19	Featherstone	Away	19		
26	Australians (All Pay)	Home	26	Pemberton Rovers	Away
Dec. 3	Salford	Away	Dec. 3	Salford	Home
10	Barrow	Home	10		
17	Keighley	Away	17	Swinton	Away
24	Swinton	Home	24	Broughton Rangers	Home
26	Broughton Rangers	Away	26	Warrington	Home
31	Warrington	Away	31		
Jan. 2	Hull	Home	Jan. 2		
7	Bradford	Home	7	Ince All Blacks	Away
14	Bradford	Away	14	Cadishhead and Irlam	Home
21	Rochdale	Away	21	Rochdale Hornets	Home
28	Halifax	Home	28	Cadishhead and Irlam	Away
Feb. 4	Barrow	Away	Feb. 4	Pemberton Rovers	Home
11	St. Helens	Home	11	St. Helens	Away
18	Featherstone	Home	18		
25	1st Round N.U. Cup		25	Ince All Blacks	Home
Mar. 4	Leigh	Away	Mar. 4	Leigh	Home
11	Wigan	Home	11	Wigan	Away
18	Warrington	Home	18	Warrington	Away
25	Hunslet	Away	25	Wigan Highfield	Home
April 1	Widnes	Home	April 1	Widnes	Away
8	St. Helens Recs.	Home	8	St. Helens Recs.	Away
14	Swinton (Good Friday)	Away	14	(Good Friday)	
15	(Easter Saturday)		15	Wigan Highfield (E. S.)	Away
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