evening match. Golfers would be able to have their usual round and then

turn up for the game.

We should lose the Christmas holiday fixtures, but as these are so largely dependent on good weather as it is, we should not miss them much, especially as we should gain by having the Whitsuntide and August Bank Holiday periods to replace them, thus, with Easter, having three holiday periods against two as at present.

There would be an entire absence of postponed games through bad weather and the avoidance of the enormous loss that has been the lot

of clubs during the last few seasons.

In the past, much of the good fortune of a favourable draw in the Cup has been tempered by the loss sustained in having to play the postponed games in mid-week to a consequent meagre attendance and poor "gate." Postponements through cup-ties could be played with late kick-

offs and without risk of financial failure.

Supporters would be able to follow their clubs to other grounds more easily, as in the early kick-off of our present season only very few are in a position to get away early enough to travel. It would be much easier for railway companies to arrange special and cheap trips at a time to suit and when most lines are clear of the urgent traffic. The returning times would be little different because at present excursionists prefer to return rather late in the evening.

Any fixtures which might entail travelling clubs staying overnight could be avoided by arranging these dates in the 3.30 period and this would ensure that there would be no necessity to fear any increase in

travelling expenses.

Players and officials would not have to lose much working time for mid-week matches, and the payment for loss of work entailed by these matches as at present would be considerably curtailed, and could be set off against any possible increase in the travelling account.

Training would, for the greater part of the season, take place in the evening in daylight, and with a greater amount of ball practice, the standard of handling would vastly improve, and a new and more brilliant type of football would be played.

That terrible period in the depths of winter when the mud is ankle deep and kills all possibility of decent, attractive football being played; also causes the use of straw, which, in addition to costing the clubs using it something up to £150 each season it is in use, acts as a destroyer of grass, and for half the season we play on bare mud pitches. With that period cut out we should have well grassed grounds and a tremendous saving each season in cost of ground renovation, sodding, seeding, etc.

Junior football, at present languishes because it is impossible under the present conditions, for club officials to give it the attention it should receive. It would be quite simple to play the Junior programme on mid-week evenings, and in that case the juniors in each district could mid-week evenings, and in that case the jumors in each district could be taken more care of by the seniors and receive the necessary encouragement and coaching, and they would be free to attend the senior games, so that by watching, they might more quickly absorb ideas. Our supply of capable juniors, which is at present a source of deep concern to us all, would therefore be increased and the standard of junior football all round would be raised. Football grounds and playing fields which are now allocated by the various local bodies to Soccer teams, could be obtained cheaply for the summer months, and much stronger Junior Leagues built up.

### FIVE SHILLINGS FOR ONE PENNY!-IT MIGHT BE YOURS.

At half-time a number will be shown on the Score Board. If it corresponds with the number which appears on the front of your Programme, you are entitled to Five Shillings, which can be obtained from the Warrington Secretary, R. F. Anderton, after the match to-day.

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OUR VISITORS.

We are certainly getting our share of attractive matches at Wilderpool at present, as our visitors to-day, i.e., Oldham, can be looked upon as one of the stylists in Rugby League Football. Their wingman, Mills, was obtained from South Wales during the close season and they seem to be well satisfied with the bargain. Johnny Oster, the stand-off half, is in great form at present and is a candidate for the Tonr

	Height.	Weight,
Player. Birthplace. Position.	ft. in.	st. lb.
T. E. Rees, Pontyclan (F.B.)	5 8	12 0
C. Mills, South Wales (T.Q.B.)	. 5 8	. 11 12
S. Rix, Manchester (T.Q.B.)	. 5 101	. 12 9
E. Hodgkinson, Wigan (T.Q.B.)	. 5 9	. 11 0
L. J. Lewis, South Wales (T.Q.B.)	. 5 91	. 11 1
J. Houghton, Leigh (H.B.)	. 5 2	. 10 5
J. Uster, Wigan (H.B.)	5 7	10 7
F. W. ASHWORTH, ASPATRIA (F.)	5 10	13 0
A. Hathway, Newport (F.)	. 6 0	. 13 2
J. Read, Gloucester (F.)	. 5 11	. 13 0
J. M. Scaife, Dewsbury (F.)	. 6 0	. 13 10
9. Entwistle, Swinton (F.)	6 0	14 1
A. Clayton (F.)	. 5 11	. 13 5
J. H. Gore, South Wales (F.)	5 10	12 13

TO DAY'S PROBABLE TEAMS. Play Periods 40 Minutes Each Way.

SEPT. 12th, 1931. Kick-off 3-30p.m.

WARRINGTON -Primrose and Blue. Colours -W. J. Holding 6. GOALS W. Dingsdale T. Thompson N. Hardy W. Shankland 1. TRY (Capt.) T. Flynn Touch W. Rankin J. Miller TUCKER 11 W. Jones Judge: J. Marsden 1. TRY Reserve: F. Williams. Referee: J. MOLLOY, Wigan. --Touch Judge A. Clayton R. Hathaway F. W. Ashworth 12 ....13 J. M. Scaife H. Entwistle J. Read 10 J. Oster J. Houghton L. J. Lewis E. Hodgkinson S Rix (Capt.) C. Mills 5 1.TRY T. E. Rees 1 3 GOALS

Colours-

**OLDHAM** 

-Red and White.

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Warrington Football Club is going to hold a Dance in Parr Hall on Friday, October 16th. Make a note of the date.

LANCASHIRE v. YORKSHIRE.

The above Rugby League County Match will be played at Wilderspool on Saturday, October 17th. The above game is to be recognised as an official trial match for the forthcoming Australian Tour and some of the Tour Selectors will be present. We all have great recollections of the last Lancashire versus Yorkshire match, it was one of the best ever, and the spectators may rest assured of a good afternoon's enjoyment.

NEW PLAYING PERIOD FOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

The Salford scheme for Summer Football is one of the most controversial subjects placed before Rugby League followers for some years, and to our mind, it needs thoroughly investigating and plenty of discussion before coming to a definite decision either one way or the other. The Warrington Committee is going into the whole question and it is their intention to consult with the members and supporters. We are therefore reprinting in this issue the case as set out by the Salford Club through Mr. Todd, their secretary. The Warrington Club ask you to carefully consider the points for and against the scheme, and we propose to issue voting papers to all who attend at one of our later matches and ask you to express your opinion on the idea.

We also propose to take the opinion of our players separately.

Salford say :-

Now what is the reason? It is all perfectly simple and can be summed up in very few words. We play our game in the wrong time of the year. We choose the dirtest weather and expect the crowd to come along in their thousands when all the time there are the glorious summer months

absolutely wasted.

The proposal, briefly, is that the season for Rugby League Football should be from the First Saturday in March to a date in November of each year, with the worst period of the year-December, January and February-as the close season, the date for the end of the season in November to be governed as now, by the date of the Championship Final. During the months of March, April, October and November, the kick-off would be as usual (3.30 p.m.) and in May, June, July, August and September matches would be played in the evening with the kick-off at say 7.30 p.m. Perhaps in September an earlier kick-off would be desirable, but that is a detail that can easily be arranged.

Of course, we shall hear immediately that summer is the cricket season, but by what divine right was it allocated to cricketers, and why should football be the only sport that gives way to them? Almost every other sport is played during the best period of the year, and athletic meetings and a thousand and one other sports clash with cricket, so why should

we allow tradition to dictate to us to our detriment?

It will be said that hard grounds and hot weather will have an adverse effect, but our grounds would be no harder than those in Australia and South Africa, nor would the evening matches entail playing in the same heat as in those countries, and the players would soon adapt themselves to the new conditions, and we should find that the class of football developed would be on the lines of that demonstrated by the Australians. The faster and more open game would be played, and the old cup-tie type of football relegated to the scrap-heap, with the consequence that the extra attractiveness would draw enormously increased crowds.

A walk through the streets of any town on a Saturday evening will reveal the many thousands of people at a loose end, who would jump at the chance of attending a football match. We all know that there are double the number of people free after tea on Saturdays and we should get a larger number of women who would accompany their husbands to the matches. Picture palaces cannot absorb all who are out for the evening and the vast majority who prefer the open air. Those engaged in any other sport would be able to play their games and attend the