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Saturday, March 18th, 1933.

Rugby League Championship.

Kick-off 3-30 p.m.

CLUB CHAT.

A Terrible Crash. After having played Salford to a three points draw at Watersheddings, one can scarcely imagine our team going to Weaste a week later and being beaten by a clear forty-four points. And yet that was what actually occurred last Saturday! We have had several nasty bumps this season away from home, notably at Barrow where 26 points were recorded against us; at Warrington, where our opponents put on 28 points; at York we were rattled to the extent of 26 points; whilst St. Helens and Leigh each recorded 20 points against us, or a total of 120 points in five games. There's bad defence for you! but last Saturday all that was put completely in the shade by that "double four" business at Salford. Not since Wigan gave us that severe trouncing in the Lancashire Cup re-play, have our representatives been so unmercifully thrashed. We were only eleven points in arrears at the interval, and had had a fair share of the play in the initial half; our weak defence alone being responsible for our being behind. That weak defence shown in the initial half spread like an octopus after the change of ends, and at one period of the game the Salford backs—particularly the halves, Jenkins and Watkins—appeared able to score every time they had possession of the ball. We should imagine that weaker defence has never been shown by any team representing our club. To say the least of it, it was most humiliating to the officials and the numerous followers who made the journey to Weaste. There could be no excuse whatever; it was simply a downright wretched exhibition on our part. In making these observations we do not mean to belittle the brilliance of the Salford team's display. Three or four of their tries were brilliantly obtained; in fact,

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Date	Opponents	G'd	T	F A	Date	Opponents	G'd	T	F A
Aug. 27	Hull ...	Away		35 18	Sept. 3	St. Helens Recs. 'A'	Away		10 14
Sept. 3	St. Helens Recs. ...	Home	3-30	4 18	10	Halifax "A" (F) ...	Home	3-30	7 26
10	Featherstone ...	Away		18 5	17	Wakefield "A" ...	Away		2 2
12	St. Helens Recs. ...	Away		2 9	24	Wigan "A" ...	Home	3-30	2 12
17	Wakefield ...	Home	3-30	38 7	Oct. 1	Widnes "A" ...	Away		0 11
24	Wigan ...	Away		19 0	8	St. Helens Recs. 'A'	Home	3-30	5 6
27	Rochdale H. (I.C.)	Home	6-15	24 3	15	Halifax "A" (F)	Away		3 26
Oct. 1	Widnes ...	Home	3 30	13 7	22	Barrow "A" ...	Home	3-0	12 0
8	St. Helens Recs. (1st Rd. Lancs. Cup)	Away	3-30	5 5	29	Wigan Highfield 'A'	Away		12 8
10	do. (replay)	Home		4 0	Nov. 5	Lancs. J.L. Fed. ...	Home	3-0	14 11
13	do. (replay)	Home		7 7	12	Warrington "A" ...	Away		2 18
15	Halifax ...	Home	3-30	16 11	19	Wigan Highfield A	Home	2-45	18 5
17	St. Helens Recs. (1st rd. L. Cup)	S'ld		6 9	26	Hull "A" ...	Away	2-45	10 15
22	Barrow ...	Away		0 26	Dec. 3	Warrington "A" ...	Home	2-45	0 0
29	Wigan Highfield ...	Home	3-0	32 5	17	Widnes "A" ...	Home	2-30	5 0
Nov. 5	Castleford ...	Away		1 6	24	St. Helens "A" ...	Away		13 9
12	Warrington ...	Home	3-0	6 10	26	Swinton "A" ...	Away	11-0	8 4
19	Wigan Highfield ...	Away		8 5	31	Wakefield "A" ...	Home	2-30	2 13
26	Hull ...	Home	2-45	29 5	Jan. 2	Leigh "A" ...	Away		2 16
Dec. 3	Warrington ...	Away		10 28	7	Leigh "A" ...	Home	2-30	16 0
10	Hull Kingston R.	Home	2-30	16 3	14	Broughton R'g'rs A	Home	2-45	10 3
17	Widnes ...	Away		2 16	21	Barrow "A" ...	Away		3 19
24	St. Helens ...	Home	2-30	16 12	Feb. 4	Bright'n R'ng'rs 'A'	Away		11 2
26	Swinton (Box'g Dy)	Home	2-30	4 23	18	St. Helens "A" ...	Home	3-30	14 5
27	Castleford ...	Home	2-30	6 9	Mar. 4	Wigan "A" ...	Away		7 20
31	Wakefield ...	Away		14 10	11	Salford "A" ...	Home	3-30	
Jan. 2	Leigh ...	Home	2-30	22 3	25	Huddersfield 'A'	Home	3-30	
7	Leigh ...	Away		13 20	April 1	Rochdale Hornets A	Home	3-30	
14	Broughton Rangers	Away		8 14	8	Huddersfield "A" ...	Away		
21	Barrow ...	Home	2-45	7 8	14	Swinton "A" ...	Home	11-0	
28	York ...	Away		6 26	15	Rochdale Hornets A	Away		
Feb. 4	Broughton R'g'rs	Home	3-0	3 5	22	Hul "A" ...	Home		
11	Rochdale Hornets Challenge Cup 1 rd.	Home	3-30	13 8					
18	St. Helens ...	Away	3-30	3 20					
Mar. 1	Wigan C.C. 2nd Rd.	Away		3 5					
4	Salford ...	Home	3-30	3 3					
11	Salford ...	Away		0 40					
18	Featherstone ...	Home							
25	Hull Kingston R.	Away	3-30						
April 1	Rochdale Hornets ...	Away							
8	York ...	Home	3-30						
14	Swinton ...	Away							
15	Rochdale Hornets	Home							
17	Halifax ...	Away							

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No From whatever angle last Saturday's debacle is viewed from, **Excuse.** we can gain no satisfaction whatever. It may be true that the Salford hooker was allowed to drop on his knee every time, but that does not relieve us of the blame for our terrible defence. There were occasions last Saturday when three or four of our players were within easy striking distance of an opponent with the ball; but instead of going for the man, they accompanied him on the run, and then allowed him to burst clear! Probably each player was expecting his colleague to tackle the man with the ball, and thus it became no man's work, and the Salford man was allowed to proceed on his journey over the line. The experiment of playing Hilton at full back in place of Tom Rees was not a great success. He certainly did go for his man, but he missed him pretty frequently. His catching of the ball was good; but apart from that his display left a good deal to be desired. Our half backs were made to look very small fry; and their weakness in failing to check Jenkins and Watkins had a great deal to do with our slaughter. Our three-quarter line was never really in the picture. Stephens never once got fairly going until late in the game; and Bardsley only came into the picture in the last quarter; whilst three-parts of the game had passed before Williams had received a single pass! Of our forwards' display the least said is the better. They did manage to obtain possession a few times in the second half; but their display in the loose was almost crude. It was positively the worst display they have given for many a long season. Perhaps we have said sufficient to make it clear that our display was very, very disappointing. We wonder if our players realise what it means to us, this sliding down the League ladder! Surely they will 'pull up their socks' after last Saturday!

The The brilliantly fine weather which we experienced last Saturday **Cup Ties.** brought fine financial returns to the eight clubs who were fortunate enough to be engaged in last Saturday's third round of the Rugby League Challenge Cup. Not far away from Weaste, Swinton were entertaining and being defeated by Huddersfield, before an attendance

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| 4. Stephens, S. J. (capt.) | |
| 5. Lewis, L. | |
| 6. Reynolds, J. B. | |
| 7. Taylor, A. | |
| 8. Hanley, T. | |
| 9. Scaife, J. M. | |
| 10. Dover, T. | |
| 11. Thomas, W. T. | |
| 12. Hathway, R. | |
| 13. Butterworth, W. E. | |
| 14. Clayton, A. | |

FEATHERSTONE

- | | G. T. |
|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Johnson, G. | |
| 2. Denton, J. D. | |
| 3. Malpass, J. | |
| 4. Stott, W. | |
| 5. Rowley, J. | |
| 6. Hayes, W. | |
| 7. Evans, W. | |
| 8. Barraclough, E. | |
| 9. Morgan, L. | |
| 10. Padgett, L. | |
| 11. Taylor, G. | |
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which paid close upon one thousand pounds. At Wigan (where we ought to have been) Warrington confused the prophets by defeating the home team and sharing at a gate of £2,060. Hull's consolation in being beaten at Leeds was a share of a £1,520 gate; whilst St. Helens knocked out Halifax before a crowd of 14,000 who paid £660. So far, this season's competition will be long remembered by the number of defeats sustained by the home clubs. The draw for the semi-finals which took place last Monday, now makes it certain for a Lancashire v. Yorkshire final at Wembley. Who will fill the role of finalists?

Who's for Wembley? Mention of the final reminds us that there are several seats yet vacant in connection with our Excursion to Wembley on the occasion of the final tie. There is certain to be a great final this May 6th. The presence of H.M. the King, who has graciously consented to present the cup to the victors, is sure to cause a greatly added interest in the proceedings and will mark a very important milestone in the progress of the Rugby League. Our excursion is being run on popular lines, and will be restaurant cars throughout. Breakfast and supper will be served and we can assure our followers that the catering will be first-class. Those two meals and the fare will cost you 22/-. The train will leave Oldham at 6 a.m. and is due to arrive at Euston four hours later; whilst the return journey will be commenced at 11-30 from Euston. Our Secretary, Mr. R. E. Wylie, or any member of the committee; or the Secretary of the Supporters Club (in conjunction with whom this excursion is being run) will be only too pleased to give advice, and arrange for parties, if appealed to.

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Workshops. The Workshops Competition which is being arranged by our Supporters Club, is already arousing much enthusiasm, and the entries should prove numerous. We are informed that entries should be in the hands of the Committee at their headquarters, the Friendship Hotel, next Monday evening certain, if they are to be included in the draw. There are very valuable watches for both winners and runners-up, and, in addition the winners will hold a valuable silver challenge cup for the ensuing twelve months.

Visitors from Yorkshire To-day we entertain Featherstone Rovers in a return engagement. We won somewhat easily when we visited Featherstone in September, scoring 18 points to five. Featherstone have yet to obtain their first victory at our expense, and bad as we are performing at present, we can scarcely bring ourselves to think that they will be opening a winning account to-day. We certainly ought to accomplish the double against the colliers.

Wigan's Visit. We have arranged to play Wigan our postponed League fixture at Watersheddings, next Monday week, the 27th. Seeing that Wigan are going such great guns in the League at present, we shall expect seeing a big attendance. Several prominent players will make their first appearance on our enclosure, notably Morley, the brilliant ex-Welsh international, wing three-quarter, and Gee, the ex-Australian half back.

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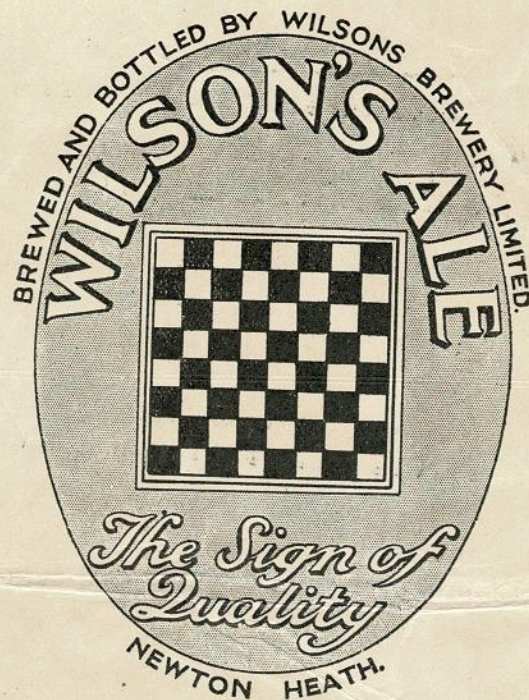
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