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NOTES.

This afternoon our Premier team start the 1933-34 season with a visit from our old friends and rivals from Watersheddings. Oldham have had a flying start, as on Saturday last they whipped Broughton Rangers to the tune of 31 pts. to nil. That was a good performance and it gives us some idea of the stiff opposition we have to encounter to-day, but if I am any judge of human nature the magnitude of the Oldham score on Saturday last has not scared our boys in the least. They realize they have a stiff hurdle to negotiate and every man of them will be on his toes in order to do so and provide a spectacular display of Rugby League Football as it should be played. We are all aware that "Derby" games, taken as a whole, are spoiled by the extra keeness introduced into the game by the intense rivalry of the players, but we are hoping that to-days game will prove an exception to the rule.

In signing George Mills, a Torquay and Devon County Rugby Union forward, our club have done a good stroke of business, as in the trial game and also in the "A" team match last Saturday, George proved that with ordinary luck, he is going to be a decided acquisition to our team.

In addition the Directors have signed the following players :-

R. Selway, Loose forward from Askern, Doncaster, Age 23.

W. Mottram, Front row forward from Wilmslow, Age 24.

J. Kelly, Centre three-quarter from Wigan, Age 19.

You can rest assured, our directors are out to provide a team which will deserve the

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patronage of every sport loving person in Rochdale and district.

From the reports received Oldham appear to have made a capture in Sadler the Hampshire County and International wingforward.

Two events of considerable importance to the Rugby League world this season is the removal of Wigan Highfield to London and the arrival of an Australian team to these shores in quest of the "Ashes" Cup. The Highfield club have been building up their playing resources during the close season and I feel sure they have the good wishes of everyone for success in their new home. Regarding the Aussies, although they have won their two matches against St. Helens Recs. and Leigh respectively, the reports on their displays are not too encouraging, but it is rather early to be too critical and as I intend running the rule over them at Oldham next Saturday I will give you my opinion of the touring side for what it is worth in our next issue.

On Saturday next, on this ground the Rochdale Junior League will play their replayed Final for the League"Knock-out"Cup between Newbold and Smallbridge Recs. Kick-off 3.30. It will be remembered that at the back-end of last season the match between these two clubs resulted in a draw after extra time, with the result that the game has been re-arranged for Saturday next. The gate receipts will be devoted to the clubs concerned and the League Funds. Roll up and give the Juniors a helping hand.

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