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At the half way stage in the 1944-1945 season, the Directors would like to place on record their appreciation of the efforts of the players in going through a period of from Sept. 2nd to Dec. 23rd. with only one defeat in League matches, and that was sustained on the latter date. The setback at Barrow marked the end of a splendid sequence of victories, and incidentally caused the team to be deposed (temporarily we hope) from the top place in the League table. It is hoped that post-war football will again be played in the non to distant future and with the object of endeavouring to find additional players for that period, the Directors have, during the past few weeks, given trials to several players who have been strongly recommended. In addition, positional experiments have been tried out.

In these days there is of course no "A" team where we can try out new players, and supporters will appreciate it is not always easy to accommodate promising youngsters in our team. The Directors feel they have, during the past few months, given every encouragement to such players. The loss of the services of John Lawrenson was a great blow and, as was expected, he is proving a difficult man to replace.

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The Directors also wish to thank the players who have "stood down." It is usual to select 15 or 16 players each week, and of course only 13 can play, with the result two or three players take the role of spectators.

On Xmas Day we received St. Helens and there was a very entertaining game. The usual return fixture followed at St. Helens on Boxing Day, when very regrettable scenes occurred, resulting in the game being abandoned after about 20 minutes play in the second half. A few spectators went on to the playing pitch with the definite object of assaulting the Referee (Mr. W. Stockley). One of our players, with remarkable presence of mind, hurriedly got Mr. Stockley into the Club House. We don't, at this juncture, propose to say anything more about the incident, as it is also certain the affair will be the subject of an Inquiry by the Rugby League. At the time the game was abandoned Wigan was winning by 12 points to 3, and the kick at goal from the last try (scored under the posts) was not taken. We do not know if the result will have to stand or whether the game will have to be replayed. That too, is a matter for the Rugby League.

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