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V.

WARRINGTON

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21st, 1946

Kick-off 3-30 p.m.

Official Programme - 2d.

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WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS.

Congratulations to our team in coming through the first round of The Lancashire Cup Competition, scoring an aggregate of 29 points against Workington's 12.

Although last Saturday's game was played in weather not conducive to the open game both teams came out with credit in satisfying the public that they had seen a good game. The actual attendance on Saturday last was 7826 adults and 472 boys, paying the sum of £662 6s. 0d. Of this, the sum of £121 17s. 11d. goes in Entertainment Tax, £50 0s. 9d. to the Lancashire County Pool, and £5 to British Playing Fields Society. The game was played in a very sporting manner and some vigorous but clean tackling was witnessed.

We are now ready for round 2, and have been drawn against our old friends, and may I say, new friends, the Leigh Club. We are due to play them at Watersheddings on Tuesday evening next, September 24th, 1946, kick-off 5-45 p.m., and the second leg will be played at Leigh on Wednesday, 2nd October, 1946, kick-off 5-30 p.m.

Our team are confidently looking forward to only one result, however, they will have a hard task on, but with confidence and the spirit there, we are hoping to enter the semi-final; of course Leigh will also have a say in this.

To-day is our first league game of the season on our ground, and we welcome our visitors from Warrington.

Many are the hard battles and struggles that have taken place between our club and the "Wires," and we are looking forward to to-day's game with an expectancy of a very open game.

CAPTAIN OF OUR TEAM

Our members and patrons will notice that we have a new captain for season 1946-47. The choice having fallen upon George Gummer, with Norman Harris as vice-captain.

This change has taken place not with any disrespect to our late captain, Norman Pugh, who has honourably filled the position for a considerable time, but the Committee are of the opinion that a back sees more of the game than a forward, hence the selection of a back to captain our team.

The position of captain is a very important post, and just as we say the spectators see most of the game, so the captain should see most of the teams.

As a director of tactics, he must have a well disciplined team.

There is only room for one captain, and he must receive obedience and loyalty.

For these reasons the greatest care should be taken in selecting the captain; for he must know the game and command the respect of the players under him.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO PLAYERS

It was very pleasing on Saturday last to hear our home spectators applaud the praiseworthy efforts of our visitors in the open game.

There is no doubt we have a home crowd that is appreciative to the visitors, and try to be fair at all times.

Any spectators can be enthusiastic supporters without being dishonest partisans.

We do more to make or mar our game than most of us imagine, whilst we set out to encourage our own players we must not do it by being unfair to our visitors.

The visiting players are often handicapped by bias on our part. What is the game worth as a pleasure to us and as a national asset if we can only see the virtues of one team.

If we restrict our code to one of fairness and honour, we shall never lapse into barracking and abusing players, whom we are in duty bound to encourage in their task, which is sure to prove sometimes beyond their skill.

We cannot always win no matter how we try.

TO-DAY'S TEAMS

OLDHAM

(RED & WHITE JERSEYS)

1. GRIFFITHS, W.
2. DOUGHTY, V. J.
3. GUMMER, G.
4. HARRIS, N.
5. INGLESFIELD, S.
6. KERWICK, E.
7. REES, D.
8. OGDEN, H.
9. FROST, W.
10. PARR, W.
11. SHAW, J. D.
12. PUGH, N.
13. AYRES, T.

WARRINGTON

(PRIMROSE & BLUE JERSEYS)

1. JONES, L.
2. BEVAN, B.
3. NORBURN
4. DIXON, E.
5. WILLIAMS, G.
6. DE LLOYD, M.
7. HELME, G. J.
8. HITCHEN, J.
9. BAND, R.
10. LIVESEY, K.
11. FEATHERSTONE, J.
12. RYAN, R.
13. CHAPMAN, W. G.

Reserves:

LEES, F.

WOOD, W.

Referee: Mr. F. FAIRHURST

Touch Judges: Mr. J. Woodward and T. Taylor