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### OLDHAM v. KEICHHLEY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 1946.

KICK-OFF 2-30 P.M

#### CLUB CHAT

Whilst offering congratulations to our team on their splendid win at Hull, which came as a surprise to our members and supporters, one is apt to ask why this in and out form shown by the team. It is something that does require some explaining irrespective of say two changes in the side that has played in the last three matches.

There is the opposition to be taken into account, and stiff opposition it has been at Workington and Hull, as our team will admit, the game against Widnes at home on Nov. 30th, 1946, was lost through missed chances when the opposition was not in comparison with other matches, but then again missed scoring opportunities get the fate they deserve, and that is all in the game, but very unpalatable to the home spectators to digest.

Reverting back to the game at Hull we had by far the major portion of the ball from the set scrums, and the second half was one continual attack on the Hull line, but no score took place; this may sound like lack of attacking power by our team, every move they tried was blocked by the stubborn Hull defence.

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To-day, we have as visitors, Keighley, who we may describe as our bogey team, for it was Easter Monday last they came and beat our team, who were in good form, by 23 points to 10. However, we hope for better things to come and give our spectators a home victory, but our team will have to give of their best.

It is with regret that one of our players, Tom Rostron, was taken suddenly ill last week and has been operated upon in Oldham Royal Infirmary for appendicitis, he is progressing as well as can be expected, but he will be out of the game for a long period. Bad luck Tommy, and everybody will wish you an early recovery.

We welcome to our club our recent signing in Joseph Bernard Mahoney, of Cardiff F.C., a player who can play either centre. We hope to have good service from him.

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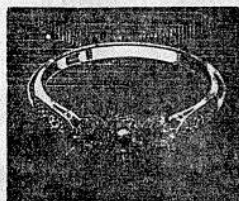
**FOUL PLAY** It is regretted that several players recently have been dismissed from the field of play for foul play or persistent infringement of the rules and in some cases where the patience of a player has been worn out and driven to retaliating upon the unseen evildoer.

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There are clubs who hold their weekly talk with the players when the play and methods of their opponents and their tactics to be employed are discussed. One wonders if ever meetings are held to instruct players on the laws of the game, to advise them of the clean sporting play, and to warn players of unfair tactics.

If any player spoils himself by foul play and gets a bad name, that is the player's risk, but he also gives the club a bad



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name, and if he is suspended, he further injures his club by the lack of his services to them. If a player thinks he is worth his place in the team, he must also think that his suspension will be a loss to the club.

The Rugby League can only stand for what is best in the game, and all that is required is for all concerned to say they will stand together for the attractiveness and ennoblement of the game. There need be no fear except in the mind of the one who does wrong.

**XMAS DAY—OLDHAM v. SWINTON. Kick-off 2-30**

## PROSPERITY DRIVE

A section of our members have formed together a Prosperity Drive Section to live up to their name and assist the club in this difficult period.

A sub-committee have interviewed the O.F.C. Committee explaining their object is one of constructiveness and that their efforts will be of help to the club which they are members. They offer their whole-hearted support, and there was never a time in the history of this club when unity and assistance in many ways should be given by as many as possible.

Many hands make work light, and in view of the Prosperity Drive, we look forward to a period of success on their behalf. The sub-committee interviewing the O.F.C. Committee were Messrs. Orrell, Slater and Everington.



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<b>B</b>	ST. HELENS 7	<b>E</b>	BELLE VUE RAN.
	v. SALFORD 2		v. CASTLEFORD
<b>C</b>	SWINTON 2	<b>F</b>	OLDHAM ATH. 1
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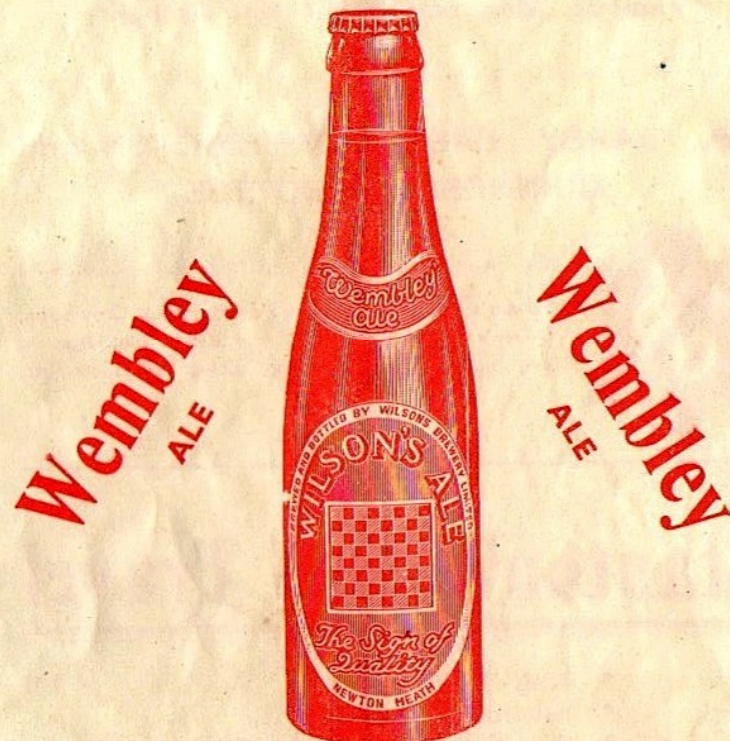
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