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To-day, we entertain Barrow and a warm welcome we give to them as a team that always plays the type of Rugby League football that one desires and hope that to-day's game proves equal if not better than the last two home games we have had.

Our game against Hull, which was played under vile weather conditions, excelled in the manner the players attempted to play the open game, mistakes in handling were made by both sides, but some excellent passing movements were seen and both teams deserve credit for a clean and enjoyable afternoon's entertainment.

We offer congratulations to Les. Thomas on his selection to play for Wales against France at Swansea on Saturday, April 12th, 1947, and hope that he will have a successful debut.

Our captain, Norman Harris, is chosen as reserve centre, and has to travel to Swansea, this is the second time he has been chosen as reserve, so possibly the third time he will be lucky and have the honour of playing for his native country.

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A joint sub-committee of three members of the club and three members of our Supporters' Club are preparing a series of events to take place at Watersheddings during the end of the season and the summer months to relieve the financial burden the club has with the rebuilding of stands, etc.

Of the many events that are in the offerings are a Workshop Competition, seven-a-side games and a professional sprint handicap.

One of our new found friends, Mr. Dick Rogers, of Manchester, wrestler and promoter, had great hopes of staging a free-style wrestling tournament for the benefit of our funds, and application was made for the loan of The Drill Hall for this event. However, this is not to be, as the East Lancashire Territorial Association, with headquarters in Manchester, have turned down our application, owing to the fact that professional wrestlers would be appearing on the bill.

We have no complaint against the people who control our local Territorial Regiment, they are helpless in the matter, but we do think that this widening gap between amateur and professional status is being carried a little too far, especially in times such as we are going through at present, when unity must be the first word of the community, to help this old Country through its present crisis.

However, we do occasionally find some good sportsmen, in the true meaning of the word, as witnessed by the recent Sportsmen's Dinner held on behalf of this club.

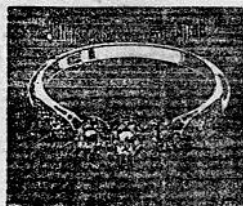
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The majority of clubs are securing good gates and some clubs who were expected to do well from a playing point have failed to realize expectations, but such is the fortunes of sport. There will always be one club on top and one at the bottom.

We, as a nation, have taught the world to play games, even whatever else we have failed in, cricket, football, golf and tennis all owe their empire to the initiative of the English speaking race. And I know no more civilizing work than that of teaching people how to exploit their leisure in the pursuit of social and manley sport.

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Many players are knocked out unfairly after the referee has taken his eye off the play.

The proceedings outlined above would stop all this kind of thing. Retaliation would soon become a thing of the past, and scientific, as apart from robust, players would receive the protection to which they are entitled.

WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW!

In the Challenge Cup Final at Leeds on April 27th, 1912, when Dewsbury defeated Oldham by 8 points to 5, the Oldham team was as follows:—Wood; Cook, Deane, Davies, Williams; Anlezark, Lomas; Ferguson, Avery, Smith, Wiltshire, Wright, Wise.

W. Hall played his last game for the Oldham first team against Featherstone at Watersheddings, on March 14th, 1925.

George Cook joined the Oldham club on July 10th, 1908.

Wm. McCutcheon played for Oldham in the first season of The Northern Union, and his last game for Oldham was at Tyldesley on March 13th, 1897.

IMPORTANT—VARIOUS SPORTING EVENTS are being arranged to relieve the club of the heavy financial burdens which it is, at present, having to bear, and it is hoped that these events will receive the maximum financial reward from our supporters and the sporting public of this town.

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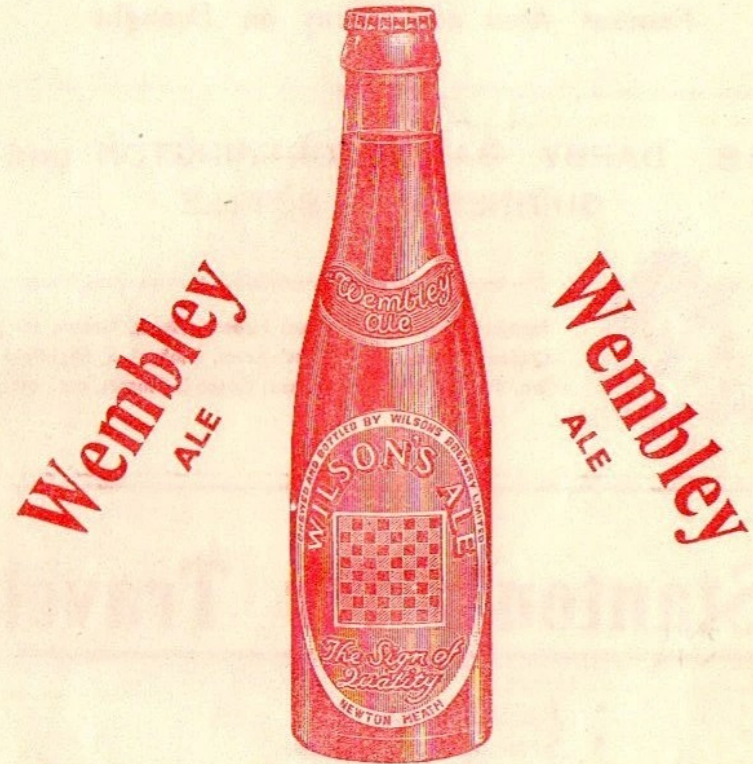
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