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CLUB CHAT

To-day, we entertain Halifax and we hope to continue our run of success of one home and two away wins.

Our match against Barrow on Easter Monday was one of the best games seen on our ground this season, a splendid game, which proves that our game can be attractive when played in a correct manner.

Our visitors to-day are noted for playing open football and we look forward to another game that will give something to talk about with enthusiasm and satisfaction. Recently, in Yorkshire, Batley and Dewsbury played a friendly game in which new ideas were introduced regarding making our game more attractive, but one has not heard of any comment regarding this match.

There is one game to be played in Lancashire under the proposed new ruling and we await the outcome of this match with interest.

One of the blots in our game to-day is the scrummage infringements, and this no doubt does harm to the game. The repeated attempt of the scrum half to put the ball in the scrum is a great drawback. The ball should go in the scrum every time at the first attempt. If it fails to do so, some one has broken the

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If the player is the primary cause of the many blots, then the referees, the clubs, and the Rugby League Authorities must do their duty to stop dishonest play.

At our match against Featherstone on Saturday last the Salford club was well represented in an endeavour to secure a full back, and were interested in the Featherstone full back, Barraclough, but up to the present no announcement has been made regarding a capture.

There are several clubs to-day on the look-out for a full back and although it is difficult to find the right type of player for full back the search still goes on, and this includes ourselves. Good full backs are scarce and it is one of the most important positions on the field.

The good men of to-day are not content to catch and kick the ball. They adopt an attacking roll and, in consequence, are making the game more spectacular, which is what the supporters want.

Whilst one must admit that defence is a great asset, some players are afraid to trust to their speed to increase their attacking skill, and this is important: apart from coming up on either side of the pack and linking up with his three-quarters, he more than anybody else has the chance to get the backs on the move when they are held up from lack of possession from the set scrums.

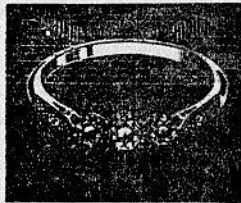
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KICKING-OUT Much controversy takes place regarding "dropping out" from the twenty-five line or centre. The majority of teams to-day when kicking-off from the twenty-five line or centre send the ball about a dozen yards forward in the direction of the touch line, and usually the unfortunate recipient of the ball frequently receives a charge from one or more bulky opponents at the same time. Is there any useful purpose served in these kicks? Nothing is accomplished except the certainty of "play the ball" or a scrum.

One remembers teams of old kicking the ball as far as possible to some useful purpose, a kick in the direction of the corner flag or in some other part of the field where opponents defence has not concentrated. The short kick towards touch is sometimes justifiable when facing a strong wind.

MONEY IN THE CUP The semi-finals of the Rugby League Challenge Cup played last Saturday at Swinton and Huddersfield proved a financial success and goes to prove the popularity of our game in this part of the country.



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THE CUP FINAL AT WEMBLEY The Press and Publicity Committee of the Rugby Football League desire that organisers

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Tickets for this final can still be obtained, 21/-, 10/6, and 4/6 from The Box Office Manager, Empire Stadium, Wembley, Middlesex, and the remittance to cover cost of tickets should be sent with the application.

URGENT Your spare clothing coupons are still required for the purchase of football outfits, an odd coupon from each would be a splendid gift and enable us to go ahead and renew our much worn playing gear.

Same can be left at the Secretary's office or with the Steward of the Pavilion.

FIXTURES AHEAD Please make a note of the undermentioned matches at home:—

May 17—Leigh. Kick-off 3-30 p.m.

May 30 (Whit Friday)—Belle Vue Rangers. Kick-off 3-30 p.m.

June 3 (Tuesday)—Liverpool Stanley. Kick-off 7 p.m.

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WARRINGTON

D

SWINTON
v.
ST. HELENS

B

BATLEY
v.
WIGAN

E

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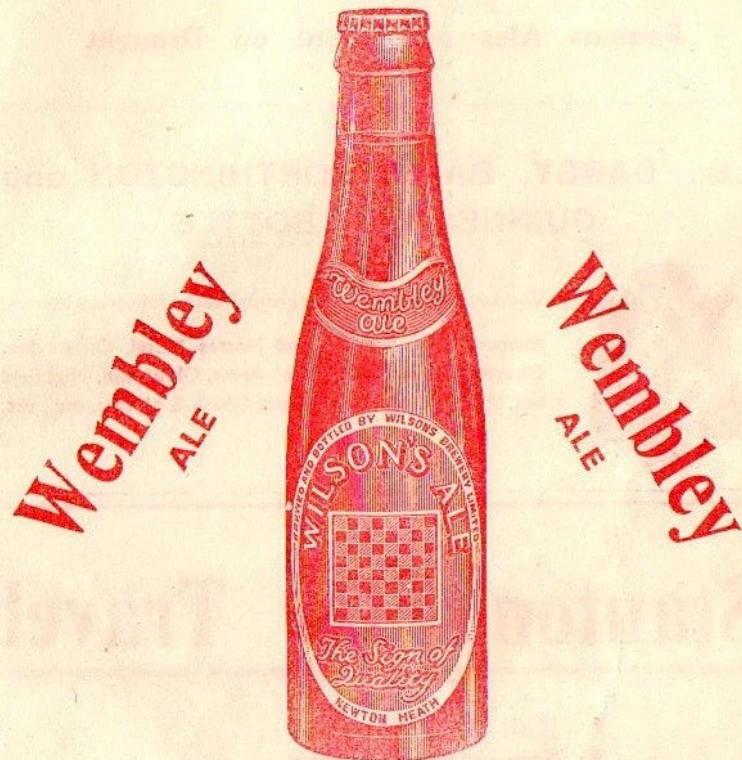
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