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**CLUB CHAT**

We have still two matches to play to complete season 1946-47, and both matches are at home.

To-day, we entertain Belle Vue Rangers and this will be the fourth Meeting of the clubs this season, one win to the Rangers and two draws are the results up to date, and we are hoping to make matters all square at the end of the game.

Our match at Belle Vue on Saturday last ended in a drawn game of 13 points each, after struggling along with 12 men for three parts of the game, Norman Pugh being sent off for disputing the referee's verdict. It was possible that had we kept our full complement on the field we should have stood a good chance of victory and having won six matches off the reel we were naturally disappointed at not making this one in number seven, anyhow we had to be satisfied with a draw, this making our drawn games for the season in two, having made a draw previously at Barrow of one try each.

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This season has been a record one in the history of the club as regards injuries to players and has meant forced changes in the personnel of the team when vital matches had to be played. It is difficult to fathom why we have had all these injuries, in fact, other clubs have had a similar experience, maybe British athletes are not receiving sufficient vitamins in the food to sustain their activities.

LOOKING FOR Recommendations regarding players are all THE "GOODS" ways reaching us, and the committee are very much alive watching juniors in both the local league and the surrounding leagues and several junior clubs are being watched in their final play-offs and cup finals.

I can assure readers that the committee are fully alive to their wants, but knowing what you want and getting what you want are two vastly different things. Luck plays a fairly important part in this finding players business.

SPORTS EVENT Please make a note of the date 5th July, 1947, when we hold professional and amateur sprint handicaps on this ground. This will be a real sports show, International soccer stars along with Rugby League men will be competing, Colonial runners, Powderhall winners and runners-up, Spence, Weaver, Mitchell, Chatburn and Harley in a £150 challenge sprint, Rugby League tug of war for forwards, forwards' race, goal kicking, long kicking.

Please look out for posters announcing other events.

The joint sub-committee of the Football Club and The Supporters are running this sports day and have set themselves out to secure £1,000.

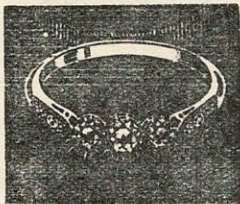
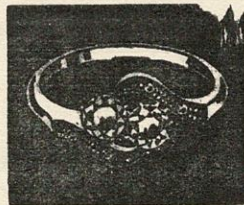


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13—AYRES, T.

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7—WATKINS, W.

6—~~SPOWELL~~

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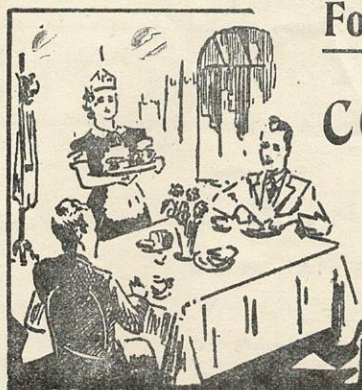
The sub-committee comprised of Mr. H. Sutcliffe (chairman), Messrs. Hollingsworth and Woodcock representing The Supporters' Club and Messrs. Cordwell, Hall, and Shaw the Football Club, are enthusiastic in their endeavours to make this sports day a big success.

A fine day and some good sport and we leave the rest to the public to come along and enjoy themselves.

**FINIS** This sounds very much like the wind up of the football season and from a programme point of view it is.

Owing to the holidays we are unable to have programmes printed for our match against Liverpool Stanley for Tuesday evening next, June 3rd, 1947, kick-off 7 p.m.

In the first place we must thank the advertisers in this programme for having made same possible, and hope their enterprise has been rewarded. To our Honorary Solicitor, Mr. R. O. Mellor and our Honorary Doctor, Dr. John Oliver, many thanks for your always willing and ready advice, and may you continue the good work for a good club.



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We have had what one may call a moderate season from a playing point, and a very mixed one from a financial point, owing to being forced to spend a large amount of money on the rebuilding of the football stands. But, the future looks exceptionally promising and we can look forward with confidence.

We have lost matches this season when we expected victory and victory has come when least expected and, of course, there are a few games we want to forget and several which we have pleasant recollections. We have made a lot of new friends and, we hope, no enemies.

To our members and patrons during the close season we hope that their worries may be few and their pleasures many, and that they will come to Watersheddings during season 1947-48 and find football of the highest possible type. Also, we hope we shall all become so great in our sportsmanship that we shall realise that even games lost give us some pleasure, and the recollection that only one team can win will reduce our disappointment if ours happens to be the losing team.

If we have overlooked our thanks to anyone, forgiveness please, and find consolation in the fact that any duty you have undertaken is for a wonderful club.

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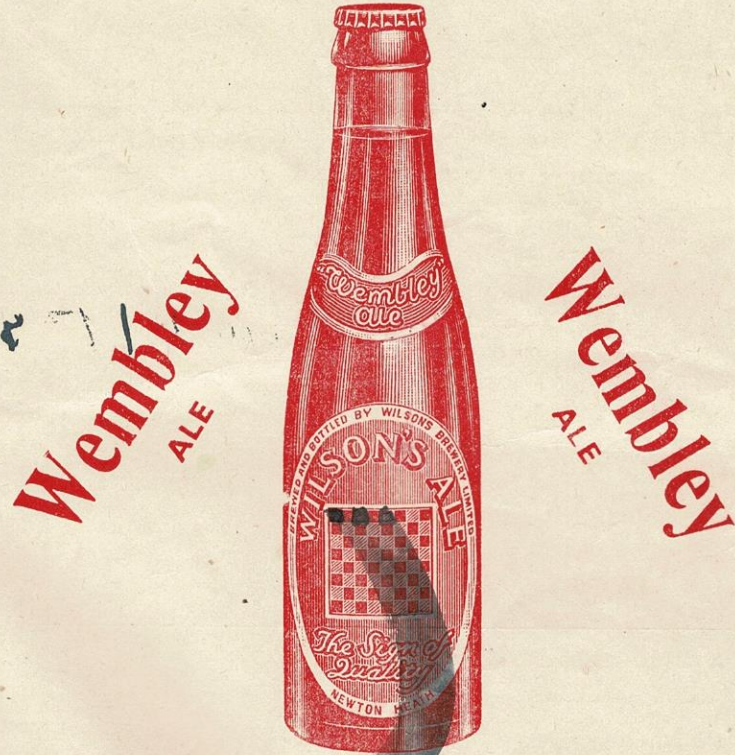
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