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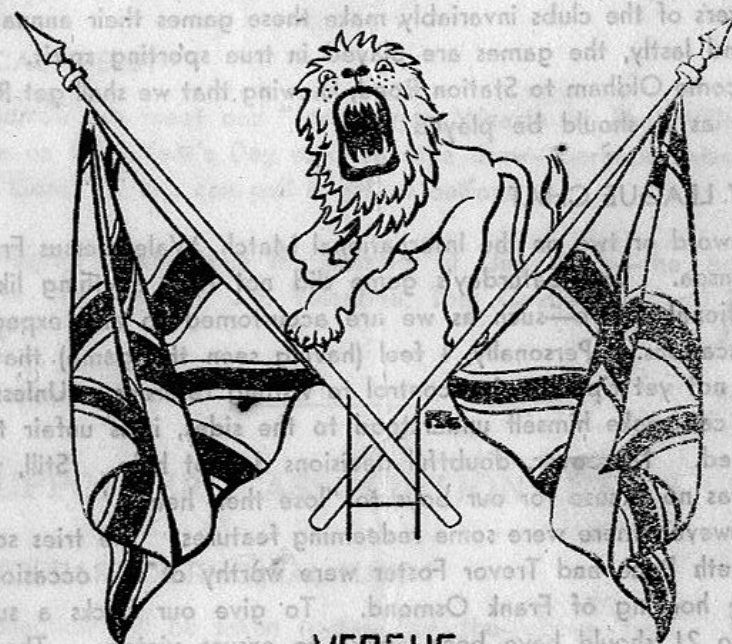
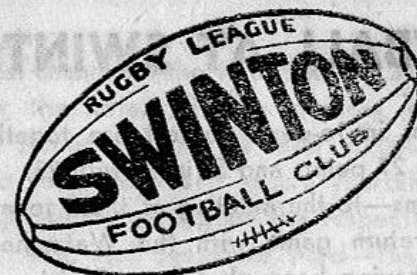
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GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 26th, 1948.

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FOOTBALL AT SWINTON

The two teams in to-day's contest are together in the League table, Oldham with 27 points and Swinton with 25. One looks forward—for several reasons—to the meeting of these teams on Good Friday. Firstly, it is the return game with the Watersheddings contingent, the first meeting having been played on Christmas Day. Secondly, supporters of the clubs invariably make these games their annual outings, and lastly, the games are played in true sporting spirit. Thus we welcome Oldham to Station Road, knowing that we shall get Rugby League as it should be played.

RUGBY LEAGUE CHAT

A word or two on the International Match, Wales versus France, at Swansea. Last Saturday's game did not rank anything like an International fixture—such as we are accustomed to and expect on such occasions. Personally, I feel (having seen the game) that the time is not yet ripe to give control to visiting referees. Unless the official can make himself understood to the sides, it is unfair to all concerned. Moreover, doubtful decisions do not help. Still, there was no excuse for our boys to "lose their heads."

However, there were some redeeming features. The tries scored by Gareth Price and Trevor Foster were worthy of the occasion, as was the hooking of Frank Osmond. To give our backs a supply of 47 to 21 should have been ample to ensure victory. The ball came out quickly, and better use should have been made of the opportunities afforded.

THE BRAMLEY MATCH

To have brought back two points from Barley Mow is no mean feat. One must recall that some 14 days earlier, Bramley "licked" Hull at Hull.

THE SEMI-FINAL

On Saturday week we stage the semi-final tie between Rochdale Hornets and Wigan. There are still a few seats at 10/6 and 7/6 (prices fixed by the Rugby League). Apart from these, admission

will be through the usual channels—the turnstiles—at 3/- and 2/6. No tickets are needed for the latter. There is room, in comfort and able to see the game throughout, for at least 40,000 people. All we ask you to do is to come early and ensure yourself a good spot. It should be a good game—forget about the respective positions in the table of the two teams; and one more word—the game has not been won yet!

THE LOCAL "DERBY"

To-morrow we meet our "foes" from Weaste at The Willows. The game on New Year's Day resulted in a draw—perhaps unluckily for the "Lions." We can pull it off at Salford.

We regret to announce the passing of Jim Birch—the great forward in the days of Jim Valentine, Tom Coulthwaite and Nat Hotchkiss.

B.M.

SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

JOHN STODDART TESTIMONIAL FUND

A collection will be taken to-day for the above fund. The Association appeals to your generosity to help us raise an amount worthy of John's yeoman service to the Swinton Club. John Stoddart has served his Club faithfully for 16 years, and is the present captain of the team. We are confident that we can rely on your assistance in our effort to reward him for his service.

Subscription lists are now available, and may be obtained from the Association Secretary. Donations, which will be gratefully acknowledged, should be sent either to the Chairman, F. Beddows, 6, Bourne Avenue, Swinton, or to the Secretary, V. H. Jones, 23, Woodward Road, Prestwich, Manchester. Cheques should be made payable to "The John Stoddart Testimonial Fund."

REFRESHMENTS.

Light Refreshments are on sale in the Supporters' Association Headquarters behind the Main stand.

THE TEAMS

SWINTON

(Navy Blue)

1. MORGAN Full-back
2. WARRY Wing Threequarter
3. TURNER (E. G.) Centre Threequarter
4. WINKWORTH Centre Threequarter
5. WILLIAMS Wing Threequarter
6. TURNER (K.) or MYERS Out Half
7. RILEY Scrum Half
8. STODDART Prop Forward
9. OSMOND Hooker
10. GARNER Front Row Forward
11. JONES Second Row Forward
12. KNOWLES or ARMITT Second Row Forward
13. TUCKER Loose Forward

Referee: Mr. C. F. APPLETON.

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(Red and White)

1. SPENCER Full-back
2. INGLESFIELD Wing Threequarter
3. HARRIS Centre Threequarter
4. MAHONEY Centre Threequarter
5. MITCHELL Wing Threequarter
6. KENNY Out Half
7. SMITH Scrum Half
8. TAYLOR Prop Forward
9. BROOKS Hooker
10. THOMPSON Front Row Forward
11. THOMAS Second Row Forward
12. TOMLINSON Second Row Forward
13. GIVVONS Loose Forward

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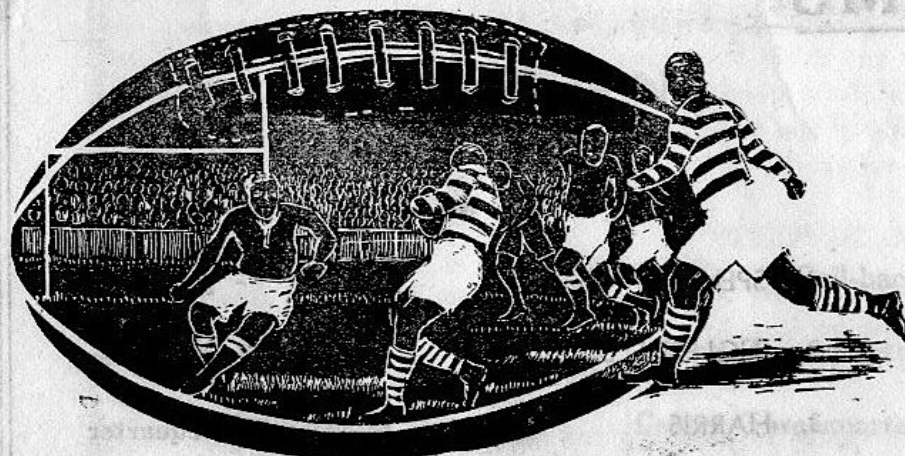
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