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SPORTS CHAT



As far as we are concerned the curtain falls tonight on Season 1947-48 and with it our hopes and aspirations for the past nine months recede into the background. It has been a season of fluctuating fortunes, during which my fund of vituperative language has increased tremendously. We flattered in a good few matches, but unfortunately only to deceive. Grand football was played one week, but anything could happen the next week. Inconsistency was one of our most consistent virtues throughout the season. This, however, can be expected in a transitional period and during team-building. That the foundation of a successful team has been laid there can be no doubt in any person's mind and that the outlook for next season is distinctly promising. Between now and next August we have three months in which to strengthen and add that extra finish to our side. These will be months of intense activity for the Thrum Hall Club. No effort will be spared to reach our goal. The search for key players will be conducted far and wide and every endeavour will be made to speed up our present players. We know what our weaknesses are and if it is humanly possible to remedy the defects in our team it will be done. Even at the present moment, at the time of writing this programme, efforts are being made to fill one of the most important positions in the team. Whether we will be successful in our endeavours remains to be seen, but take my word for it, the effort will continue until we do achieve success.

And now to the other side of the Club's affairs. Administratively everything has gone very smoothly during the past nine months and in this respect my thanks are due first and foremost to the Directors for their invaluable guidance and assistance; to Miss Foster, without whose aid I must surely have stumbled; to Mr. W. Longbottom and his band of gatemen whose loyalty and punctuality have resulted in the turnstiles clicking with rhythmic smoothness; to Mr. W. Smith for making our ground one of the cleanest and best in the Rugby League; to Mrs. Ramsden for officiating at the tea urn; to the players and training staff for the utmost co-operation which resulted in a fit and spick and span team. My thanks to you, the public, for your unswerving loyalty and forbearance during so trying a period, and my gratitude to you, the Press, for your commendable encouragement and greatly appreciated co-operation.

Already we are looking forward to next season, and it is encouraging to note that applications for membership tickets have already been received, and two of these have come from as far afield as South Wales and Bradford. In addition, committees have been organised for the sale of these tickets at the various works in the localities. If you have not got organised at your firm let me know and we will soon get the matter put right. Let us all make one supreme effort to get the old club back on an even keel once more. I shall be at Thrum Hall throughout the summer and if you have any suggestions that are constructive let me have them and they will receive our full attention. And so until the commencement of next season, cheerio, everybody!

W.H.

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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES.

1947.			
Aug. 23	Barrow	away	
30	Keighley	home	
Sept. 6	Featherstone Rovers	home	
13	York (1st Round Y.C.)	away	
15	York (1st Round Y.C.)	home	
20	Rochdale Hornets	home	
27	Oldham	away	
Oct. 4	Liverpool Stanley	home	
11	Belle Vue Rangers	away	
18	Belle Vue Rangers	home	
25	Leeds	away	
Nov. 1	Swinton	home	
8	Keighley	away	
15	Wigan	home	
20	New Zealand	home	
22	Batley	away	
29	Widnes	home	
Dec. 6	Salford	away	
13	St. Helens	home	
20	Rochdale Hornets	away	
25	Huddersfield	away	
26	Huddersfield	home	
27	Featherstone Rovers	away	
1948.			
Jan. 1	Leeds	home	
3	Widnes	away	
10	Workington Town	home	
17	Workington Town	away	
24	Leigh	home	
31	Leigh	away	
Feb. 7	1st Round R.L. Cup.		
14	1st Round R.L. Cup.		
21	Warrington	away	
28	Oldham [2nd Rd. R.L. Cup]	home	
Mar. 6	Swinton	away	
13	[3rd Round R.L. Cup]		
20	Wigan	away	

First Team Fixtures (cont.)

Mar. 27	Batley (Easter Sat.)	home
29	Liverpool S. (Easter M.)	away
30	Salford (Easter Tues.)	home
Apr. 3	Barrow [Semi-F. R.L. Cup]	home
10		
17	St. Helens	away
24	Warrington	home

"A" TEAM FIXTURES.

November to End of Season.

1947.			
Nov. 1	Wakefield	away	
8	Keighley	home	
15	Leeds	away	
22	Hull Kingston Rovers	home	
29	Hull Kingston Rovers	away	
Dec. 6	Wakefield	home	
13	Batley Carr	away	
20			
27	Featherstone	home	
1948.			
Jan. 3	Leeds	home	
10	Normanton	away	
17	Huddersfield	home	
24			
31	Normanton	home	
Feb. 7	Bramley	away	
21	Castleford	home	
28	Salford (Friendly)	away	
Mar. 6	Salford (Friendly)	home	
20	Batley	home	
27	York	away	
Apr. 3	Castleford	away	
10	Dewsbury	home	
17	Bradford	away	
24	Dewsbury	away	

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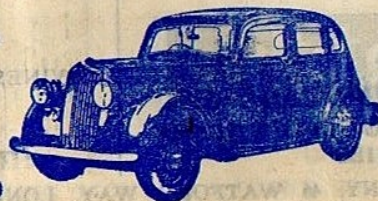
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