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## EDITORIAL

### ATTENTION PLEASE!

This week I would like to issue a warning to all our readers who are contemplating going to Wembley on Cup Final day, May 1st, and to draw their attention to the Rugby League's Cup Final advert on page 3.

It can now be assumed that Wembley Stadium will have its first capacity attendance, for a Rugby match. For May 1st, everything is now booked up, excepting "standing room" on the terraces, at 2/6, so obviously, as it is an "all ticket" final, it is advisable to get your ticket right away, next week may be too late, so please heed this warning.

### Can Oldham R.F.C. oblige?

Quite a number, many hundreds in fact, of local enthusiasts have already "booked" for Wembley, and although much uncertainty exists as to who will be the finalists, the popular local wish is that our local senior club will be one of them.

Well, it's a long time since they reached the final round, and after a little chat with their skipper, Ray Smith, last week-end, I can assure all that the popular wish is nearer a fact than a lot dare to hope. Ray, without boasting, is quietly confident that the players are capable of doing the trick, and a little luck, allied to the quiet, yet grim determination of the whole team, will find them at Wembley on May 1st for us to cheer on to ultimate victory.

### "Back in Harness."

Mr. George Goodwin, popular Lowermoor R.F.C. Secretary, is now out of hospital, and

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although a long way from being A1, after his recent serious illness and operation, George was again doing his good work with his colleagues last Sunday morning. Mr. Goodwin desires me to express Mrs. Goodwin's and his own deep gratitude to all who sent them messages of sympathy and good health wishes, also to their splendid fine colleagues of Lowermoor R.F.C. who have seen to it that Mrs. Goodwin has lost nothing financially through George's misfortune. Thanks a lot to all, for a lot, says George.

### Awaiting events!

Mr. A. Gartside's "New Idea" for more open play has certainly created a great deal of interest in Rugby League circles, and although as yet untried, well over 90 per cent. of enthusiasts and critics fully agree that the idea, if adopted, would do much to brighten up the game, and the future trial matches to be arranged by the Oldham Junior R.L. are awaited with more than a passing interest.

The dates for these matches will be published in next week's issue. Meanwhile, I would like more of our enthusiasts who are now expounding other ideas, such as not penalising for a "knock-on," etc., to put them in writing more fully and forward them on for publication, don't be shy, for surely there is room for improvement in any game.

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## CLUBS' NEWS

### HIGGINSHAW R.F.C.

Hon. Sec.: W. TWEEDALE, 203, Shaw Rd., Oldham.

Another blank week for us, putting us another match in arrears, give us quite a headache when one realises the heavy programme we have to fulfil before the end of the season. The forming of the subsidiary league provides us with another nine matches, and with outstanding fixtures we shall have about twenty matches to play. However, we intend to play them all, so you Rugby fans, keep your eyes down Higginshaw way. We have for opponents at Royton Junction, such teams as Ferrantis, Greenacres, St. Mary's, all games which provide a thrill a minute. So as soon as the clock is put back and the light nights arrive you will find good entertainment once or twice a week with your old favourites.

Next week the marathon match with Lowermoor in the Standard Cup continues, and if the weather is inclined to be friendly, you will be able to witness a lively encounter, with this much improved side. Come along and spend your Saturday afternoon pleasantly and give encouragement to both teams.

### GREENACRES R.F.C.

Hon. Sec. L. MILLS, 59, Greenacres Fold, Oldham.

Lancashire Junior Cup.

Vine Tavern ..... 30 Greenacres ..... 0

Whoa, Greenacres, just get your breath again and let's hand it to the team that did give us a walloping. They are the goods and fully deserved their victory over us. For a junior team there are none to compare with them in the whole of Lancashire. However we did happen to have the best man on the field that day in Jack Cooper who has surely found his right position on a football field now and our full-back worries should be over.

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## RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL At Watersheddings

SATURDAY, MARCH 6th, 1948

### OLDHAM v. LEIGH

Kick-off 3 p.m.

#### WARDLEWORTH R.F.C.

Hon. Sec.: W. TURNER, 16, Grove Street, Castleton. We entertained Platts Sports in the Standard Cup and had hoped to be at full strength but again had to play a forward on the wing and this against the reputed speed merchants of our opponents didn't look so good. Our lads set into it with zest which made the Oldham lads think and the first ten minutes it was all Wardleworth. Against the run of play Platts scored through Molloy from an interception, the goal kick failing. Again our lads set the ball moving and quick passing ended in Priestley going over; Stanley goal. In the first ten minutes of the second half Platts forced the pace, hammering the home line, but could not get through. Further tries were scored for Wardleworth by Gibson (two) and Priestley (one), Stanley converting one and the match ended with a dropped goal from Full Back Davies. One of the best incidents of the match was the glorious run of A. Ellis, front row forward.

Our success was due to the grand play of the half backs, Whitworth and Gibson, and the fine backing up of the rest of the team. Score 18-6 for Wardleworth.

Final note: Look out, Oldham, we are out to bring the "Standard" Cup Rochdale way.

#### PLATT'S SPORTS R.F.C.

Hon. Sec.: J. HOLLINGWORTH, 35, Gower St., O/m Well, Rugbyites, we lost 18-6 last Saturday to a real good team who on the day and on that form would beat any team in our league. We scored two tries and they were both good ones. Malloy intercepted on our 25 line and ran on and scored, Potter missing the goal. The other try came from winger Tallboy who ran 60 yards to score. Both of them are well worthy of the team. Our full-back and half-backs had a bad day. Shuttleworth, our old hooker, returned and played a hard gallant game. There were 84 scrums, so you may imagine how the forwards were. Well played, Wardleworth, I hope you go further and hard luck, Platts, you don't seem to be able to get out of the rut.

Subsidiary rounds now so you have another chance to see what you are capable of.

Anyway, the match apart, Vine Tavern are the "tops" if only for their hospitality which our boys and spectators enjoyed to the full. We shall go again and here's hoping that Greenacres will be the victors next time.

R.L. CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION

## CUP FINAL

at Wembley, Saturday, May 1st, 1948,  
Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

The above match will be an all ticket event and only tickets at 2/6 (standing) are now available. To avoid disappointment you are advised to apply now to the Box Office Manager, Empire Stadium, Wembley, and application should be accompanied by the remittance and a stamped, addressed envelope.

Next Saturday sees us travelling again to Ferranti for our postponed "Standard" Cup game. We hope the sandwiches will still be there as whatever the result of the match we know that here is another club who try to make their visitors welcome. Old man weather behave yourself. All the best.

#### FERRANTI R.F.C.

Hon. Sec.: B. POWELL.

Phone (Tues. and Thurs. evenings): FAI 2387.

Well folks, here we are again after a lay off of three weeks of nice weather. We awaited the fog, frost, and snow to meet our Waterhead friends. Considering the state of the weather the ground was in good condition and a good game was expected.

Waterhead commenced in sprightly fashion and were soon pressing. Our boys then settled down to play some delightful football and after ten minutes' play the ball came out of the scrum for L. Galloway to give out a pass to W. Binns who put in a strong burst before handing to J. Ward who then passed to J. Lees for that player to score in the corner, L. Galloway failed at the goal kick. For a time the game was very scrappy. Our forwards, Flannery, Widdall, Roscoe, Wrigley, J., Wrigley, A., and Ferriday were playing a grand game, countering all the shock tactics of the Waterhead pack. We were now on top with L. Galloway, in fine form, opening out the game and W. Binns supporting him and putting in some real good bursts down the centre. After another good run by J. Ward, several opponents were beaten before handing to E. Rogers who scored. L. Galloway kicked the goal. The second half commenced with our boys leading 8 pts. to nil. In the first five minutes of this half L. Galloway, with a fine solo effort and great strength, forced his way over. The same player also kicked the goal. After another fine passing movement, J. Lord scored a try, L. Galloway kicking the goal. Result Ferranti 18 pts., Waterhead nil.

Well that's that, lads. You put up a great show and played good football. Good show, Freddie, to turn out although injured to make the team up. We now you, Harry and Harold, you did your stuff. We now have that team spirit. It is now up to you supporters to roll along to Bower Lane next Saturday to give our boys a cheer. We play Greenacres in the 2nd Round of the "Standard" Cup. No doubt these boys will be fit and eager to give their best, after their trip to St. Helens. So come along and watch 26 lads who are all triers.

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## Wandering About

by THE RAMBLER

Two full coaches left Greenacres last Saturday for St. Helens, full of confidence in their ability to dispose of the crack junior club "Vine Tavern" in the first round proper of the Lancs. Junior Cup. Vine Tavern possess a grand ground and about 2,000 spectators were present at the kick-off. Greenacres attacked right from the whistle and first Lawton and then Gleave were held up inches short of the line. Still keeping up the pressure, Rostron, who for the first twelve minutes had never been in the Greenacres half, gradually took command and following good forward play Leyland went over for a good try, Phillips failed at goal.

Greenacres' early efforts seemed to have taken toll of their resources and very little fire was shown in their play. Hull, of St. Helens, made a fine run down the middle beating several men to score near the posts, Hill kicking the goal. Soon afterwards Greenacres rearranged their defence, Cooper going full back and Wright on the wing, and although Cooper played a grand game Vine Tavern were now definitely on top and further tries were scored by Kenny (2), Tabern, Ashton, Gillard and Sparks, two of which were converted, making the final score thirty points to nil.

Summing up, Vine Tavern are a really good junior team equal to a good many "A" teams, and although Greenacres were not at full strength they were also not as fit as their opponents.

On the other hand Cooper when he went full back was in great form and if he keeps it up he will soon be in higher company and he has already been recommended to the Oldham senior club for observation. To E. Battersby, who must have been in terrible agony as a result of the boils on his neck, the spectators were unanimous in their appreciation of his pluck.

After the match the Vine Tavern officials proved real hosts and all the party enjoyed a grand tea. Afterwards an impromptu concert was held for two hours and one of the Greenacres forwards was discovered as a singer of

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no mean repute. The secretary of Vine Tavern made a neat speech and the Captain of Greenacres, H. Gleave, replied on behalf of all the Greenacres players, officials and spectators for a very enjoyable outing. The meeting in the next round of Vine Tavern and Langworthy Juniors at St. Helens should be a real ding dong struggle.

## Oldham Junior R.L.

Hon. Secretary and Organiser:

G. E. Lees, 1, Stilton Street, Oldham.

### RESULTS OF LAST SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

Vine Tavern	30	Greenacres	0
Lancs. Junior Cup 1st Rd. proper.			
Wardleworth	18	Platts Sports	6
Higginshaw v. Lowermoor (Abandoned, ground unfit)			
League and Subsidiary			
Ferranti's	18	Waterhead	0
Park Rangers v. St. Mary's (Abandoned, ground unfit)			

### FIXTURES FOR MARCH 6th. KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

Amateur International Trial (under 21 years).  
at Rochdale.

East Lancs. v. West Lancs.

Standard Cup, 2nd Round.

Ferranti's v. Greenacres

Higginshaw v. Lowermoor

Subsidiary Competition.

Platts Sports v. Park Rangers

Wardleworth v. Moston Colliery

St. Mary's v. Waterhead

## Continuation League

### MATCHES FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 6th.

Lowermoor v. Ferranti, at Heyside.

Referee: Mr. Moran.

Abbeyhills v. Werneth, at Abbeyhills

Referee: Mr. J. Burke.

Bedford Lads v. Higginshaw, at Waterhead Park

Referee: Mr. Tallboys.

The monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, March 10th, at 8-15 p.m. The team to play Rossal House, the Barrow Club, will be selected at the meeting.