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ON

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GENERAL NOTES

FOOTBALL AT SWINTON

This annual fixture is invariably anticipated with eagerness—it being the counterpart of our journey to Watersheddings on Christmas Day. To win at Oldham has always been regarded as a feat worthy of mention; this we accomplished, and we have every reason to anticipate another two points to-day. Our visitors have struggled gamely through a season of adversity—at times rising to great heights and then (we know from experience) comes bitter disappointment. A win over Halifax in the Cup-ties might have made a world of difference to both the teams. To-day, given reasonably good weather, we should see a cleanly fought game.

RECENT EVENTS

A word or two on recent matches may not be amiss. True, we overwhelmed Liverpool Stanley, but no one could say Stanley tried to close up the game. They are to be congratulated on the valiant efforts they are making to keep going. They need support badly. If Liverpool will not supply it, they should come inland. How about the outskirts of Wigan, or better still, somewhere near Irlam way.

On Monday's happenings one can certainly appraise our boys' display as most heartening. To play 75 minutes with 12 men speaks volumes for the truly valiant "Lions." The loss of Cyril Moran—he has a broken tibia—is both a tragedy to the player and club. What a wonderful display he gave on Saturday, and then comes this blow! Cyril is young enough to make a name for himself in the Rugby League world, and our predictions are that ere long he will catch the eye of the selectors. As to Albert Blan—he made a sensational debut and carried on the good work on the Monday. That late goal of his proved a winner. It put heart into our boys and rout in the ranks of the Rangers.

THE GAME IN FRANCE

Reports show that we were beaten badly in the three-quarter line. The forwards were fairly evenly matched in the loose—in the pack Frank Osmond gained more of the ball than his opponent. As at Wembley, the threequarter line was far too slow, and what is more, they could not part with the ball to the wingers before the Frenchmen were on top of them. Try as they would, the Welsh boys could not escape the attentions of a very lively combination. Two snap tries did the trick, with one of the crash type almost on time.

A YOUNG MAN'S GAME

Rugby League is still a young man's game. A blending of experience is essential, but a complete team of players on

whom Anno Domini weighs heavily must sooner or later pay the inevitable. A recent example could be quoted. Wigan, with several "old faithfuls" away and these gaps filled by youngsters, simply made the League leaders look like "hacks." Similarly, our International teams have now too many old faces. It's all very well playing "safety," but one could safely wager that the "shadow" team would "lick" the "first-teamers." Before long the selectors will have to find 26 men to go to Australia. How many of the 1947 tourists will be found in the 1950 selected? Half-a-dozen would be a liberal estimate.

Well, after all it is a game. Enjoy it as a prelude to a happy Easter.
B.M.

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SWINTON

(Navy Blue)

1. MORGAN (capt.) Full-back
2. MYERS Wing Threequarter
3. WINKWORTH Centre Threequarter
4. WELSH Centre Threequarter
5. COBURN Wing Threequarter
6. KENNY Out Half
7. LOWE Scrum Half
8. STODDART Prop Forward
9. OSMOND Hooker
10. ATHERTON Front Row Forward
11. KNOWLES Second Row Forward
12. ARMITT Second Row Forward
13. HOLDER Loose Forward

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Referee: Mr. G. S. PHILLIPS

NEXT HOME MATCHES

To-morrow, Saturday, 16th April, at 3 p.m.—

SWINTON v. SALFORD.

Monday, 18th April, 1949, at 10.30 a.m.—

SWINTON "A" v. WIDNES "A"

(Combination Challenge Cup).

Saturday, 23rd April, 1949, at 3 p.m.—

SWINTON v. ST. HELENS.

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OLDHAM

(Red and White)

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| 1. GLANVILLE | Full-back |
| 2. BATTEN | Wing Threequarter |
| 3. PLATT | Centre Threequarter |
| 4. MITCHELL/DALEY | Centre Threequarter |
| 5. TATE | Wing Threequarter |
| 6. WARD | Out Half |
| 7. JONES | Scrum Half |
| 8. OGDEN | Prop Forward |
| 9. A. N. OTHER | Hooker |
| 10. TAYLOR | Front Row Forward |
| 11. ANTHONY | Second Row Forward |
| 12. DONEGAN | Second Row Forward |
| 13. ROSTRAN | Loose Forward |

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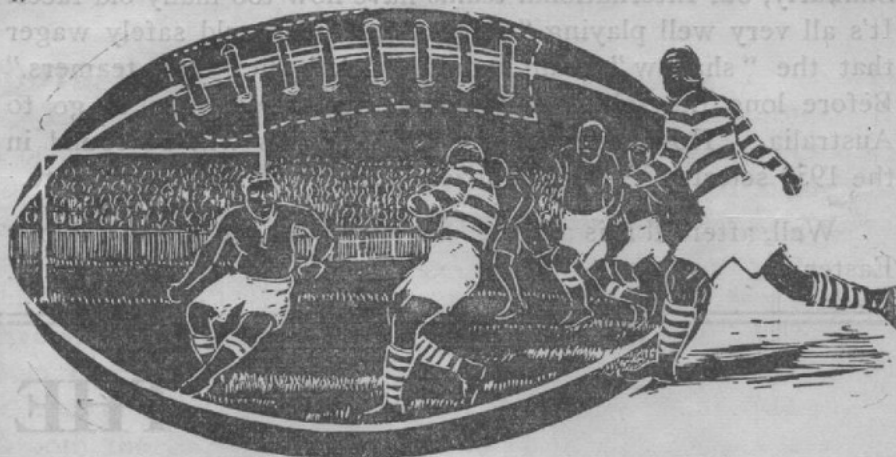
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