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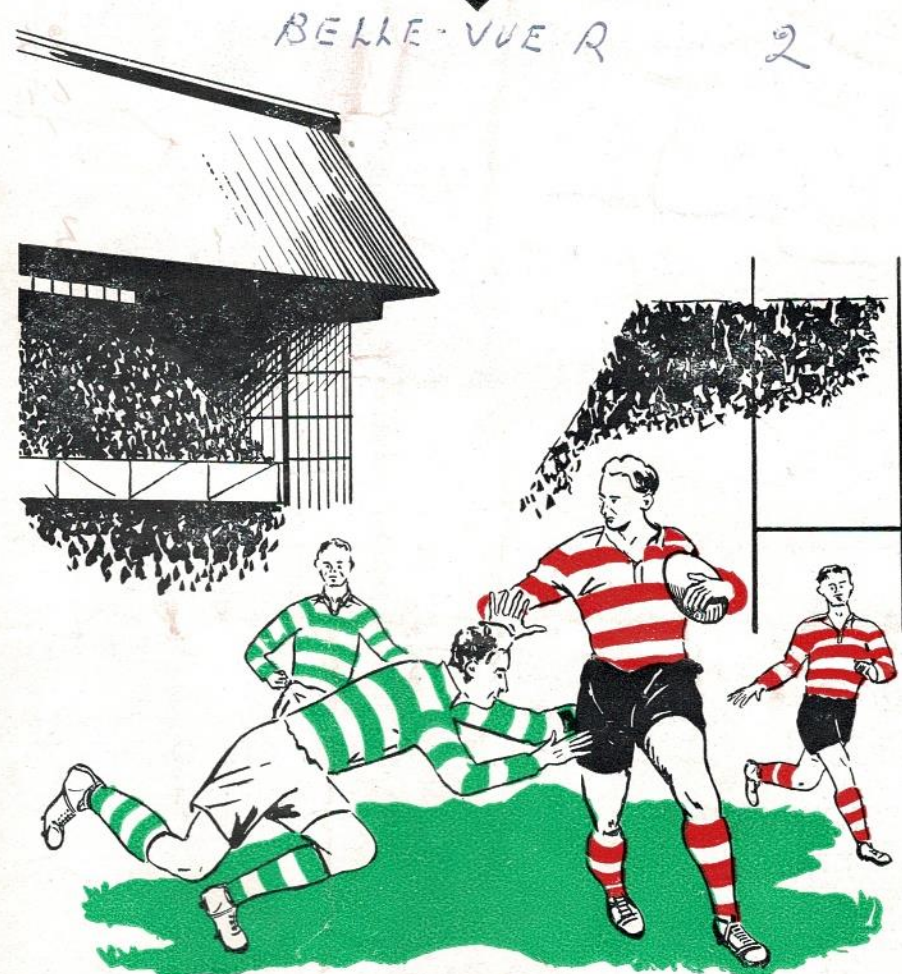
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OLDHAM v. BELLE VUE RANGERS

WATERSHEDDINGS NEWS AND VIEWS

Saturday last proved to be a blank day for both our teams owing to ground conditions. Our first team had a most uneventful and weary journey, having travelled as far as Keswick before receiving word that the ground at Whitehaven had been declared unfit by the referee, Mr. L. Thorpe of Wakefield. A great disappointment to the players and officials who had travelled so far. Our party left Oldham at 7-30 a.m. and made telephone contact with the Whitehaven Club at 9-30 and we were told to travel. It was obvious that local conditions were bad at the time of telephoning and it is obvious that the referee had lost little time in declaring the match off. All this is expense to us as we only receive recompense of half our travelling expenses from the Whitehaven Club.

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JUNIOR FOOTBALL

With the closing of the doors to players from Australia and New Zealand (which includes players of the Union code), more attention must be cast to the Junior side of our game, and this includes schoolboy football to open age Junior League status. The Juniors are the life blood of the Senior Clubs and should receive more support from their better off brethren, i.e. the Clubs who run the professional side of our game.

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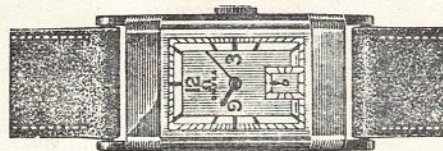
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in some cases primitive, dressing accommodation, erect their own posts, mark out their own grounds. They play on bleak, muddy, wind-swept pitches, some of them not fit to play on, and though few ever receive recognition and play for no reward other than the love of the game.

Here is the spirit, if not the style, of the game at its highest, though indeed many junior games have shown that, given decent conditions, they can play a style of Rugby League no less attractive than our senior sides, some of which, I regret to say, are poor examples.

Our game **must** progress and although it is hard luck on a junior club to lose star players to the seniors who are attracted by the bright lights of the senior game. Many would be content to stay if their club had intentions, or better still, encouragement to advance to the grade of 'A' Team football in the senior Combinations. But there it is—the mountain won't go to Mahomet.

Our juniors must have better grounds to play on, we must admit that space is very limited in Oldham, but we are of the opinion that ways and means must

be found for a solution to the supply of grounds fit for our juniors to play on, then and then only can we look with optimism, and that we are doing our duty in commencing at the bottom and not the top of junior football tribulations and troubles.



BRIEFS

Bad luck for Terry O'Grady, the injured wrist has now been put in plaster,

A special meeting of the N.R.F.L. is to be held on Tuesday, Dec. 16th, at Huddersfield, the major item on the agenda is the proposed two Divisions.

Harry Ogden has been granted a benefit match this season and events are taking shape to supplement the fund by various social events that will take place. Due notice of these will be advertised.

That the Oldham Club in season 1907-8 played 30 matches without defeat—28 won, 2 drawn, finally defeated by Salford, 5-0, on February 22nd, 1908, and the match was played on a ground which was under water.

HALF-TIME SCORES

The Half-time Scores of the Matches given below will be shown on the Score Board immediately they are received

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