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March 14th

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3-0 p.m.



Referee:

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(Barrow)

S. J. HEESOM
(Warrington)

F. S. ROWLEY
(Barrow)

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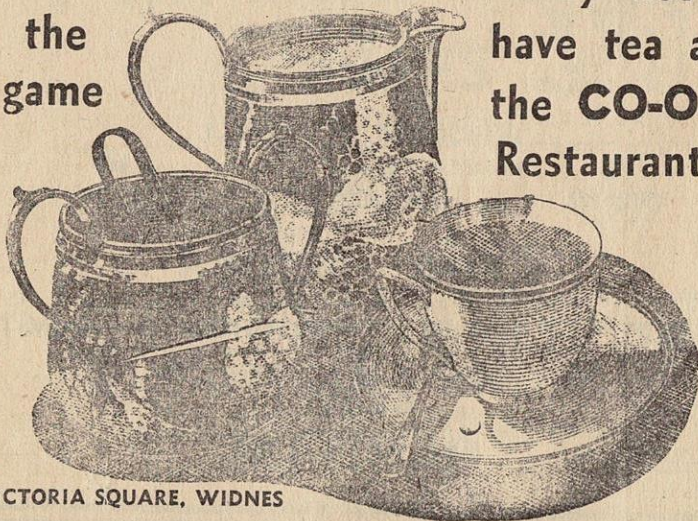
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SATURDAY, MARCH 14th, 1953

Notes

TODAY'S GAME

We welcome this afternoon very old friends from Oldham, who are making a gallant fight for a top four position in the league table. The match today is a vital one for our visitors, as they cannot afford to drop any points if they are to achieve their objective. Strange as it may seem, their meritorious rise to fame this season dates back from our game at Oldham on October 11th, when they played dazzling football and defeated us in no uncertain fashion. Then followed a long sequence of victories which continued until misfortune overtook them in the nature of injuries—hence their temporary decline. Platt (wing or centre), Keith (hooker), and Goldswain (their skipper) are still not available.

Included in the side this afternoon is Jones, a young promising stand-off half, whilst Daley, a thrustful out-half or centre, moves to the loose-forward position. With the Lancashire County right-centre, wing, and scrum-half in Davies, O'Grady and Stirrup, they will not lack initiative and a grand game is forecasted. If we can reproduce the form displayed at Leeds in the second round Cup-tie, victory could be ours.

TODAY'S CURTAIN-RAISER—West Bank v. St. Patrick's (Oldham)

The above game should provide a real appetiser for the senior game, as St. Patrick's, Oldham, enjoy the reputation of being the outstanding Oldham side under 18. May we add that West Bank are also an exceptionally clever team. We are informed that O'Grady junior (Oldham St. Patrick's), brother of the senior club's winger, scored seven tries in their last cup-tie.

A. CULLIS

We are pleased to report that his injured shoulder is making normal progress and he hopes to start light training in the near future.

NATIONAL SERVICE

Gordon Murray, our young hooker, has reported for National Service. Harold Kinsey will be also leaving in the near future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, 21st March: Widnes "A" v. Swinton "A"; kick-off 3 p.m.

Saturday, 28th March: Widnes v. Barrow; kick-off 3 p.m. Prior to the Barrow game, the Widnes Amateurs will entertain Barrow Amateurs in the semi-final of the Inter-Town Cup. A collection at half-time will be taken to defray expenses of the game.

WEDDING BELLS

We send our best wishes to Harry Owen and Eddie Rawlinson for the future. By this time, both will have joined the noble order of benedicts.

SCHOOLBOY ACTIVITIES

The Schoolboys' County match, Lancashire v. Cumberland, will be staged at Naughton Park, Saturday, 18th April; k.o. 3 p.m. To assist the selectors, a final trial game will also be held at Naughton Park, Monday, 30th March; kick-off 6 p.m. The County game will be welcomed by all as it is the first occasion Widnes has been selected for such an important event, and it is up to our sporting public to rally round and ensure it being a financial success.

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CUP FINAL TICKETS

We again draw attention to the ticket position for the Cup Final at Wembley, 25th April. All tickets other than the 3/- for the standing enclosure are sold. To avoid disappointment if you intend going APPLY NOW! The above tickets are the only ones available for sale, and can be obtained from The Rugby League, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7, on receipt of remittance and stamped addressed envelope. Do not delay, for the reservations for the finalists are never sufficient to meet the demand.

INTER-WORKS COMPETITION

The Amateur League Committee remind all would-be entrants that the closing date is Monday next, 16th March. Entrance fee 10/-.

LANCASHIRE RUGBY LEAGUE COMBINATION

(Compiled up to and including Saturday, 7th March, 1953)

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts										
St Helens	19	13	4	2	3	4	209	28	Whitehaven	17	10	7	0	206	265	20	
Salford	18	11	5	2	2	7	177	24	Widnes	16	9	7	0	194	170	18	
Leigh	19	11	8	0	2	9	210	22	Workington	18	8	9	1	226	224	17	
Wigan	17	10	7	0	2	9	200	20	Warrington	18	7	9	2	273	257	16	
Rochdale H	18	9	7	2	2	1	174	20	Swinton	18	8	10	0	205	236	16	
Oldham	15	10	5	0	2	1	200	20	Barrow	17	3	14	0	102	230	6	
									Belle Vue R	19	1	17	1	122	415	3	

FIRST TEAM SCORERS

	G.	T.	Pts.
Sale	25	1	50
Hill		12	36
Woodward	17		34
Owen		8	24
Simpson	10	1	23
De Witt		6	18
Higgins	5	2	16
Davies		5	15
Dawson		4	12
Deakin	5		10
Cullis		3	9
Hazlehurst		3	9
Todd		3	9
Tomlinson		3	9
Breare	3		6
Jolly	3		6
Rowbottom		2	6
Fleming		1	3
Hayes		1	3
Johnson		1	3
Lamb		1	3
Ratcliffe		1	3
Wilcox		1	3

"A" TEAM SCORERS

	G.	T.	Pts.
Dawson	11	9	49
Deakin	14	3	37
Simpson	15		30
Jolly	6	3	21
Bowers	3	4	18
Hazlehurst		5	15
Sale	6	1	15
Smith		4	12
Phillips	5		10
Ratcliffe		3	9
Rawlinson		3	9
Tomlinson		3	9
Wright		3	9
Pumford	4		8
Hill		2	6
Jones		2	6
Lamb		2	6
Leadbetter		2	6
Murray		2	6
Owen		2	6
Kinsey	1	1	5
Breare		1	3
Bremend		1	3
Corwell		1	3
Cullis		1	3
De Witt		1	3
Farrell		1	3
Finney		1	3
Kemel		1	3
Oster		1	3
Todd		1	3

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(All matches including pre-season friendlies)