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(NORTHERN RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE)

SATURDAY, APRIL 10th, 1954

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

## OFFICIAL NOTES...

We offer a sincere welcome to the Oldham officials, supporters and players, who are always popular visitors to Central Park. It will be remembered that last season the game was played in a blanket of fog and we suffered one of our heaviest home defeats for years. The first League match of this season we went to Watersheddings and lost 7-18 in a very poor match. However, since then Oldham have not maintained their early promise, and away from home they have only won two League matches. On paper they have a fair side, but they do not seem to have achieved cohesion this season. With players like Cracknell, Davies, O'Grady and Stirrup in the backs, and Winslade, Little and Goldswain in the forwards, Oldham should be making some headway, but their position at the moment is about half-way down the table.

As for ourselves, we have the opportunity of winning our eleventh consecutive League game and keeping up our fight for a place in the First Four play-offs. As Workington won again last Wednesday, they now must drop three points from four matches, and we must win all our remaining five matches for us to gain fourth place. Workington's remaining fixtures are Barrow and Bramley (home), and Barrow and Liverpool (away). They play at Liverpool to-day, so we must hope that the City can perform one of their rare giant-killing acts.

## THE "A" TEAM

Our "A" team's next match is on Wednesday, 14th April, when they play Swinton at home, kick-off 6-30 p.m. Any remaining Ground and Paddock tickets for the St. Helens match will be on sale at the turnstiles at this match. The "A" team are also at home on Saturday, 17th April, when they play Leigh, and on

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Wednesday, 21st April, when they play Oldham, kick-off 6-30 p.m. It has now been agreed with Leigh that the Final of the Lancashire County Shield will be played at Central Park on Saturday, 1st May, kick-off 3-0 p.m. It is hoped that once again we shall have the services of our Forces players Hill, Carroll, Cheetham and Ludbrook.

### W. J. BOSTON

Billy Boston has been playing at Twickenham for the Army on the last two Saturdays, and to-day he is playing for the Royal Signals against Roundhay in the Final of the Yorkshire Rugby Union Cup. However, he will definitely be available for our three Easter matches with St. Helens, Leigh and Salford.

### PROGRAMME PRIZE

The programme prize at the Widnes match was won by Mr. John Hickey, 6 Ruskin Avenue, Worsley Mesnes, Wigan. To-day's winning number will be announced at half-time, and the prize may be collected at the office after the match.

### S. AND S. ASSOCIATION

The Shareholders and Supporters Club Bar is again open to members to-day from 2 p.m. to 5-30 p.m.

The Association are holding a Smoking Concert (Lewis and Banks Concert Party) at Hope Street Schools on Thursday next, 15th April, at 7-30 p.m. On this occasion the presentations from the Association to the Tourists will be made. Tickets, price 1/6, are on sale to-day at the Bar and the Shareholders Hut on Spion Kop.

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We hope that supporters will give most generously to-day to the collection which is being held for the Ken Gee Testimonial Fund. The Directors feel that Ken deserves a bumper testimonial for his magnificent service and loyalty over many years, and the Club have started the fund with a donation of 100 guineas.

### ST. HELENS MATCH (GOOD FRIDAY)

This will be an ALL-TICKET MATCH and prices of tickets available are as follows:—

Ground .....	1/6
Paddock .....	2/3
Old Age Pensioners .....	9d.
Boys .....	3d.

These tickets are on sale at the turnstiles to-day, and also at the offices after the match. From next Monday, 12th April, they will be on sale each day from 9 a.m. to 12-30 p.m., and 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Block bookings will be accepted, also postal applications so long as remittance and stamped addressed envelope are enclosed.

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<p>Referee: Mr. R. GELDER (Wakefield)</p> <p>Touch Judges: Mr. W. J. WALTON (Barrow) Blue Line Flag Mr. A. BURGE (Leigh) Red Line Flag</p>		

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(up to and including 31st March, 1954)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	—For—			—Agst.—			Pts.
					G.	T.	Pts.	G.	T.	Pts.	
Warrington .....	23	21	2	0	77	72	370	39	20	138	42
St. Helens .....	23	19	3	1	77	88	418	42	19	141	39
Barrow .....	23	16	7	0	72	75	369	38	51	229	32
Wigan .....	23	15	7	1	81	97	453	56	44	244	31
Workington Town .....	22	15	7	0	67	65	329	48	41	219	30
Leigh .....	22	12	10	0	57	61	297	50	44	232	24
Oldham .....	22	9	11	2	64	58	302	55	37	221	20
Swinton .....	22	10	12	0	47	44	226	61	52	278	20
Bramley .....	26	8	15	3	74	54	310	100	119	557	19
Rochdale Hornets .....	24	8	14	2	49	45	233	54	64	300	18
Widnes .....	22	7	13	2	50	47	241	60	55	285	16
Salford .....	21	7	12	2	33	40	186	46	45	227	16
Whitehaven .....	22	8	14	0	43	32	182	52	50	254	16
Belle Vue Rangers .....	22	5	16	1	39	31	171	88	91	449	11
Liverpool City .....	23	3	20	0	47	24	166	88	101	479	6

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FIRST TEAM

APPEARANCES AND TRIES SCORED

(up to and including Wednesday, 7th April, 1954)

	Appearances	Tries		Appearances	Tries
Alty, J. J.	29	2	Hilton, J. (1)	3	1
Armstrong, A.	5	—	Horrocks, T.	9	2
Ashcroft, E. J.	35	15	Hurst, R.	21	18
Bevan, D. R.	11	6	Kelly, C.	2	—
Boston, W. J.	6	12	McTigue, B.	13	4
Brindle, D.	9	4	Mather, R.	37	1
Broome, J.	38	16	Nordgren, B. C.	24	26
Cheetham, E.	4	—	Parr, T.	11	6
Cherrington, N.	18	10	Parr, J.	2	—
Clubb, P.	5	2	Platt, D.	15	5
Collier, F.	17	1	Ralph, A.	5	4
Collier, W.	7	—	Ratcliffe, W. G.	3	—
Cunliffe, J.	36	7	Roughley, G. W.	9	7
Featherstone, J.	2	—	Silcock, N. D.	33	6
Fleming, J.	27	8	Street, H.	33	8
Gee, K.	38	2	Ward, E. H.	9	2
Griffin, F.	7	1	Williams, T. R. R.	20	1
Grundty, T.	1	—	Wood, A.	2	2

Total number of Tries: 179.

GOALS SCORED

Collier, F.	26
Cheetham, E.	3
Cunliffe, J.	53
Gee, K.	38
Parr, T.	1
Platt, D.	5
Ward, E. H.	21

Total number of Goals: 147.

**LEIGH v. WIGAN**  
SATURDAY, 17th APRIL  
TO  
**West Leigh : 1/4**  
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**SALFORD v. WIGAN**  
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FIRST TEAM

"A" TEAM

1953			
Aug. 8	.....	Warrington (Ward Cup) H 30-20	Warrington (Charity) ...A 24-20
15	.....	Oldham .....A 7-18	
22	.....	Bradford Northern .....H 28-13	Oldham .....A 2-12
26	(W.)		Leigh .....A 6-14
29	.....	Bradford Northern .....A 11-4	Salford .....H 24-3
Sept. 2	(W.)	Hunslet .....H 41-2	
5	.....	Salford (Lancs. Cup) ...A 7-12	Swinton (Lancs. Shield) A 15-5
7	(M.)	Salford (Lancs. Cup) ...H 28-2	
9	(W.)		Swinton (Lancs. Shield) H 24-5
12	.....	Bramley .....H 30-21	St. Helens .....A 16-44
19	.....	Warrington .....A 9-13	Warrington .....H 25-7
23	(W.)	Workington Town .....H 10-7 (Lancs. Cup, 2nd Rd.)	
26	.....	Leigh .....H 17-7	
28	(M.)	Leigh (Lancs. Cup S.F.) H 11-6	
Oct. 3	.....	Hunslet .....A 10-32	Rochdale Hornets .....H 32-16
10	.....	Keighley .....H 8-7	Warrington (Friendly) ...A 9-19
17	.....	Whitehaven .....A 8-10	Whitehaven .....H 39-4
24	.....	St. Helens (Lancs. Cup F.) 8-16	Whitehaven .....A 17-10
31	.....	Barrow .....A 7-22	Barrow .....H 21-12
Nov. 7	.....	Rochdale Hornets .....H 35-5	Rochdale Hornets .....A 12-5
14	.....	Bramley .....A 19-19	Warrington (F.) .....H Pstpd.
21	.....	Barrow .....H 27-15	Barrow .....A 19-13
28	.....	Rochdale Hornets .....A 21-9	
Dec. 2	.....		Leigh (Friendly) .....A 12-5
5	.....	Workington Town .....A 10-21	Workington Town .....H 48-3
12	.....	Liverpool City .....H 55-10	Liverpool City .....A 31-15
16	.....	Leigh (Friendly) .....A 3-11	
19	.....	Widnes .....A 10-5	Widnes .....H 22-10
25	(F.)	Salford .....H 5-0	Salford .....A 7-8
26	.....	St. Helens .....A 4-14	St. Helens .....H 4-7
28	.....		Keighley (Friendly) .....A 18-8
1954			
Jan. 1	(F.)	Warrington .....H 12-17	
2	.....	Swinton .....H 31-7	Swinton .....A Pstpd.
9	.....	Liverpool City .....A 18-5	Liverpool City .....H 48-3
16	.....	Workington Town .....H 12-2	Workington Town .....A 24-11
23	.....	Belle Vue Rangers .....H 47-2	
30	.....	Swinton .....A 15-3	Swinton .....H Pstpd.
Feb. 6	.....	R.L. Cup. Latch'd Alb. A 40-20 (1st Round, 1st Leg)	
13	.....	R.L. Cup. Latch'd Alb. H 41-2 (1st Round, 2nd Leg)	
20	.....	Belle Vue Rangers .....A 23-7	St. Helens (Friendly) ...H 3-6
27	.....	Batley .....H 45-0	
Mar. 6	.....	Bradford Northern .....H 15-10 (R.L. Cup, 2nd Round)	Swinton .....A 10-11
13	.....		Lancs. Shd. S.F. Salford H 50-5
20	.....	R.L. Cp. 3rd Rd. Halifax H 0-2	
27	.....	Widnes .....H 31-12	Widnes .....A 24-24
Apr. 3	.....	Batley .....A 10-7	
7	.....	Whitehaven .....H 32-10	
10	.....	Oldham .....H	Warrington .....A
13	.....	Keighley .....A	
14	.....		Swinton .....H
16	(G.F.)	St. Helens .....H	
17	.....	Leigh .....A	Leigh .....H
19	(E.M.)	Salford .....A	
24	.....	R.L. Cup Final	