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SATURDAY, 18th JANUARY, 1958

## NAUGHTON PARK NOTES

It would appear that the players from Workington Town Rugby Club would receive an extra £4 12s. 6d. each for their victory last Saturday. Much can be written about the merits of this "points bonus" system, but it is not very difficult to produce weighty arguments against it. Some may reason that if there is a bonus "for," there should be a "negative" in case of defeat. That would tighten up some defences! There are, too, abuses that could be practised in very extreme cases. Still, it seems a good idea when the team wins.

All this does not explain last Saturday's annihilation! The Cumberland sides, at the moment, are a formidable pair, home or away. It is a tough job to meet either, but we were under the impression that we WERE tough—all the thirteen. It seems that the homesters were off to a flying start and they didn't "fluff" their early chances—a virtue we could do well to acquire.

A humiliating defeat like this doesn't end at that. It affects many people, including those who are responsible for this programme. We may be able to forget last Saturday's humiliation, but we can't, by any stretch of imagination, excuse it.

Today will mark John Broome's fiftieth consecutive appearance with the first team since joining the club, and we wish him a most successful half-century.

## TODAY'S VISITORS

There could be no more attractive visitors in the Rugby League than our visitors today. With half a dozen internationals in the side, and at least one forward whom the Oldham followers consider the best of the lot, no team plays better or more practical football than the men from Watersheddings. They had a couple of setbacks at Christmas, and a very, very severe shock at Warrington. Nevertheless, they quickly recovered and recaptured winning ways.

Of recent times the Widnes-Oldham games have been "near things." A couple of years ago a late interception deprived us of a victory we deserved, while last season we turned the tables and also turned on a first-class performance. It is to be hoped that our players will be Cumberland-conscious and try and erase the unhappy memory of that dreadful day.

Whatever the result today, the visitors will play football, and we must be prepared to do likewise, and our players, all of them, must look for work both in defence and attack.

There is nothing in the way of counter-attraction in the near vicinity, and as our Oldham friends have a goodly following there should be a record crowd—that is if Widnesians turn up. We welcome most cordially all our Oldham visitors and hope that we shall all enjoy a good, entertaining game.

## THE "A" TEAM

Our second string did well last Saturday to beat a strong Workington 'A' team, especially as our pack was depleted for twenty minutes in the second half by the absence of Tom Davies with a facial injury. The game never rose to any heights as a spectacle, and there was little to enthuse over in the general standard

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### WIDNES 2

1. WRIGHT
2. RATCLIFFE
3. BROOME
4. THOMPSON (W.)
5. DAWSON 1 GOAL
6. MYLER (F.)
7. SMITH (J.)
8. SMITH (T.)
9. KEMEL
10. BATE
11. DE WITT
12. SMITH (D.)
13. GALLIGAN

Referee:  
MR. C. F. APPLETON  
(Warrington)

Touchjudges:  
Mr. A. Shaw  
(Pink flag)

Mr. D. Halliday  
(Orange flag)

### OLDHAM 12

1. GANLEY 3 GOALS
2. CRACKNELL 2 TRYS
3. AYRES
4. DAVIES
5. ETTY
6. DALEY
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## NAUGHTON PARK NOTES—Continued

of play. One sighed for a player of Jack Woodward's calibre who could take advantage of a strong wind with a kick to touch of fifty or sixty yards.

Today at Oldham Eddie McDonnell makes a welcome return to the wing after a long lay-off with a knee injury, and we wish him a successful come-back. Ken Hill will have his injured knee examined by a specialist today, and if all goes well may have a try-out in next week's 'A' team match.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS AT NAUGHTON PARK

Saturday, 25th January:	WIDNES v. BLACKPOOL	Kick-off 3-0 p.m.
	Lancashire Amateur Rugby League	
	(Under-19 Inter-town Championship)	
Saturday, 1st February:	WIDNES v. BLACKPOOL	Kick-off 3-0 p.m.
Saturday, 8th February:	WIDNES v. ORFORD TANNERY	Kick-off 3-0 p.m.
	(First Round, Rugby League Challenge Cup)	

## TIME OF KICK-OFF

Patrons are reminded that after today the time of kick-off for Saturday matches will be at 3-0 p.m. until the end of the season.

## AMATEUR RUGBY LEAGUE

Next Saturday at 3-0 p.m. the Amateurs take over for the afternoon at Naughton Park, when Blackpool are the visitors in an Under-19 Inter-town Championship match. The Widnes team has reached the final for the past four seasons and they have been winners on three occasions. A win for Widnes in this match brings a further home tie in the semi-final against Leigh. The match with Blackpool will be well worth your patronage, and admission prices will be as for 'A' team matches.

## RUGBY LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP

The admission charges for the first round Rugby League Cup tie against Orford Tannery on Saturday, 8th February, 1958, will be normal league prices: Ground, 2/- and 2/6; Stands, 3/6 and 3/-; Juveniles and O.A.P.'s at the usual reduced prices. Stand tickets can be purchased in advance for this match.

## RUGBY LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP FINAL—TICKETS

Limited numbers of seating tickets at 15/- and 7/6 are still available at the Rugby League offices, 180 Chapeltown Road, Leeds, 7. A stamped and addressed envelope and the remittance to cover the cost of tickets should be sent with all applications.

Seating tickets at 25/- and 12/6 have been sold, and no further applications for tickets at these prices can be entertained.

## FOUND

On Saturday, 4th January, a gent's rolled gold wristlet watch with a broken expander bracelet was found near the small wooden stand on the popular side. The owner can collect the watch from the Secretary's office after the match today.