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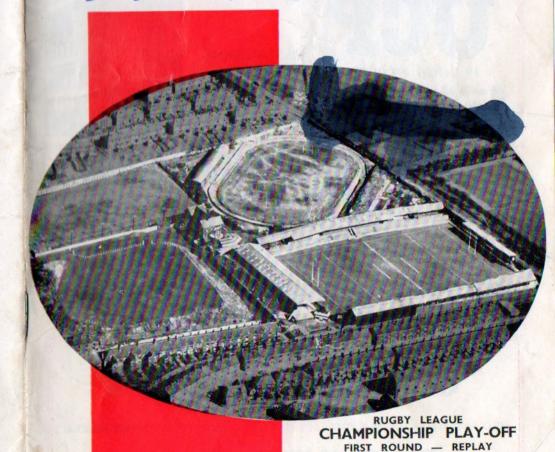
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CLUB VIEWS AND NEWS

The League season is now over and we are in the hurly-burly of Championship play-off football.

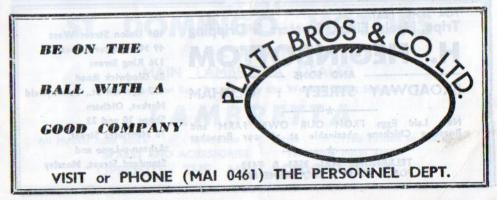
As you know, the top eight clubs in the final table played the teams in the positions nine to sixteen last weekend. Seven clubs are through to the quarter-finals, viz.: Workington, Leeds, St. Helens, Wakefield, Bradford Northern, Hull K.R. and Castleford. You will note that all these are in the top eight.

The other 'top eight' club, Swinton, have survived to fight again this evening against the tenth club, Oldham. I say survived, because this is exactly what they did. Oldham, in fact, must be regarded as the unluckiest side in the League, especially in this season's games against Swinton. In the two League clashes this season and Saturday's play-off match against the 'Lions', the Red and Whites have gone in at half-time in front, but have never left the field with victory tucked under their belts. Some people say it is their own fault, but the truth is that luck deserted them on each occasion.

Here's what some of the papers said following last Saturday's draw between the teams.

"Oldham were moving the ball in smarter fashion than their opponents and at half-time the 'Lions' were looking a worried and disjointed team."

-Lancashire Evening Post & Chronicle.



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"Swinton reeled under a non-stop 80 minutes' tornado from Oldham. They were lucky to survive and have the option of a Tuesday replay at Watersheddings,"

-News of the World.

"Things looked as if they might be going Oldham's way, with Smethurst looking the coolest man in the entire ground."—Manchester Evening News.

Despite what the 7,385 said, and despite what the Press critics said, we all saw a good game and look forward to this evening's replay with interest.

The winners will take on Hull K.R. at Craven Park next Saturday in the second round of the Championship play-off. The other ties are as follows:—

St. Helens v Bradford Northern Wakefield Trinity v Workington Town Leeds v Castleford

As you can see, the competition is wide open and despite the challenge next Saturday, the winners of tonight's game might well go a long way.

Whilst we have been talking about Press reports, it is interesting to note that the "Sunday Mirror" had no doubts as to who had won last Saturday, it stated Warburton had kicked 7,385 goals—some feat!

Turning to tonight's replay, it is interesting to see the scores in the matches between the teams so far this season. We have met Swinton four times. The first one, in the Lancashire Cup first round, we won 13-10. The second time, in the League game at Station Road, it was revenge for Swinton by the same score, 13-10

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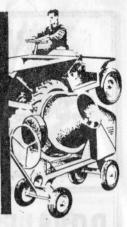


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In the League game at Watersheddings the score was 10-9 to Swinton, and then, of course, there was the 12-12 draw last weekend.

The scene is set, then, for a match that should be well worth watching. Let us hope we have the weather and the crowd to match the occasion.

WELCOME TO SWINTON

Welcome again to the boys from Station Road and we sincerely hope that tonight's clash will be as exciting as the other four clashes this season.

Swinton have had two key forwards out for a couple of matches. It may be, however, that both Graham Rees and David Robinson will return this evening to the Swinton side, although a place surely has been found for Frank Hutton, who has deputised so well for Robinson, if Dave does return to the side.

Derek Whitehead may be at full-back (surely this is his best position), but could be included on the wing, where he played on Saturday. Wherever Derek plays, he is rated as one of Swinton's danger men. He is a fine attacker and also a grand goalkicker.

Graham Williams and Austin Rhodes at half-back are men who have to be watched closely. Rhodes' ball distribution is superb and his high drop-out kicks are always dangerous.

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5-GOMERSALL, J.

6-RHODES, A.

7-WILLIAMS, G. 6-

8-BATE, G. G. 9-CLARKE, D.

10-HALLIWELL, K.

11-CUMMINGS, M.

12-SIMPSON, G. B.

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14—SWANSTON 15-SCOTT

> Touch Judges: (Yellow Flag) A. SHAW (Leigh)

(Crimson Flag) R. WELSBY (Warrington)

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Actually, we need not mention Graham Williams, because everyone knows that he is a real threat to the opposition with his quick breaks. Graham must be watched closely or we could be in trouble.

All in all, Swinton have a speedy side and despite our recent form against the 'Lions', we shall have our work cut out in our efforts to reach the quarter-finals and a game against joint-favourites Hull K.R.

GRAND NATIONAL DRAW

The four major prizes in the above draw have now been claimed but one or two £1 prizes have still not been claimed. If you are holding a winning ticket, please call at the Pavilion and the Promoter will be glad to pay you £1.

THANKS

As this will probably be the last issue of the programme, I would like to thank everyone who has helped, particularly on match days, at Watersheddings.

The two gentlemen who have helped in the office, Mr. J. Ogden and Mr. A. Woodcock, receive my best thanks, so too do Mr. H. Chidgey, Mr. H. Elson and all turnstile operators and checkers.

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Wakefield Trinity	34	27	0	7	631	339	54	
St. Helens	34	22	3	9	541	344	47	
Bradford Northern	34	22	2	10	306	346	46	
Workington Town	34	22	î	11	517	365	45	
Swinton	34	20	3	11	472	354	43	
Castleford	34	21	0	13	560	409	42	
Hull	34	18	3	13	492	430	39	
Oldham	34	18	2	14	466	362	38	
Halifax	34	18	2	14	567	477	38	
Warrington	34	18	ī	15	423	438	37	
Leigh	34	17	3	14	412	433	37	
Salford	34	18	1	15	398	424	37	
Barrow	34	17	2	15	479	407	36	
Widnes	34	15	5	14	366	412	35	
Wigan	34	17	0	17	513	466	34	
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