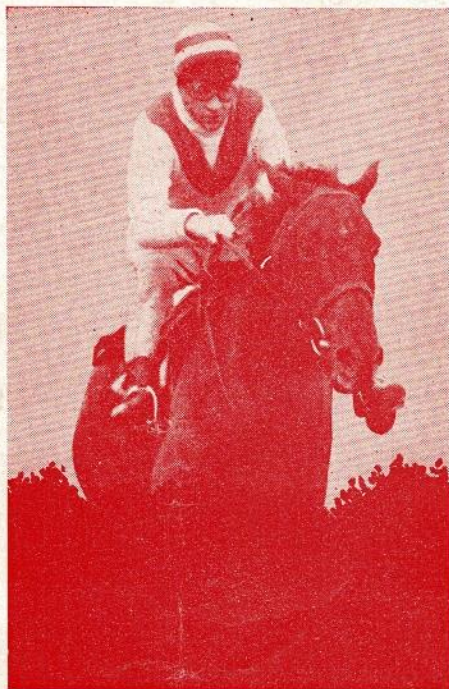


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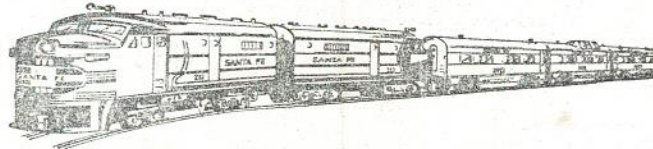
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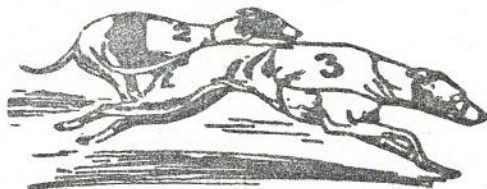
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We have had a difficult time this year completing our fixtures. We have also had to face difficulties in keeping our pitches in playing condition which lands us all in tremendous expense besides involving us in a continuous back log of unfulfilled fixtures. The Soccer game has met the same troubles. For both of us every effort has to be made to get out of this impasse.

The plans for Rugby League which will be published as soon as possible will work out with a season starting in March and providing 38 matches in 39 weeks—and no postponed matches through frost and snow and no grounds spoiled through playing on unfit grounds.

There will be the usual Cup Ties. There will be better balanced fixtures as well as better conditions. The players will be in better shape, for the training will be in daylight and not under freezing conditions. Spectators will welcome Summer Rugby with its weekly outings for holiday football.

There are only the same number of weeks to get through the season, so that there must be some way found to play games in the summer. This year Rugby League have to meet the demands of the World Cup which bars out ordinary fixtures in October.

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Everything is in favour of Summer Rugby, and this year's wonderful opportunity must not be allowed to pass.

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### CHANGES IN POSITION

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Over the past weekend the Saints with their victories over Widnes and Blackpool left Widnes in a precarious League position and strengthened their own points aggregate. It is to be hoped that Widnes can hold on to their sixteenth spot and get the benefit of a share in the play-off gates.

#### **TRIES GALORE**

In the League game with Blackpool Tom Bishop was back in his best form and Dave Bolton could not hold him. The list of tries showed clearly how well Tom was distributing the ball while his running was brilliant. A good example was shown in the closing try.

The Saints were already playing in borrowed time when Whittle raced in from half-way. It hardly seemed worth while kicking off again. But John Mantle, receiving the ball from the kick-off, handed on to Eric Chisnall. The young forward is running very well these days and he was quickly in his stride. When he reached the Blackpool twenty-five he set Bishop in motion and in less than 10 seconds from the kick-off Tom was diving over behind the posts.

Quite a few spectators who had left their places when the game seemed over could hardly believe their own ears when they were told that the Saints were ten points better off than when they last saw the score-board.

#### **A GOOD WIN AND A WORRYING INJURY**

Last week's game at Widnes was a real credit to the Saints. The Widnes team started in fine style and but for the wonderful cover tackling by the Saints, the home team would have reached the interval with a nice lead. However a good try by Frank Wilson gave the Saints a lead which they never lost.

Frank Myler was playing well and early in the second half Les Jones streaked down the wing after one of Myler's breaks and one after another of the defenders was left floundering. Then Wilson and Whittle added two further tries and the Saints finished winning by 18 points to 4. This was rather better than the Saints could anticipate against Widnes. but the unfortunate aspect was that Cliff Watson fractured his jaw in making a low tackle. It is to be hoped that he recovers in time to allow the Saints to make their weight felt in the closing stages of the League play-off.

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