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OFFICIAL NOTES.

— Today's Curtain Raiser —
LOCKWOOD v. KEIGHLEY
1st Rd. Bradford Area Knock-out Cup

The three successes since our Odsal set-back have maintained our position on the edge of the first four and victory today, if we can achieve it, will be another step towards our ultimate goal. As will be seen from the following table of the leading league positions our chances of qualifying for the Play-offs are reasonably good, if only we can avoid those unexpected "set-backs" which crop up—often in what are regarded as the "easy" matches.

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts
Wigan	21	18	0	3	458	158	36
Warrington ...	21	17	0	4	413	151	34
Hunslet	24	15	4	5	337	146	34
Widnes	23	17	0	6	243	113	34
Huddersfield...	22	14	2	6	385	173	30
Workington T.	21	13	3	5	228	136	29
Bradford N. ...	22	14	0	8	264	192	28

Points were plentiful on a heavy ground at the Barley Mow last Saturday and our

team are to be congratulated on the margin of their success. Cooper and Anderson each crossed for four tries, the other two going to Walsh and Whitehead. Only two goals were kicked (both by Bawden) as most of the tries were scored well wide of the posts. Bramley struggled gamely but were well beaten long before the close and it is pleasing to record that many of the home spectators spoke appreciatively of our display after the game.

As has been announced in the Press we have, at the player's own request, placed Bernard Madden on the transfer list. Despite his versatility—he has filled the centre, wing and stand-off positions—Madden has been unable to command a regular place in our first team this season. Since his first game for us on November 24th, 1945, he has made 57 first team appearances, scoring 5 goals, 34 tries (112 points). He is 25, stands 5ft. 9ins. and weighs 12st. 4lb.

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|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
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| 2 Anderson | 3 Bawden or Madden | 6 Pepperell, G. R. |
| 7 Walsh or Morgan, W. G. | 8 Maiden | 9 Whitehead |
| 10 Thomas | 11 Nicholson | 12 Robson or Baxter |
| 14 Valentine | | |

Referee:

Mr. F. SMITH
(Barrow)



Touch Judges:

W. H. Eastman (white flag)
J. A. Hudson (gold flag)

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|------------------------|------------------|
| 12 Naughton, D. | 11 Whittaker |
| 10 Forshaw or Stockley | 9 Heyes |
| 8 Warburton | 7 Butler |
| 6 Reynolds | 3 Hughes (capt.) |
| 2 Roberts, M. | 1 Gilligan |
| 5 Bourke | 4 Naughton, A. |

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Peter Gronow, our second team forward who has made two appearances with the seniors this season, is to play on loan with Halifax for a month.

We must again ask spectators to refrain from "barracking" when team selections are announced over the loud-speakers. Unfortunately, this form of bad behaviour is prevalent on many grounds. It is unfair to the individual players concerned so let us stamp it out at Fartown. Remember that each of our players gives of his best when chosen, and that illness and loss of form affect all footballers at times.

The first round draw for the Challenge Cup Competition was made last Thursday and the luck of the draw brings us in opposition to the Cup holders, Bradford Northern. A stiff enough task, but one we can face with confidence. The first

"leg" will be played at Fartown on February 7th, and the return game at Odsal on the 14th.

Next Saturday we go to Lawkholme Lane where a bit of our best will be needed if victory is to be gained. Keighley have upset some fancied sides on their own ground this time, and, of course, it is not so long since they very nearly upset us at Fartown. A fortnight hence we have a big attraction in the visit of Hunslet to Fartown. Another chance for us to advance at the expense of one of our rivals for a leading place.

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—NEXT HOME MATCH—
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We extend hearty greetings to our visitors today, for we rarely have the pleasure of entertaining them at Fartown. The last time they were here is as far back as October 31st, 1936, when we beat them by 14 points to 5, our scorers that day being Towill and Sep. Aspinall a try each and 4 goals to Bert Lockwood. With such a lengthy time between we cannot take past meetings at Fartown as a guide to the likely result of today's encounter, but judging by the game at Naughton Park last month the issue is likely to be closely contested.

The "Chemics," as they are popularly called in Lancashire, certainly have a record to be respected and their defensive powers are known to all followers of the code. It will be our job today to break down that defence which has already held us at bay once this season.

As usual, Widnes are relying on local talent and they depend upon excellent team-work rather than individual "stars," with kicking reduced to a minimum. The captain is Hughes, a centre three-quarter, who is a school-teacher (like his rival captain today) and served as an officer during the War. The other centre is 19 years old Albert Naughton who has the makings of a fine footballer and has two brothers playing in the pack. John Naughton takes the loose forward position, with brother Dan in the second row.

When Tommy McCue was seriously injured earlier in the season there were many who forecast that Widnes would not maintain their high position. They have, however, discovered a worthy successor at scrum-half in the diminutive Anderson,

while Butler can also give them good service in that position. One of this season's newcomers is the full back and goal-kicker, Gilligan, who has kicked 24 goals. Reynolds, at stand-off, has played since the club was re-started following the war and was the leading try-scorer during the first post-war season with 22 tries to his name.

Regarding the match at Widnes on December 20th last, we are pleased to publish the following letter from a Widnes supporter expressing a sporting spirit that rises above club partisanship. The letter reached us just before Christmas, but publication of it has been left over until the present appropriate time.

25, Frederick Street, Widnes,
Dear Sir,

I wish to thank your Team for their part in what was the best game seen here for some time. The most pleasing feature was the excellent sportsmanship shown by both sides and this is how it should be. It was indeed a fine game and we just had that little good fortune to win.

You have a very fine side and should do well this season. Widnes have been playing well and your team's performance had great merit in it, as you will realise from our home record. I hope to visit Huddersfield when we play there and I sincerely hope the game will be as good as last Saturday's. We don't mind losing if we have a good match. Many thanks for a fine sporting game.

I haven't been to Huddersfield since the great days of Wagstaff, what a wonderful team that was. All my Best Wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year.
R. ROBERTS.

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